

Day 10: Who is Jesus?

So you heard the message, and you got it. God loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus to die for your sins. But you say, “Pastor, I understand that Jesus died for my sins, but I want to know more. Who is this Jesus guy?” In the gospel of John chapter 1 Jesus is referred to as “the Word.” What do we use the word “word” for? We use it for communication. The God of Heaven sent us a communication. His name is Jesus. He is called the Son of God, and yet He is God. Does anyone have a tough time wrapping your mind around that? You might not be able to grasp it. I struggle to wrap my mind around it too. However, when I consider that God made the entire universe out of nothing, then I realize that God is so immense that there are going to be things I might not fully understand. What you *have* to understand is that the Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ is the “visible manifestation of the invisible God.” (Colossians 1:15)

Jesus is God. He never stops being God. However, when He came to this world, He veiled His glory in the frailties of human flesh. It’s like that show *Undercover Boss* where the CEO disguises himself and takes the job of employees in his company to see who they are, what they go through, and what needs to be improved. Can you imagine a CEO washing dishes and taking out the garbage? When Jesus took on flesh and became a man He experienced fatigue, hunger, thirst, and sadness. Christ experienced all these things we associate with being human. However, He also walked on the water, calmed

a storm, healed the illnesses that none of the physicians of the day could heal, and He raised the dead that we may know He is God. Most importantly, Jesus led a perfect life. While mankind was at its worst, “God demonstrates His own love towards us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Awesome. Take it personally. He went that far for you and for me too. This is who Jesus is!

Application

- 1. It is necessary for Jesus to be fully man and fully God. The conflict was between man and God. If there is a conflict between two parties then it must be settled between the two parties. However, no man could make it right with God because all men are sinners, and God’s standard is perfection. So God sent His Son Jesus to become a man and by leading a perfect life because He alone could become the sacrifice to reconcile the relationship between man and God (2 Corinthians 5:18-20). How does it change your understanding of God when you know what lengths he went to in order to save us?*
- 2. Read John 1:1-5. Every time you see “Word”, substitute the name Jesus. How does this change your understanding of these verses?*

- 3. Pray and thank God for communicating His love to mankind by sending His Son Jesus to die for our sins.*

Extra Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-13.