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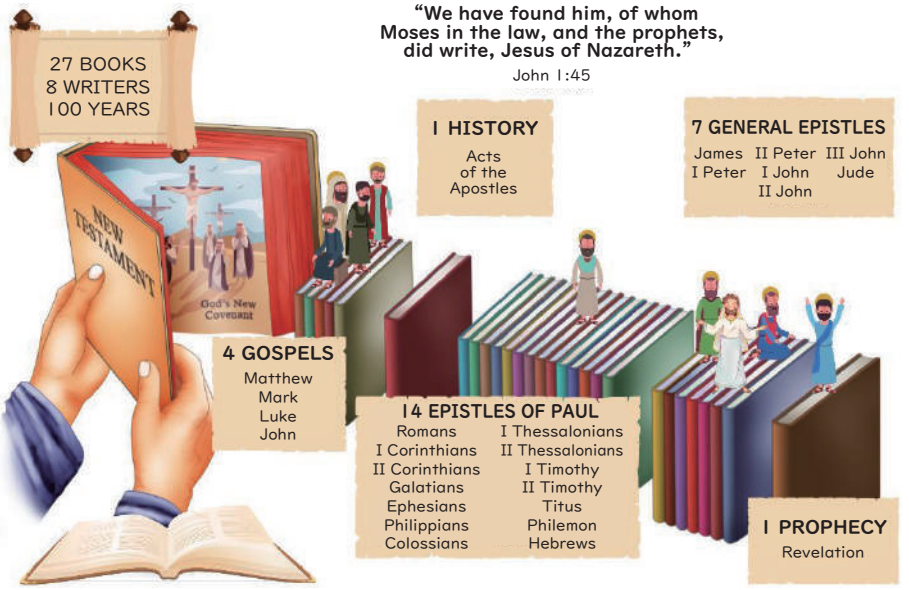
Lesson 6



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I. INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Old Testament covers approximately 4000 years of history, whereas the New Testament covers only approximately 100 years of history.



A. The New Testament can be divided into four (4) main parts.

1. **The Gospels** (Matthew → John) – introduces Jesus Christ to us
2. **The Acts of the Apostles** (Acts) – shows us how to be in Christ
3. **The Epistles** (Romans → Jude) – teaches us how to stay in Christ
4. **The Revelation of Jesus Christ** (Revelation) – tells us how everything will end for those who choose to stay in Christ and those who don't.

   The New Testament came into effect only after the death of Jesus Christ.

   Hebrews 9:16-17 "For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. [17]For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives."

II. BIRTH OF JESUS



Luke 1:31-35 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

Matthew 1:20-23 "But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." 22So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

In Hebrew, the name **Jesus** means - **"Jehovah (is) salvation"**. In the New Testament, God manifested Himself in flesh through the person of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory."

The birth of Jesus also fulfils the prophecy given in Genesis (in **Lesson 2**).

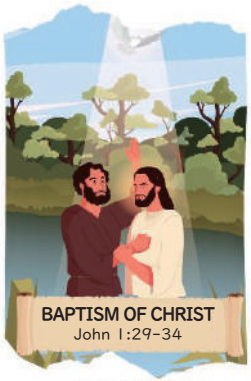
Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."



#1: Jesus came to _____ the curse of sin and destroy the work of Satan.

III. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts."



I TIMOTHY 3:16
"...God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Luke 3:3-6 "And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, [4]as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. [5]Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; [6]And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

John 1:29 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Luke 3:15-16 "Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, 16John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

IV. THE LIFE MINISTRY OF JESUS

A. Miracles



Healing - Matthew 9:27-31 "When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" [28]And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." [29]Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." [30]And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." [31]But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country."

Raising the dead - John 11:43-45 "Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." 45Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him."


RAISED THE DEAD
John 11:41-45

Calming the storm - Mark 4:35-41 "On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." 36Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. 37And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. 38But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" 39Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" 41And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!""


CALMED THE WATER
Luke 8:22-25

Casting out evil spirits - Luke 4:33-37 "Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, 34saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" 35But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. 36Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." 37And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region."


