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## **“Who is Jesus?”**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

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### ➤ Introduction

- Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?
  - People are asking that question less and less as time goes on
  - Many do not care
  - Other still do not know that they should care
  - Many have not heard whether or not there is a Saviour
  - We cannot deal with sin though, until we deal with the Son
- Human History
  - Of all the people who have lived upon this planet, very few have had any major effects upon human history.
  - But there is one person who stands uniquely above all the rest.
  - Jesus Christ has attracted a greater combination of attention, devotion, criticism, adoration and opposition than any other person.
  - The recorded words that Jesus spoke have been studied, sifted and analyzed from generation to generation by theologians, philosophers and historians.
- Jesus of Nazareth.
  - He lived on this Earth 2,000 years ago; preached and taught in the tiny land of Israel.
  - His birth has divided the centuries into B.C. and A.D.
  - More books have been written about Him than any other person in history.
  - His life has been the inspiration for music, art, literature, films and other art forms.

- He never raised an army, and yet millions of people have laid down their lives for Him.
- He never traveled very far from that tiny area where He walked, but His influence is worldwide.
- His earthly ministry lasted only three years, and yet His Word goes around the world through media and print still today
- He never had any formal education as far as we know; but thousands of universities, colleges, seminaries and schools have been built in His name.
- If you really want to know who Jesus is, then you have to go to the Word of God.
- And so we will look to Philippians 2 today to answer this question: “Who Is Jesus?”

## I. Supernaturality (vv. 6-7)

A. Jesus is the Supernatural Son of God

B. This speaks of His \_\_\_\_\_

1. He was Almighty God
2. And yet He was made in the likeness of men.

C. The Bible tells us that He was born of a virgin. — Isaiah 7:14.

1. Mary herself found this hard to believe at first.
  - a) Luke 1:34.
  - b) Luke 1:37.
2. Jesus could not have been a son of Adam
  - a) In Adam all die. (I Corinthians 15:22)
  - b) Had He been a son of Adam, then He would have had the sin nature of Adam.

D. If you doubt the virgin birth, then you have some \_\_\_\_\_ problems:

1. You have a problem with the character of the Word of God — You are saying that the Word of God is not true.
2. You have difficulty with the character of Mary — You are saying that Mary was a harlot.
3. You have difficulty with the character of Jesus — You are saying that Jesus was illegitimately born with a sin nature.
4. You have the biggest character problem with your own character — If you denounce or refuse the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, then you have no real hope of Heaven.

E. The Lord Jesus took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men by the virgin birth.

## II. Sinlessness (v. 8)

A. Jesus is the Sinless Son of God

B. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father, even unto death.

1. John 8:29
2. Matthew 3:17.
3. Jesus always pleased the Father
4. Why? Well, as we mentioned, because He WAS the Father! — John 10:29-30

C. Hebrews 4:15.

1. Satan tempted the Lord Jesus, but Satan never won a victory over the Lord Jesus.
2. John 8:46

D. His humanity provided the physical blood sacrifice for our sins

E. This could only be possible if He were Himself free from \_\_\_\_\_ — 2 Corinthians 5:21.

## III. Sovereignty (v. 6)

A. Jesus is the Sovereign Son of God

B. Not only is Jesus the Son of God, but He is \_\_\_\_\_ the Son.  
— Hebrews 1:8.

C. Jesus was rejected by the Jews of His day because He was the Son of God.

1. This did not fit in with \_\_\_\_\_ theology.

2. John 8:41.

a) They accused Him of being illegitimate.

b) They boasted that Abraham was their father; that they were descendants of Abraham.

c) Even going so far as to claim God as their Father, i.e. they were Godly

d) Yet in John 8 we see that they had rejected Jesus as Messiah

3. John 8:58.

a) "I AM" is the most sacred name for God that the Jewish people knew. — Exodus 3:13-14

(1) There never was a time when He was not; there never will be a time when He will not be.

(2) He is the self-existing Creator God.

b) In this passage, the Lord Jesus is not saying, "Before Abraham was, I was"

(1) That He got here first.

(2) The Lord Jesus is saying that He has always \_\_\_\_\_

c) The Jews of His day thought this statement was blasphemy.

d) What will you believe about Jesus Christ?

(1) Either He was deceived and thought He was God

(2) Or He was a deceiver and knew that He was not God but pretended to be

(3) Or else He was Deity.

