

God the Son

I. Introduction

In this chapter we will be reviewing the second person of the Trinity – God the Son. Jesus is the single most written about individual that has ever walked the earth. There is more evidence for Jesus walking the earth than there is for Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great or the Pharaohs of Egypt. The Bible gives us glimpses of His infancy and His youth. His family tree is emphasized in two of the Gospel accounts. The physical existence of Jesus is only debated by those who are willing to turn a blind eye to the reality of history. The existence of Jesus is not what we seek to emphasize. Instead, it is a challenge to you to make a decision. The same decision that Jesus placed at the feet of His disciples in *Luke 9:20a* “Who do you say that I am?” Jesus has been called ‘a good man’, a prophet, a teacher, a brave leader and many other accolades. But God the Father declared who Jesus was in *Matthew 3:17* “And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’” Peter, his closest disciple, announced with boldness that Jesus was the Messiah of God (*Luke 9:20b*). Examine the evidence and choose who you believe Jesus to be. Is He whom He claimed to be? I challenge you to search your heart.

II. Week 1

There from the Beginning

John 1:1 “In the Beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.”

Jesus was present with God the Father at the creation of the World. The Bible is very clear on this. The Bible tells us that the Word of God is Jesus. The Book of John continues to tell us that the Word of God mentioned in the passage is indeed Jesus.

Read *John 1:1-14*. These verses give a summary of who Jesus is and what He came to do. From these passages, write out four things you learn about Jesus.

What is even better than Jesus being present at the creation of the world, is that He took an active part. In *Colossians 1:16-17*, the writer describes what Jesus did during the creation and since the beginning of the world. According to this verse, Jesus has been very busy. Circle the things that Jesus is responsible for doing in the passage below.
Colossians 1:16-17 “For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

Jesus is Fully God & Fully Man

Colossians 2:9 “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form”

The verse above tells us that Jesus was completely God while He walked the earth and still remains so as He sits beside the Father. In *John 1:14* we learned that the “Word became flesh” and that he “dwelt among us.”

Jesus faced all of the challenges that we do. Because of this the Bible says that “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin” (*Hebrews 4:15*). Think about that for a bit.

Have you ever experienced something traumatic? Maybe someone you know died or was hurt. Or maybe you broke a bone or were sick. Who did it feel better to talk to about it – someone who had gone through the same thing or someone who just felt sorry for you? Jesus is able to understand what we are going through because He has been through it already. We all have been tempted by sin. Jesus was tempted by Satan himself. Read Luke 4:1-13. What three things was Jesus tempted with?

Memory Verse:

John 1:1 "In the Beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God."

III. Week 2

Jesus' ministry was prophesied in the Old Testament

The first prophecy about Jesus and what He did and still has to do is in Genesis 3:14-15. In these verses, God states that Jesus would be wounded but Satan would be destroyed.

The Old Testament is very specific about who Jesus would be and what He would do. It provides us with His family tree. It tells us the number of years from the rebuilding of the walls in Jerusalem till His birth (483 years Daniel 9:24-26). The Old Testament tells us the town that He would be born in (Micah 5:2). It says His ministry would be one of healing and compassion. It says that Jesus would spend most of His time in the Galilee (Isaiah 9:1-2). It even says that Jesus would ride in to Jerusalem riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9).

No other person has ever been described in such detail a hundred and in some cases thousands of years before they were even born.

Let's take some time and look at some words that describe Jesus. In the word search below, there are seven words that describe Jesus and one phrase. Find the words and put them in the blanks below it.

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Jesus was born supernaturally and did miracles

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Read Luke 1:26-35. We know from history that Luke was a medical doctor. Imagine you were in his shoes when he first learned about the story of Jesus' birth. It would be hard to believe. Yet we know from the Old Testament verse at the top of this section, that Jesus' birth would be no less than a miracle.

When parents are expecting a baby, often times they send out birth announcements to their friends and families. Read Luke 2:8-14. Here God gives His version of a birth announcement. To whom did the announcement go to?

During Jesus' ministry on earth, He performed many miracles. John 2:1-11 records the first miracle of Jesus at a wedding feast. He healed the sick, raised people from the dead and fed thousands of people on just a few scraps of food. The Bible records Him walking on water and making storms stop. Take some time with your parents or an adult you look up to and ask them which miracle of Jesus that captures their attention or interests them more than any other. Ask them why it is special to them that makes them remember it. Write the answers you get in the spaces below as well as the name of the person you asked.