CAST OUT DEMONS
Luke 4:33-37; 6:26-36

B. Multiplying food to feed thousands

Matthew 14:15-21 "When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." 16But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." 18He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children."



#2: Jesus still _____ His power through miracles today!

C. Preaching and Teaching

Matthew 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.""

Matthew 7:28-29 "And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

Matthew 13:10-11 "And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given."

Jesus taught in parables to reveal the treasures of truth to hungry people while hiding it from those who were not interested.

Matthew 13:12-16 "For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13Therefore I speak to them



in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; 15For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should under stand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' 16But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;"

D. Making Disciples

Matthew 4:19 "Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.""

Matthew 16:24 "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

John 8:31-32 "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.""

Matthew 10:1, 5-8 "And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. ⋯ 5These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

#3: Jesus is still _____ for disciples today.

IV. WHO DOES THE BIBLE SAY JESUS IS

<u>The Messiah, the Son of God</u>

Matthew 11:2-5 "And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" 4Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

John 20:30-31 "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; [31]but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

Word becoming flesh

John 1:1, 14 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... [14]And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

God manifested in the flesh

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."

Image of the invisible God

Colossians 1:15 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

John 14:6-9 "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. [7]"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." [8]Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." [9]Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Jesus and the Father are One

John 10:30-33 "I and My Father are one." [31]Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. [32]Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" [33]The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.""