D. Jesus is God. — John 14:8-9

E. Yet so very many are blind to it

#### IV. Sacrifice (v. 8)

A. Jesus is the Sacrificial Son of God

B. Jesus' death on the cross was not incidental or \_\_\_\_\_

1. He did not die as a victim or as a martyr.
2. He died in obedience to the Father that we might be saved.

C. Revelation 13:8.

1. This was in the heart and mind of God \_\_\_\_\_ the planet was swung into space.
2. Before the foundations of creation were laid

D. Jesus had to be the supernatural Son of God, born of a virgin, to be the sinless Son of God.

1. As the sinless Son of God, He was the sovereign Son of God to do what He did that He might be the sacrificial Son of God.
2. The blood shed on the cross was the blood of God because He is the God-man.
3. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ His father

E. John 1:14.

1. Jesus had blood coursing through His veins.
  - a) It was not Mary's blood coursing through the veins of the Lord Jesus.
    - (1) Mary was a sinner.
      - (a) Virtuous as she was, she still needed a \_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledged that fact
      - (b) Luke 1:46-47
    - (2) A mother may have one blood type, and her unborn baby may have a completely different blood type.
    - (3) Yet another area we see the plan and hand of almighty God
  - b) That which was conceived in the womb of Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

(1) His blood was the blood of God.

(2) Acts 20:28.

V. Survival (v. 9)

A. Jesus Is the Surviving Son of God

B. They nailed Him to the cross, and they thought that He was finished.

1. John 19:30.

2. Jesus wasn't finished, but the plan was finished.

3. Jesus didn't say "I am finished"; He was just getting started!

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ could not hold Him.

1. He is the Lord of life and the Lord of death.

2. John 10:18.

D. Other people have been raised from the dead; but in the truest sense of the word, they were resuscitated.

1. Jesus, in His resurrected life, \_\_\_\_\_ lives to make intercession for us.

2. Hebrews 7:25.

E. Spiritual or religious leaders have died, and they are still dead.

1. Confucius died and is dead.

2. Buddha died and is dead.

3. Muhammad died and is dead.

F. Jesus died and rose again.

1. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God.

2. He is shown to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead.

VI. Sure Return (vv. 9-11)

A. Jesus Is The Surely-Coming Son of God

B. When He comes again, knees will bow.

1. Even \_\_\_\_\_ will bow on his knees and confess that Jesus is Lord.

2. All of the people who live and ever have lived on planet Earth will bow and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

C. Jesus' coming is \_\_\_\_\_ and actual.

1. Jesus is literally, actually, visibly, and bodily coming back to this Earth.

2. Acts 1:11.

a) The feet of Jesus that left the Mount of Olives will stand again on the Mount of Olives.

b) The feet of Jesus that once laid in the straw of Bethlehem, that walked the dusty shores of Galilee, that walked on water, that were nail-pierced, and that ascended from the Mount of Olives, are the same feet that will come again.

c) When He comes again, those feet will crush the serpent's head, and Satan will be bruised beneath His feet. — Genesis 3:15.

D. It should be our desire to bow at Jesus' feet.

## VII. Salvation (v. 8)

A. Jesus Is The \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God — Luke 19:10.

B. John 14:6.

1. Jesus is not a good way to Heaven or the best way, but He is the \_\_\_\_\_ way to Heaven.

2. Apart from Jesus, there is no salvation.

3. If He is not the only Savior, then He is no Savior because He said is the only one.

C. Acts 4:12.

1. Jesus can save anyone.

2. He's the *only* One Who can save anyone

D. No matter where we are and no matter our circumstances, we need Jesus.

1. He is the saving Son of God.

2. There is no one that He \_\_\_\_\_ save and no one that He will not save.

## VIII. Conclusion

### A. Praise the name of the Lord!

#### 1. For Christmas

- a) What would it mean if there had been no Christmas?
- b) Because of the birthday of Jesus, each birthday that we have means that we're one year closer to Heaven and one year closer to seeing the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 2. For Resurrection Day

### B. Jesus is the Son of God who left Heaven, came to this Earth, suffered, bled, died, and walked out of the grave a living, risen Savior.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ you and wants to save you.
2. He will save you today if you will give Him your heart.

### C. Do you know Jesus personally?

### D. Call upon Jesus today

1. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
2. Romans 3:23.
3. Romans 10:9-10
4. Romans 10:13.
5. Acts 16:31.
6. John 3:16.

### E. Once we do that, Let's keep our focus on the Saviour!

### F. Hebrews 12:1-2