Memory Verse:

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

V. Week 3

Jesus' life was planned before creation

Ephesians 1:3-4 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight."

Have you ever had a plan? Maybe you made a plan for a school project or a plan for a party you wanted to have or maybe a plan to convince your parents to get you the newest video game. If your plan isn't strong and you have not thought it through, what happens? It usually does not go as expected.

God had a plan. God put His plan together before He even created the world. Because God knew that we could not be perfect, He made a plan before the world was even created to save us. Not only to rescue us from ourselves, but to make us as the verse above says "holy and blameless". God the Father planned to send us Jesus before people were even created.

Jesus was born to die

Isaiah 53:10 "Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the LORD makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand." The book of Isaiah is perhaps the most amazing book of prophecy in the Bible. It describes the way Jesus would be executed but more importantly it tells us why Jesus had to

die. God made it clear from the beginning that there was only one punishment for sin – death and separation from God. God in His mercy provided a way to atone for our sins so we could become forgiven and be reunited with Him. In Leviticus, we can see that method. Leviticus 17:11 “For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.”

Read Hebrews 9:22-28. Based on this, why did Jesus himself have to die and no one else could do it?

In dying on the cross, Jesus took our sin on Himself. He took our punishment that we deserved. Being the only person who ever has been without sin, only Jesus could have accomplished this task.

Memory Verse:

Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

V. Week 4

Jesus is a Prophet

Jesus fulfilled the biblical role of the prophet. Not because He predicted the future, which he did, but because he spoke out about what was on God’s heart for His people. One of

the proofs of a prophet is that they declare what God will do at a later time. Jesus did this. In the Book of Matthew, Jesus prophesies that the Temple in Jerusalem will be destroyed nearly 40 years after He was crucified. Matthew 24:1-2 “Jesus left the temple and was walking away when His disciples came up to Him to call His attention to its buildings. ‘Do you see all these things?’ He asked. ‘I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.’”

In 70 AD, the Roman Empire attacked Jerusalem and destroyed the temple in Jerusalem, just as Jesus described. The destruction of the temple was so complete, that archeologists cannot agree as to where it was on temple mount in Jerusalem. The mountain remains but the temple cannot be found.

The Old Testament declares that the Messiah, Jesus, will be a great prophet. This prophecy was declared by God and Moses in Deuteronomy (18:15-18). Here it is declared that Jesus will be a prophet like Moses. Read Deuteronomy 18:15-18. Who would provide Jesus with what He was to say?

Now compare this with what Jesus said in John 7:16-18 (Read this now). What was Jesus’ evidence that His teaching was true?

Jesus is a Priest

Psalm 110:4 "The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

In ancient Israel, God established a role of High Priest who would serve as the main person to go between God and the entire world! The sacrifices offered by the priests did not just go for Israel. What makes the priests unique was that they had to be descended from just one family. We know that the Hebrews are descended from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But of the Children of Israel (Jacob), only descendants of Levi are eligible to be a candidate for the job of High Priest. But even these are limited to just those who are descended from Aaron, Moses' brother. Jesus was not a direct descendant of Aaron. Instead He was to have the job of an older priesthood – that of Melchizedek. Melchizedek was the priest of God in Jerusalem when Abraham was alive. The only vision we see of him is in three verses of Chapter 14 of Genesis, 18-20. We have no record of his birth or his death.

What makes the priesthood of Melchizedek important is that it is not a priesthood that ends with the death of the priest. Instead, they are a priest forever. Just as the priests made offerings before God because of the sins of the World, Jesus did the same thing. Whereas the Priests in the line of Aaron offered animals, Jesus offered no less than Himself. Read John 3:16 carefully. Who does it say that Jesus' sacrifice was for?

Jesus is a King

The last job that God gave out to His people was that of the role of king. The family that would be kings of Israel was given in the book of Genesis. In chapter 49 verse 10 it says the descendants of Judah would be rulers over the people of Israel. When David was anointed King of Israel, this was fulfilled. Only a person in direct descent of David can be king. In both Matthew and in Luke, the family tree is given that links Jesus to David through both His mother (Mary) and His earthly father (Joseph).

John 18:34b "Jesus answered, 'You are right in saying I am a King. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'" Jesus acknowledged that He was indeed the one who would take over as King. One of Jesus' titles is King of Kings. As such we owe Him our loyalty and service.

Memory Verse:

Romans 10:9 "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."