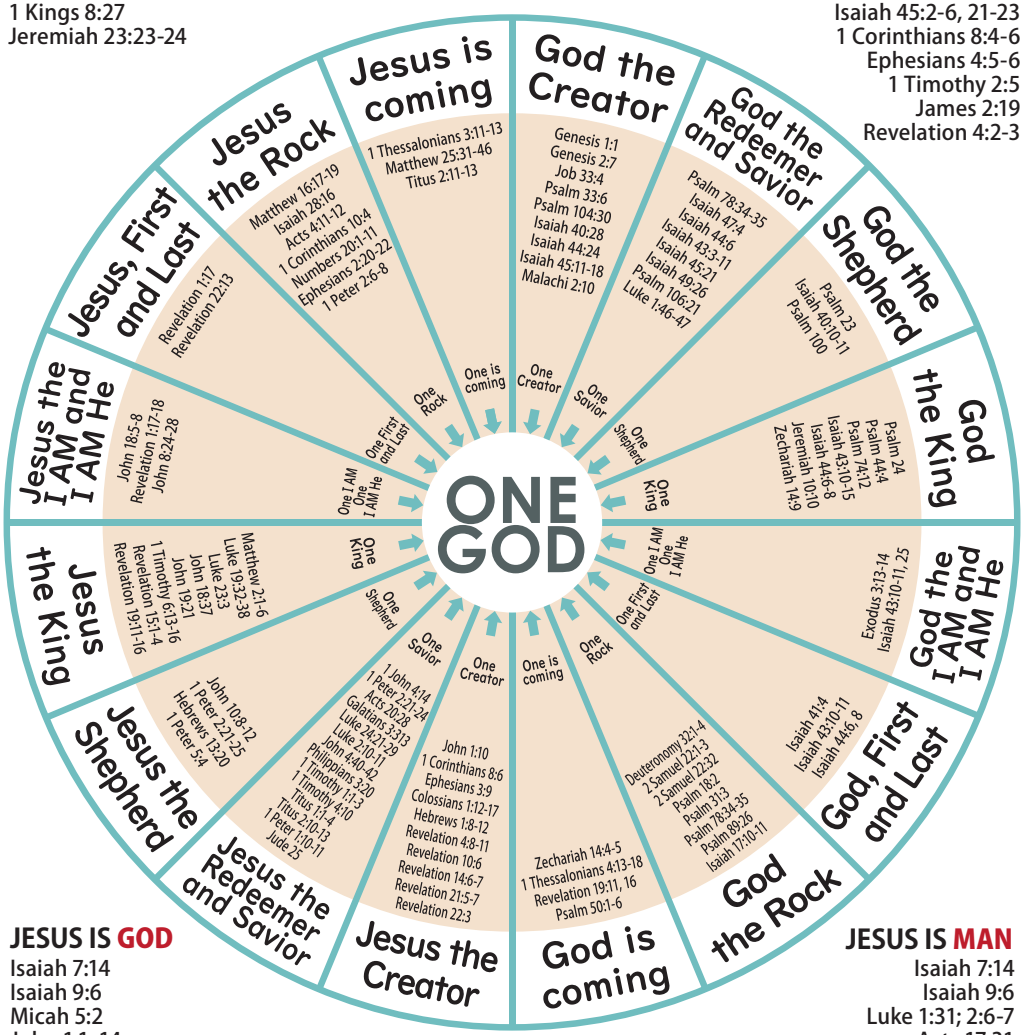
The "I Am" of the Old Testament

John 8:56-59 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." [57]Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" [58]Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." [59]Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by."

WHEEL OF PROPHECY

GOD IS A SPIRIT
John 4:23-24
Acts 7:48-49
Acts 17:24-28
Psalm 139:7-12
1 Kings 8:27
Jeremiah 23:23-24

THERE IS BUT ONE GOD
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Mark 12:28-32
Malachi 2:10
Isaiah 44:6-8
Isaiah 45:2-6, 21-23
1 Corinthians 8:4-6
Ephesians 4:5-6
1 Timothy 2:5
James 2:19
Revelation 4:2-3


ONE GOD
Jesus is coming
1 Thessalonians 3:11-13
Matthew 25:31-46
Titus 2:11-13
God the Creator
Genesis 1:1
Genesis 2:7
Job 33:4
Psalm 33:6
Psalm 104:30
Isaiah 40:28
Isaiah 44:24
Isaiah 45:11-18
Malachi 2:10
God the Redeemer and Savior
Psalm 78:34-35
Isaiah 47:4
Isaiah 44:6
Isaiah 43:3-11
Isaiah 45:21
Isaiah 49:26
Psalm 106:21
Luke 1:46-47
God the Shepherd
Psalm 23
Isaiah 40:10-11
Psalm 100
God the King
Psalm 24
Psalm 44:4
Psalm 74:12
Psalm 43:10-15
Isaiah 44:6-8
Jeremiah 10:10
Zechariah 14:9
God the I AM and I AM He
Exodus 3:13-14
Isaiah 43:10-11, 25
God, First and Last
Isaiah 41:4
Isaiah 43:10-11
Isaiah 44:6, 8
God the Rock
Deuteronomy 32:1-4
2 Samuel 22:1-3
2 Samuel 22:32
Psalm 18:2
Psalm 31:3
Psalm 78:34-35
Psalm 89:26
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Psalm 50:1-6
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Ephesians 3:9
Colossians 1:12-17
Hebrews 1:8-12
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1 John 4:14
1 Peter 2:21-24
Acts 20:28
Galatians 3:13
Galatians 4:4-5
Luke 24:21-29
Luke 2:10-11
John 4:40-42
Philippians 3:20
1 Timothy 1:1-3
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John 18:5-8
Revelation 1:17-18
John 8:24-28
Jesus, First and Last
Revelation 1:17
Revelation 22:13
Jesus the Rock
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Isaiah 28:16
Acts 4:11-12
1 Corinthians 10:4
Numbers 20:1-11
Ephesians 2:20-22
1 Peter 2:6-8
One Creator
One Savior
One Shepherd
One King
One I AM One I AM He
One First and Last
One Rock
One is coming

#4: Jesus is the God of the Old Testament _____ Himself in flesh.

Isaiah 59:15-20 "Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice. 16He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. ⋯ 20"The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD."

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

Titus 2:13-14 "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."

#5: God came in _____ to save us from our sins.

