

INTRODUCING JESUS

Part 1 of Simply Jesus

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PRAYER: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven ...

WORSHIP IN SONG

There Is a Redeemer

BIBLE STUDY: INTRODUCTION

Jesus is the heart of our Christian faith. Therefore, we must know who Jesus is if we want to live a genuinely Christian life.

Many call themselves Christians but don't know Jesus, and consequently don't know what he has done for them, or what he wants for them. They are like an eight-cylinder engine working on one cylinder; they are missing the spiritual reality and power they could have if they knew Jesus.

So, over the next few weeks, we're going to discover Jesus (again). The goal is for all of us to commit to following Jesus every day.

Our source for this teaching series is the Gospel of Mark, chapter one. Let's read a section of it now.

MARK 1:9-11 (CSB)

9 In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. 10 As soon as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased.”

WHO IS JESUS?

Verse 11 reveals the identity of Jesus.

And a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased.”

BUT ... What does it mean that Jesus is God’s Son? We’ll find the answer if we study 1) the sentence and 2) its background.

Study the sentence.

The sentence tells that:

- Jesus is God’s _____.
- Jesus is _____ by God the Father.
- God the Father is _____ with Jesus.

Study the background.

The background is found in two Old Testament passages:

- Psalm 2 looks forward to the Anointed One (Messiah) being crowned King of the nations.

*Psalms 2:7-8 (CSB) I will declare the LORD's decree. He said to me, "**You are my Son**"; today I have become your Father. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance and the ends of the earth your possession.*

- Isaiah 42 reveals the Servant of the Lord who dies to atone for Israel's sins in Isaiah 53.

*Isaiah 42:1 (CSB) "This is my servant; I strengthen him, this is my chosen one; **I delight in him.***

Conclusion: Who Is Jesus?

Jesus is God's Son, the promised Messiah or Anointed King who died to save us from our sins. He will inherit the world and rule over it when he returns.

One more thing: Calling Jesus "my beloved Son" also tells us that Jesus is God. The Gospel of Mark proves it when it describes Jesus doing what only God can do:

"He forgives sins (2:5), heals the sick (1:40), casts out demons with a word of command (1:24; 5:1-20), is Lord of the Sabbath (2:28), raises the dead (6:35-43), and ultimately rises from the dead Himself

(16:1-8). God's declaration, coupled with Jesus' life, ministry, miracles, and resurrection, makes His deity undeniable" (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary).

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why might your friends find it difficult to believe that Jesus is God?
2. What helps you believe that Jesus is God? Are you willing to share your reasons with your friends? How do you think they would respond?
3. What does it look like to live as a committed follower of Jesus? What attitudes, behavior, decisions, and changes does it involve?
4. What gets in the way of you (or someone you know) being a committed follower of Jesus? How can you (or that friend) overcome these challenges?