

# Topic 10: Jesus

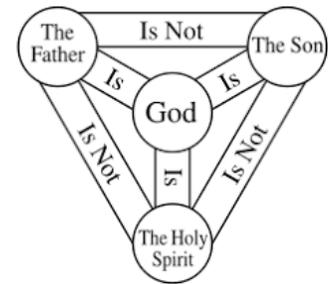
## *The Essential Truths About Christ*

*"For in Christ all the fulness of the Deity lives in bodily form."*

Colossians 2:9

### **The Disciple of Jesus needs to know certain things about the Bible, God (the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost), and the Church**

- The Bible declares that God is one (Deuteronomy 6:4).
- The Bible calls three distinct, divine persons God:
  - The Father (1 Corinthians 1:3),
  - The Son (Hebrews 1:6-8), and
  - The Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3-4).
- More than 60 Bible passages mention these three divine persons together.



The diagram is a visual representation of the essential biblical doctrine of the Trinity. In this lesson we will focus on just the first person of the Trinity, God the Father.

#### **Discipleship 101**

A disciple is a person who is a student of the teachings of someone else.

People can be disciples of all sorts of people and ideas including religious, political, scientific and economic.

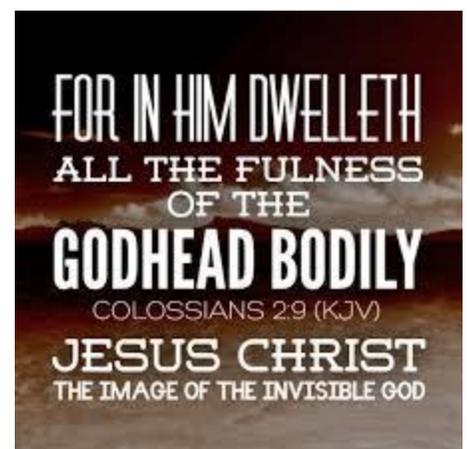
#### **The Christian Disciple**

A Christian Disciple is one who follows Jesus

- to *know* Jesus and His teachings
- to *grow* more like Jesus
- and to *go* for Jesus, serving others and making new disciples

## Looking at the Text

Dwelleth -	Permanent residence
Fulness of the Deity -	All the attributes Not Godlike, but God Not a nature like God's but the same as God
Bodily -	Real flesh and blood
One person with two natures -	the God-man



# The Humanity of Jesus

**He was a direct descendant of King David**

Matthew 1:1

**Mary, a human woman, was his mother**

Matthew 1:18; Galatians 4:4

**He felt hunger**

Mark 11:12

**He got tired**

John 4:6

**He experienced stress**

Matthew 26:38

**He had a fleshly, touchable human body**

John 1:14; Luke 7:38; cf. 1 John 1:1

**He felt human grief**

John 11:35

**He ate and drank** Luke 7:34

**He slept**

Mark 4:38

**He sweat**

Luke 22:44

**He experienced thirst**

John 19:28

**He bled**

John 19:34

**He died**

1 Corinthians 15:3

**The apostle Paul, who encountered Jesus, referred to him as a man**

1 Timothy 2:5

**The writer of Hebrews described Jesus as “fully human in every way”**

Hebrews 2:17

**He faced all common human temptations**

Hebrews 4:15

# The Divinity of Jesus

**Isiah prophesied the Messianic child to be born would be “mighty God”**

Isaiah 9:6

**He himself claimed a unique relationship with God the Father**

Matthew 11:27

**He claimed the authority to forgive sins**

Mark 2:5–7

**The apostle John, Jesus’ most intimate earthly friend, called him God**

John 1:1

**He claimed and demonstrated authority over death** John 2:19

**He claimed to be from heaven and sent by God**

John 3:13; 6:38, 13:3; 17:8

**He called God his father, making himself equal with God** John 5:18

**He called himself by the name God used to reveal himself to Moses**

John 8:58

**He claimed his death was his choice, not the result of a human plot** John 10:17

**He claimed oneness with the Father a statement the Jews regarded as blasphemous and tantamount to making himself out to be God.**

John 10:30

**He claimed that those who saw him, had essentially seen God the Father**

John 14:9

**He claimed ownership of all that God owns** John 16:15

**He accepted Thomas referring to him as “My God”** John 20:28

**The apostle Paul referred to him as God, “in very nature” as the “image of the invisible God” and said that he possessed “all the fullness of God . . . fullness of Deity”** Philippians 2:5–11; Colossians 1:15–17, 19

**The writer of Hebrews called Jesus “the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being” and described him as unchanging**

Hebrews 1:3, 13:8

## Explore with me five conclusions that you could reach about the life Jesus if you read the gospels.

### Read and consider

Mark 2:5-12

*<sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup> And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – he said to the paralytic – <sup>11</sup> "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." <sup>12</sup> And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"*

- Why were Jesus' listeners so shocked by his words here?
- What would have been your reaction if you had witnessed this event in person?

Mark 4:37-39

*<sup>37</sup> And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" <sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*

- If you had been one of the men on the ship with Jesus, how would you have explained the experience to others?

Luke 7:12-15

*<sup>12</sup> As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup> And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother*

- What do you think about what was said and done?

**Conclusion #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Consider these biblical statements by and about Jesus:

*Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? (John 8:46)*

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2Corinthians 5:21)*

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who had been tempted in every way, just as we are yet he did not sin. (Hebrews 4:15)*

*He committed no sin, and now deceit was found in his mouth. (1 Peter 2:22)*

*But you know that he appeared that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. (1 John 3:5)*

- From these verses what do you know about the character and nature of Jesus

**Conclusion #2** \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said and did some awesome things. Take a look as what these verses say about his death.

*But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6, nlt)*

*Then some [the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin] began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, 'Prophecy!' And the guards took him and beat him. (Mark 14:65)*

*Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross! (Mark 15:29-30, nasb)*

*He was handed over to die because of our sins" (Romans 4:25, nlt)*

*Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. . . . He suffered physical death. (1 Peter 3:18, nlt)*

*Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. (1 John 3:16)*

- What do these passages tell you about Jesus' death?

**Conclusion #3** \_\_\_\_\_

Consider these biblical statements by and about Jesus:

*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "* (Luke 24:1-7)

*<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance<sup>[a]</sup>: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas,<sup>[b]</sup> and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8, RSV)*

- From these verses what do you know about Him following His death?

**Conclusion #4** \_\_\_\_\_

Consider these biblical statements by and about Jesus:

*<sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matthew 24:44)*

*<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:3)*

*<sup>28</sup> so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. (Hebrews 9:28)*

*<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)*

*<sup>12</sup> "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. (Revelation 22:12)*

- From these verses what can you add to conclusion 4?

**Conclusion #5** \_\_\_\_\_