



WHO IS JESUS CHRIST

INTRODUCTION

There is a lot of debate today on university campuses and in scholastic circles as to who Jesus Christ truly was. His friends shower Him with praise and His enemies shower Him with curses. In some parts of the globe, it is a crime to merely mention His name. In other parts, He is hailed as a national hero and used as a symbol of hope. He is a dividing line for many people.

It would be good to see what the Bible says about Him before coming to our own conclusions. In the opening chapter of the Gospel of John, the Bible gives us seven descriptions of Jesus Christ.



THE LOGOS

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." | John 1:1

The "Word" in Greek is "Logos", which in Greek philosophy meant the cause for everything that exists. It referred to the purpose or meaning of life, which John says referred to Jesus. He is the reason that we were created and the purpose for our existence. Our hearts can never rest until they rest fully in Him. People often wonder what the meaning of life is. The answer is simple. It is Jesus.

GOD

John 1:1 also says that Jesus is God when it says that "the Word was God." The Bible is very consistent on the fact that God is a Trinity. He is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This means whatever God is, Jesus is. Whatever God can do, He can do. God can give salvation and so can Jesus. God can forgive us of our sins and so can He.

THE LIFE

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Although we do not always realize it or appreciate it, life is very precious. Nothing can happen without it. No one can exist without it. Since Jesus is God and the Logos, it goes without saying that nothing can exist without Him. The whole earth would shut down if He were not in control. He is the life. You would never go wrong trusting Him with your soul.

THE LIGHT

John 1:4 also says that Jesus is "the Light of men." If light were to leave this planet, we would all die. If light were to disappear, we would disappear, for there is simply no hope of survival without it. There is no survival without Jesus. We could never find our way to Heaven without Him or find the strength to get there. He provides all of that, for He is the Light of men.

FULL OF GRACE & TRUTH

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." | John 1:14

For most of us, if we were called the Life and the Light, our heads would swell with pride. It is not the case with Jesus, however, for He is full of grace and truth. This means that He is accessible to sinners like us. He died on the cross for our sins, and He rose again so that we may come to God through Him. No matter what you have done, no matter how bad it is, you can be forgiven if you come to Jesus. He will receive you because He is full of grace.

THE LORD

"He [John the Baptist] said, 'I am 'A voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the LORD,'" | John 1:23

To have a Lord is to have a ruler or a king. It means that you submit to the direction of another.

This sounds oppressive and domineering until you remember that Jesus is full of grace. In fact, He is so gracious that He gives His followers eternal life and salvation. He is such a good Ruler that He gives us mercy and forgiveness and joy. But, in order to receive all of those things, He has to rule you. In order to receive all of those blessings, you have to submit to Him as your King, for He is the Lord.

RABBI

"And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, 'What do you seek?' They said to Him, 'Rabbi...where are You staying?'" | John 1:38

The disciples called Jesus "Rabbi" here because it was an Aramaic word for "Teacher". In the First Century, it was used much like our term "professor" or "doctor." In other words, Jesus is the one that we need to learn from. He is the doctor that we need to turn to for our soul's greatest needs. He can heal what ails you and show you all you need to know about God, for He is your Rabbi.

CONCLUSION

The question you need to answer today is: will you learn from this Rabbi? Will you come to Jesus and follow His teachings? Will you let Him be your Lord and master and God? Will you receive Him as your Life and Light and Logos? Will you believe what the Bible says about Him?

A little girl was once asked why Jesus is called the Word of God. She replied, "Because He is all that God wanted to say to us." She is right. Jesus is all that God wanted to say to us. He is all that we need to hear. To say it another way: Jesus is sufficient. He is enough to defeat any sin, conquer any temptation, and fulfill any spiritual want that we have. We just need to turn to Him and believe. We need to follow Him today. Will you do that? Will you believe in Him today?

If you would like to know more about Jesus or anything else in this pamphlet, we would love to hear from you.