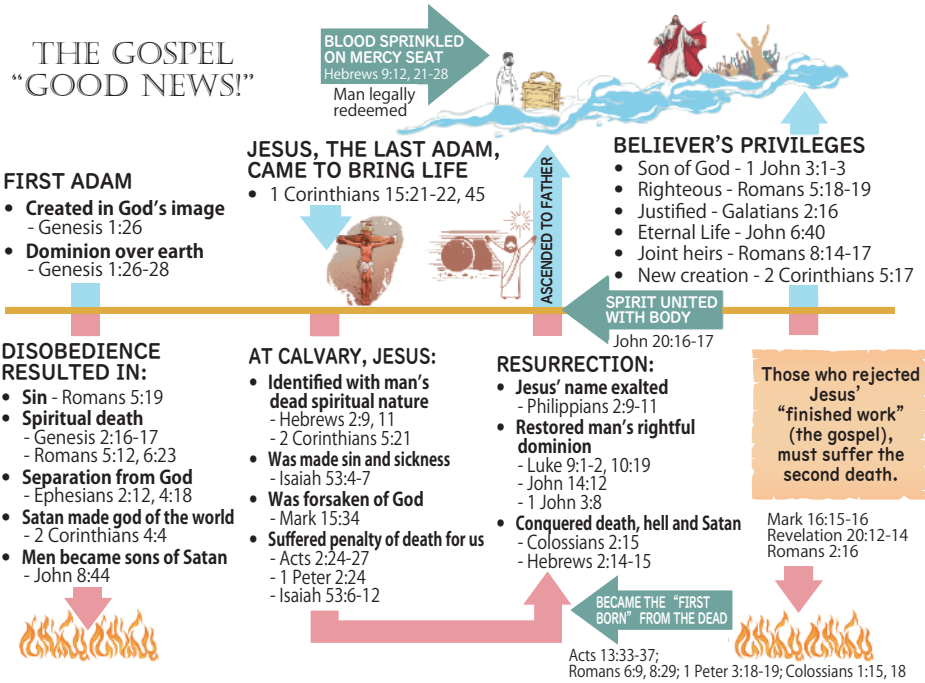
VI. JESUS FORGAVE SINS

Matthew 9:2-7 "Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." 3And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" 4But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? 6But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 7And he arose and departed to his house."

Mark 2:5-8 "When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." 6And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7"Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?"

By forgiving sin, Jesus was claiming to be God Himself. He did more than forgive sin, He died to pay the penalty of sin.

VII. THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

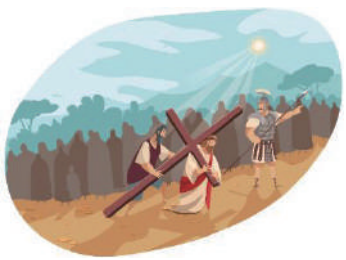


Matthew 27:1-2 "When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. [2]And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor."



Matthew 27:22-23 "Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!" [23]Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!""

A. Jesus was tortured on the way to the cross

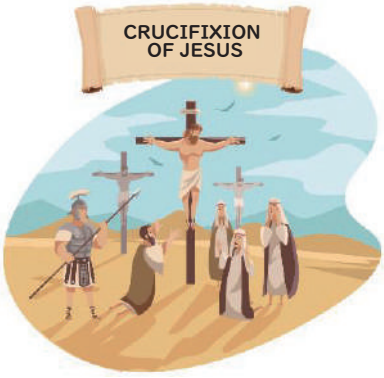


Matthew 27:26-31 "Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. [27]Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. [28]And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. [29]When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and

saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" [30]Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. [31]And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified."

Isaiah 53:3-7 "He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. [4]Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. [5]But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

B. Jesus was crucified



1 Peter 2:21-24 "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: [22]"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; [23]who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; [24]who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."

C. What was the attitude of Jesus while He was suffering on the cross?

Hebrews 12:2 "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

1 Corinthians 2:7-8 "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, [8]which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

D. When Jesus died, the veil of the temple was torn.

Matthew 27:50-51 "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. [51]Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,"



E. Burial and Resurrection

Matthew 27:57-60 "Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. [58]This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. [59]When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, [60]and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed."

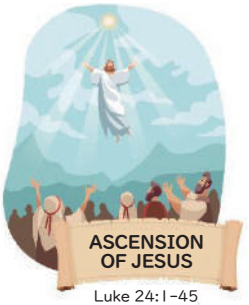


John 20:24-29 "Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." [26]And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" [27]Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." [28]And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.""

1 Corinthians 15:53-57 "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. [54]So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." [55]"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" [56]The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. [57]But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

#6: The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the _____ that saves humankind.

