

Begin Memorizing John 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."-

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## **Bible Study**

#6

Jesus

Why is it that you can talk about "God" with people quite easily, but when you mention the name "Jesus" the conversation has a tendency to come to an abrupt end? Why is there so much controversy over this one individual? Why is it that His name, more than any other religious leader in history, causes so much emotion or irritation? Why can people freely talk about Buddha, Confucius, or Mohammed and not be offended like they are when Jesus is mentioned? The reason, and the thing that separates Jesus from other religious leaders, was that Jesus claimed to be God-and the others did not.

People throughout history have been divided over the question of who Jesus was. Some speak of Him as being a great man, a great moral teacher, or religious leader. Still others considered Him to be a prophet of God. But Jesus Himself claimed to be God. If this claim were not true could He really be called a great man? No, He would be called an imposter, a liar or a lunatic, but certainly not a great moral teacher.

**PRAY** before you start! Answer the questions briefly and in your own words.

### **Prophecies about Jesus Christ**

Looking at OT prophecies, which preceded the life of Jesus by hundreds and thousands of years, and seeing how Jesus fulfilled them through His life, is one way to reveal the authenticity of His claims. Identify the prophecy made and fulfilled by Jesus from these Scripture references:

Micah 5:2 (700 BC) / Matt. 2:1

Isaiah 7:14 (700 BC) / Matt. 1:18

Zechariah 9:9 (500 BC) / John 12:13-14

Psalms 41:9 (1000 BC) / Mark 14:10

Isaiah 53:3 (700 BC) / John 1:1

Isaiah 53:12 (700 BC) / Matt. 27:38

Psalm 22:16 (1000 BC) / John 20:27

Psalm 16:10 (1000 BC) / Acts 3:15

Psalm 68:18 (1000 BC) / Acts 1:9

**Consider what others in the Bible said about Jesus.**

1. What did these people call Jesus?

a. John the Baptist(John 1:29, 34)

b. Andrew (John 1:40-41)

c. Nathanael (John 1:49)

d. Samaritans (John 4:42)

e. Peter (John 6:68-69)

f. Thomas (John 20:28)

g. Jewish High Priest asked (Mark 14:61)

Jesus replied

h. The Centurion and guards (Matt. 27:54)

**RABBI**

**MESSIAH**

or **CHRIST**

2. Who did the Father say Jesus was?

Matthew 3:16-17

Matthew 17:5

**What did Jesus say about Himself? Did Jesus believe Himself to be God?**

3. What terms did Jesus use to describe Himself?

John 4:25-26

John 6:33-35

John 9:5

John 10:7

John 10:11

John 10:36

John 11:25

John 13:13

John 14:6

4. Read John 10:22-33. The Jews asked Jesus for a plain answer. How did He answer them in verse 30?

The Jews knew exactly what He meant by that answer. Who was He claiming to be in verse 33?

5. In John 8:58 when Jesus proclaimed to a Jewish crowd, ""Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, "" he was claiming two aspects of deity for Himself: the eternal existence of God, and the name of God.

### **I AM**

6. By saying this Jesus was referring His listeners back to Exodus 3:13, 14 where Moses tells God:

Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." Now they may say to me, "What is His name?" What shall I say to them?

God answered Moses,

I AM WHO I AM...thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you."

Any Jewish person would have understood Jesus' claim to deity loud and clear. That is why in the next verse (John 8:59) it says that they picked up to throw at Him.

Further evidence that the crowds clearly understood what Jesus was claiming about Himself is John 10:33 in which the Jews claim the reason for wanting to

stone Him is for blasphemy, when they say, "You being a man, make Yourself out to be \_\_\_\_\_." (cf. John 5:18).

7. In Hebrews 1:8 and 1:10 God is speaking; how does He address Jesus?

What did Jesus claim for Himself in John 28-30?

8. What does Jesus say about anyone who has seen Him?

John 14:8,9

While on Earth, Jesus performed many miracles which clearly demonstrated His divine power. From the following verses in Matt. 8, list the ways Jesus showed His supernatural powers:

8:3

8:6, 13

8:16-17

8:23-27

9. What did Jesus do in John 11:39-44 that revealed His divine power? Hint: this is how we got the name for our new believer's ministry!

The Greek word **LOGOS**, translated **WORD**, is used in the book of John as meaning the "divine expression." When John refers to Jesus as the **LOGOS** or **WORD**, he means Jesus is the exact image of the invisible God. Just like our "words" are the expressions of our unseen thoughts, so too is Jesus the visible expression of the unseen God. The Father chose to reveal Himself to us through the Son. Jesus is the real life example of what it looks like to live out the Word of God.

10. Read John 1:1-5, 14, 18 and answer these questions:

How long has the **WORD** been around?

Verse 1

Who does the Bible say the **WORD** is?

Verse 1

What things were made by the **WORD**?

Verse 3

What can be found in the **WORD**?

Verses 4-5

Did the **WORD** stay in Heaven only?

Verse 14

Who has the Son revealed to us?

Verse 18

11. The most important question you will ever be asked is, "Who do you say Jesus is?"  
So, who do you say he is?

Review the previous questions and give three reasons why you believe Jesus Christ is God.

From memory, write out your memory verse for lesson 6.

Want to be a part of a small group that studies the foundations of Christianity?

Want to get connected with other Christians? Tell me!!

If you have any questions about Jesus or anything you would like us to pray about-write us a note!