VIII. THE NAME OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL PLAN



Luke 24:1-45
John 20:1-29

Luke 24:45-48 "And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. [46]Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, [47]and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. [48]And you are witnesses of these things."

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

What is the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Jesus - right? If the Apostles knew the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, then they will surely baptize all converts in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's find out on the next lesson, Lesson 7!

SUPPLEMENTAL READING MATERIAL

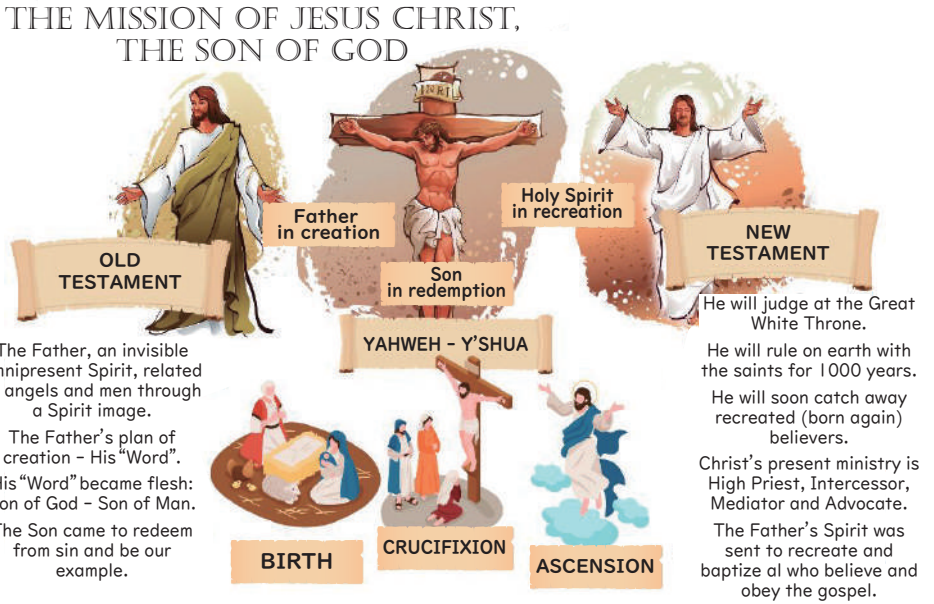
A. WHO IS JESUS CHRIST

Different people have different opinions about Jesus Christ. Some say that He is God. Others say that He is a part of God, a third of the Godhead, a demi-God, an angel, a prophet or just a good man. But we don't want to trust a person's opinion about Jesus – we want to put trust in what the Bible says about Jesus!

As we learned in **Lesson 1**, the Bible, not a person's opinion, establishes Truth. The topic of "Who is Jesus" in this lesson is of utmost importance for us because it will give us a correct understanding about Jesus, which will allow us to receive salvation, healing, deliverance and all of His blessings.

B. GOD IS ONE

Both the Old and New Testaments teach that there is only one God.



The Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 "Hear, 0 Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! [5]You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. [6]And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. [7]You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

This scripture is the daily confession of faith for the Jewish people, called the **'Shema'**, and it is the fundamental truth of God: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!" This powerful statement defining God can be found in the following three passages in the Old Testament: **Numbers 15:37-41, Deuteronomy 6:4-9** and **Deuteronomy 11:13-21**. Jesus repeated this fundamental truth of God.

The New Testament:

Mark 12:29-31 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, **the Lord our God, the Lord is one.** 30And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Both the New and Old Testament teach that God is only one, and that truth has never changed. The Old Testament Israelites believed in one God (monotheism), and the New Testament Christian church believed in one God as well, not in many Gods (polytheism). The Apostles taught that there was only one God.

James 2:19 "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!"

In short, the Old Testament speaks of God in terms of being one. Many times the Bible calls God "the Holy One" (Psalms 71:22; 78:41/ Isaiah 1:4; 5:19; 5:24) but never "the holy two," "the holy three," or "the holy many." Truth doesn't change, and God still wants us to believe "The Lord our God, the Lord is one!"

C. GOD IS ALONE, AND HE ALONE IS GOD

Question: What can you understand and conclude about God from these following scriptures?

Psalms 86:10 "For You are great, and do wondrous things; **You alone are God**."

Isaiah 43:10-11 "You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. **Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. 11I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior.**"

2 Samuel 7:22 "Therefore You are great, O Lord GOD. For there is none like You, **nor is there any God besides You**, according to all that we have heard with our ears."

1 Chronicles 17:20 "O Lord, there is none like You, nor is there any God be sides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears."

Isaiah 44:8 "Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. **Is there a God beside Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.**"

Answer: The Bible is very clear: there is no other God beside or besides Him.

D. GOD IS SPIRIT

To understand the oneness of God's being, we must understand His nature: what makes Him what He is. Jesus said in **John 4:24**, "**God is (a) Spirit**, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Note: The Webster's Dictionary defines spirit as "a supernatural, rational being usually invisible to human beings but having the power to become visible at will." The Hebrew word for spirit, ruwach, is wind, breath, life, and spirit of a rational being; and the Greek word for spirit, pneuma, is current of air, breath, and breeze.

All definitions show that a spirit does not have flesh and bones. When the Bible says God is a Spirit, it means He cannot be seen or touched physically in His basic makeup, and that He is an intelligent, supernatural Being.

Since God is a Spirit, He is invisible unless He chooses to manifest Himself in some form visible to humans (Exodus 33:20 / John 1:18 / 1 John 4:12 / 1 Timothy 6:16 / Colossians 1:15 / 1 Timothy 1:17 / Hebrews 11:27).

Although humans can see God when He chooses to appear in various forms, no one can directly see the invisible Spirit of God.

E. GOD HIMSELF IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

God in Spiritual Activity

Isaiah 54:5 "For your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is **the Holy One** of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth."

God is the "Holy One". Only God is holy in Himself; all other beings derive their holiness from Him (**Hebrews 12:10**). Moreover, God is Spirit (**John 4:24**), and there is only one spirit of God.
Ephesians 4:4 "There is one body and **one Spirit**, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;"

The title "Holy Spirit" describes the basic character of God's nature, for holiness is the basis of His moral attributes, while spirituality is the basis of His non-moral attributes. Therefore, it describes **God Himself, the one Holy Spirit**.

For example, Peter told Ananias and Sapphira that they had lied "to the Holy Spirit" and then said they had lied "to God" (**Acts 5:3-4**). Similarly, Paul wrote: "Do you not know that you are **the temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" and then, "Or do you not know that your body is **the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?" (**1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19**)

The Bible calls the Holy Spirit "**the Spirit of the LORD**" (Isaiah 40:13), "**My Spirit**" (Joel 2:28), "**Spirit of God**" (Romans 8:9), "**His Holy Spirit**" (1 Thessalonians 4:8). These phrases show that the Spirit is not distinct from God, but rather pertains to God, or is **God Himself in spiritual essence**.

Question: If the Holy Spirit is God Himself, why is this additional designation needed? What distinction of meaning is intended?

Answer: The title "Holy Spirit" specifically refers to God in spiritual activity, particularly as He works in ways that only a spirit can.

Note: The titles "Holy Ghost" and "Holy Spirit" are interchangeable. Both are translations of the same Greek phrase. Frequently the Bible simply speaks of "the Spirit."

F. GOD IS OMNIPRESENT, OMNISCIENT, AND OMNIPOTENT

Omnipresent: Present everywhere

God is a Spirit – He can be everywhere at the same time. And He is the only Spirit that is truly omnipresent. All other spirits, such as demons, angels, and Satan, are confined to only one specific location at one time (Mark 5:10; Jude 6; Revelation 20:1-3). And although God is present everywhere, He is neither nature nor found and worshipped in the things we see (pantheism), because He isn't many things (trees, water, stars, universe) in one being. He created what we see, but He isn't what we see!

1 Kings 8:27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!"

Psalm 139:7-12 "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? [8]If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. [9]If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, [10]Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. [11]If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; [12]Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You".

Question: Since God is omnipresent, why does the Bible say He is in heaven?

Answer: This teaches that God is transcendent. In other words, He is beyond human understanding and He is not limited to this earth. Heaven refers to the center of God's reasoning and activity—His headquarters, so to speak.

Question: When the Bible says God came to earth or appeared to someone, does this stop His omnipresence?

Answer: No. It simply means the focus of His activity has shifted to earth, at least as far as a certain individual or a certain situation is concerned. He can act simultaneously in heaven and on earth, or at several locations on earth.

God Is Omniscient: All Knowing

Psalm 139:1-6 "O Lord, You have searched me and known me. [2]You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. [3]You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. [4]For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. [5]You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. [6]Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it."

1 Timothy 1:17 describes God as "the only wise God." God has complete knowledge of everything. He can read all thoughts, see the future and knows everything there is to know. Only God is Omniscient.

God Is Omnipotent: All Powerful

Genesis 35:11 "Also God said to him: I am God Almighty…"

Job 22:26-27 "…you will have your delight in the Almighty, And lift up your face to God. [27]You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you…"

Job 42:2 "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You."

God has all power, and no other being can have or exercise power unless He allows them to use it (Romans 13:1). Only God can be omnipotent, for only one being can have all power. The only limitations God has are those He willingly places upon Himself, resulting from his moral nature. For example: He is holy and sinless, and He abides by His moral nature. It is therefore impossible for God to lie or contradict His Word. (see Titus 1:2 and Hebrews 6:18)

G. GOD, THE CREATOR, IS OUR FATHER

Malachi 2:10 "Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? ..."

Isaiah 37:16 "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth."

Isaiah 44:24 "Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Wo spreads abroad the earth by Myself."

Isaiah 45:18 "For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord, and there is no other."

Romans 8:14-16 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. [15]For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." [16]The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

God, as Creator, is our Father. The title Father reveals the relationship between God and humans, especially those who have experienced the new birth.

H. JESUS IS GOD

<u>God became a Human</u>

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Question: Why did God become Human?

Answer: As revealed in Genesis (Lesson 1), sin separated God and mankind forever. From God's very first substitute death of animals in the Garden of Eden, which provided clothing to cover the naked bodies of Adam and Eve, to the daily sacrifice of animals in the Tabernacle (Lesson 5) and the Temple, God provided a temporary forgiveness for mankind's punishment for sins. But animals could not really pay the permanent price (death) for mankind's sins, so God, who is Spirit, created a sinless human body, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, that He could live inside who would die and pay the permanent price for all of mankind's sins.

Isaiah 59:15-20 "⋯ Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him That here was no justice. [16]He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteous ness, it sustained Him. ⋯ [20]"The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, [19]that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

Titus 2:13-14 "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14]who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."

I. JESUS CHRIST: GOD WITH US

The question of who is Jesus is easy to answer after reading the following passages of scripture:

Luke 2:11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Matthew 1:21-23 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." [22]So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: [23]"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Jesus was not just a part of God or just a representative of God (like a prophet), but He was and is "God with us." He did not come to save someone else's people from their sins, but God came to save His own people from their sins.

J. JESUS IS …

・Lord and God

John 20:28-29 "And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Notice that Jesus is called by Thomas both Lord and God. The Lord God who had made heaven, earth and man in His image (Genesis 2:4, 7) now stood in the flesh before an overwhelmed apostle!

・Savior

Isaiah 43:10-11 "You are My witnesses," says the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. 11I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior."

2 Peter 1:1 "Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:"

・The Image of God

2 Corinthians 4:4 "Christ, who is the image of God…"

Colossians 1:15 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

・The Mighty God and Everlasting Father

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder: and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

John 14:8-9 "Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father?'"

・The Fullness of the Godhead in Flesh

Colossians 2:9-10 "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10and you are complete in Him…"

・Both God and Man

The title Son of God refers to Jesus' humanity, and the title reveals that Jesus was fully, 100 percent human, made exactly like us.

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."

Hebrews 2:17-18 "Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted."

Jesus was 100 percent God in flesh. As a man Jesus became hungry, tired and was limited to one location. But as God He forgave sins, performed miracles and raised His own dead physical body from the grave. He was indeed God in flesh!

Correct Understanding about Jesus

AS A MAN JESUS...	BUT AS GOD, JESUS...
① Was born a baby (Luke 2:7)	Existed from eternity (Micah 5:2; John 1:1-2)
② Grew mentally, physically, socially (Luke 2:52)	Never changes (Hebrews 13:8)
③ Was tempted by the devil (Luke 4:2)	Cast out devils (Matthew 12:28)
④ Hungered (Matthew 4:2)	Was the bread of Life (John 6:35) Miraculously fed multitudes (Mark 6:38, 44, 52)
⑤ Thirsted (John 19:28)	Gave living water (John 4:14)
⑥ Grew weary (John 4:6)	Gave rest (Matthew 11:28)
⑦ Slept in a storm (Mark 4:38)	Calmed the storm (Mark 4:39-41)
⑧ Prayed (Luke 22:41)	Answered prayer (John 14:14)
⑨ Was scourged and beaten (John 19:1-3)	Healed the sick (Matthew 8:16-17; 1 Peter 2:24)
⑩ Died (Mark 15:37)	Raised His own body from the dead (John 2:19-21; 20:9)
⑪ Was a sacrifice for sin (Hebrews 10:10-12)	Forgave sin (Mark 2:5-7)
⑫ Did not know all things (Mark 13:32)	Knew all things (John 21:17)
⑬ Had no power (John 5:30)	Had all power (Matthew 28:18; Colossians 2:10)
⑭ Was inferior to God (John 14:28)	Was equal to God – was God (John 5:18)
⑮ Was a servant (Philippians 2:7-8)	Was the King of kings (Revelation 19:16)

Correctly understanding that Jesus was both fully God and fully man will answer most questions about the Godhead. We can read scripture about Jesus and determine whether it describes his Deity or humanity or both; we can read when Jesus speaks and determine whether He speaks as a man or as God, or both. Since there is only one God, we cannot think of two persons in the Godhead or two Gods, but we must think of the divine Spirit and authentic human flesh. In every way that we can speak of our humanity and relationship with God, so could Jesus in His humanity, except for sin. Yet, He could speak and act as God.

For example, Jesus could be sleeping and the next moment speak peace to a raging, uncontrolled storm! Jesus could speak as a human and then as God, yet be both at the same time.

K. THE NAMES OF GOD

Zechariah 14:9 "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be — "The Lord is one," And His name one."

OT NAME	OT SCRIPTURE	JESUS IS OUR...	NT SCRIPTURE
Jehovah-jireh (provider)	Genesis 22:14	Provider (of the sacrifice)	Hebrews 10:10-12
Jehovah-rapha (healer)	Exodus 15:26	Healer	James 5:14-15
Jehovah-nissi (banner, victory)	Exodus 17:15	Victory	1Corinthians 15:57
Jehovah-m'kaddesh (sanctifier)	Exodus 31:13	Sanctifier	Ephesians 5:26
Jehovah-shalom (peace)	Judges 6:24	Peace	John 14:27
Jehovah-sabaoth (Lord of Hosts)	1 Samuel 1:3	Lord of Hosts	James 5:4-7
Jehovah-elyon (most high)	Psalms 7:17	Most High	Luke 1:32, 76,78
Jehovah-raah (shepherd)	Psalms 23:1	Shepherd	John 10:11
Jehovah-hoseenu (maker)	Psalms 95:6	Maker	John 1:3
Jehovah-tsidkenu (righteousness)	Jeremiah 23:6	Righteousness	1 Corinthians 1:30
Jehovah-shammah (present)	Ezra 48:35	Ever-Present One	Matthew 28:20

By reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, we discover that God used names and titles to reveal new things about Himself (Jehovah, the I AM, etc.). Each new name and title helped define the new way they would know Him and how He would relate to them.

<u>Jesus is the Revealed Name of the One God</u>

After God became flesh and revealed Himself as Jesus, the Bible never again reveals a new name. Jesus (meaning Jehovah is become my salvation) is the complete and final name given to redeem mankind and reveal the One God.

Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus…"

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