

Lesson Two

Jesus, The Christ

"(The angel of the Lord to Joseph) She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

1. the name "Jesus" is the Greek equivalent for the Hebrew name, "Joshua" meaning: _____
2. The name Jesus means: _____
3. "Christ" is Jesus' _____ and not His last name. The title "Christ" means: _____.
4. Thus the angel of the Lord informs Joseph about Jesus' name and mission (above referenced Matthew 1:21).
"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:10 (NIV)

A. Jesus, the Son of God

1. Throughout the course of history there has been much confusion over the true identity of Jesus.

Share: What are some of the common misperceptions of Jesus that you are aware of?

- a. Mary and Joseph's _____ (Ref. Mark 6:3)
 - b. Others called Him a _____ (Ref. Matthew 27:63)
 - c. Still others thought Him to be a _____ (Ref. John 6:14)
 - d. Today, some think of Him as merely a _____ who lived a long time ago that Christians choose to worship.
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2. An oft utilized phrase used throughout the New Testament to identify Jesus was _____.
Jesus is referred to as "Son of God" more than _____ times in the bible.
"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. - John 20:31 (NIV)
(Reference: John 1:34, Mark 1:1, Matthew 3:17, 8:29, 16:16, Galatians 4:4, Luke 1:35)
 3. The bible clearly indicates that Jesus and God are one and the same divine being. The concept of Jesus being the human manifestation of Jehovah-God is known as His _____.
"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form." -Colossians 2:9 (NIV)

4. Jesus possessed _____ and _____ that belonged only to Deity.

a. Christ has the power to _____ .

Throughout the Bible, the power to create is attributed to Jehovah-God (Reference Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 48:12-13). Yet, in many passages of Scripture this same power is ascribed to Jesus.

"For in him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." - Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)

(Reference: John 1:1-3, 14)

b. Christ has the power to _____ .

Forgiving someone of their sins is an exclusive power reserved for God. Yet, Jesus claimed that He had the power to forgive sins and confirmed it by healing the paralytic (Reference: Luke 5:20-25).

"But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. " - Luke 5:24-25 (NIV)

c. Christ is a proper object of _____ .

Jehovah-God alone is to be worshiped.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God." - Exodus 20:4-5a (NIV)

Nevertheless, this honor is given to Jesus by God, Himself.

"Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him." - John 5:22-23 (NIV)

Jesus is not a mere man. He is the only begotten Son of God - fully God and fully human.

B. Titles that Indicate His Work and Position.

Just as a diamond has many facets, each reflecting a new and beautiful expression of the gem, the bible provides many facets of Jesus reflecting different aspects of his greatness and love for mankind.

1. Jesus, our _____ .

"(Angel to the Shepherds) Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." - Luke 2:11 (NIV)

a. The word "Savior" means: _____

The Savior, Jesus Christ, was sent by God to *deliver* us from the bondage of sin.

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

- b. The grand assurance of Christianity is that God, in His love toward man, saved us, not by works of righteousness which we do, but according to His rich mercy.

(Reference: Matthew 1:21, Luke 19:10, II Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-6, I Peter 1:18-19)

2. Jesus, our _____ .

- a. No term is more expressive of the faith of the early followers of Jesus than "Lord."

"(Peter on the Day of Pentecost) Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." - Acts 2:36 (NIV)

- b. In the New Testament, "Lord" is the most frequently used title for Jesus.

- c. The term "Lord" means: _____ - One possessing _____ , _____ , and _____ .

Share: It is true, as Christians we have accepted Jesus as both Savior *and* Lord. Which was easier in your experience, accepting the salvation He freely provides or submitting to His Lordship? Why?

- d. The bible describes Jesus as:

- 1. The _____ of the Church.

"And He (Jesus) is the head of the body, the church." - Colossians 1:18a (NIV)

- 2. He is _____ over all creation.

"These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. - Revelation 3:14b (NIV)

- 3. He is _____ of lords and _____ of kings.

"They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers." - Revelation 17:14 (NIV)

3. Jesus, our _____ .

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people." - I Timothy 2:5-6a (NIV)

- a. The term "mediator" means: One who _____ between two persons who are at variance, with a view to _____ them.

(Reference: Hebrews 8:6, 9:15, 12:24)

- b. Christ is the one and only mediator between God and man. He makes reconciliation between God and man by his all-perfect atoning sacrifice.

"That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, himself man, is between them to bring them together, ⁶ by giving his life for all mankind. This is the message that at the proper time God gave to the world. - I Timothy 2:5-6 (LB)

- c. Such a mediator should have knowledge of _____ and be concerned for the welfare of each party.

1. Jesus, existing in the form of God, before He came to earth fully understood God's side.

2. Jesus came to earth that He might know and understand man's side.

"For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." - Hebrews 2:17-18 (NIV)

C. The Three Offices Fulfilled by Jesus

1. Jesus as _____ .

- a. Throughout the Old Testament, a prophet was one who spoke to the people on _____ God.

"(The prophet Amos) But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' ¹⁶ Now then, hear the word of the Lord." - Amos 7:15 (NIV)

These prophets were both "forth-tellers" and "fore-tellers", speaking God's message for the present time and need, as well as, predicting events yet to come.

- b. The Old Testament points unmistakably to one Great Prophet who would come to be God's spokesman on earth.

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him." - Deuteronomy 18:15 (NIV)

The Great Prophet Moses spoke of was Jesus.

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe." - Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV)

(Reference: Acts 3:19-26).

- c. As God's prophet, Jesus spoke authoritatively that the people might know that He spoke for God. Yet, He spoke simply and clearly that all men might understand.

(Reference: Matthew 7:28-29; Mark 12:37b; John 7:46)

- d. When we read the word of Jesus in the New Testament, we can accept with faith and full assurance that it is God's message for us.

"My teaching is not my own. It comes from Him who sent me." - John 7:16 (NIV)

2. Jesus as _____ .

"The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.'" - Psalm 110:4 (NIV)

a. Duties of a priest:

"Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins." - Hebrews 5:1 (NIV)

1. One who leads in the Temple worship.
2. One who offered sacrifices to God on behalf of the people.

b. Jesus was _____ by God as High Priest.

"And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'⁶ And he says in another place, 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.'" - Hebrews 5:4-6 (NIV)

c. Jesus' _____ as High Priest.

1. Jesus' preparation to be our great High Priest began when He left the glories of Heaven and came to earth to become one with those He represents (Reference: Philippians 2:5-8)
2. His preparation continued when He was tempted in all points just as we are and yet without sin (Reference: Hebrews 5:8).

d. Jesus' _____ as High Priest.

1. When Aaron (the original Old Testament High Priest) made atonement for the sins of Israel under the Old Covenant, he used the blood of bulls and goats.
2. When Jesus, our High Priest, offered His sacrifice to God, He offered _____ (Reference: Hebrews 9:11-12)

3. Jesus as _____ .

a. Jesus was _____ to be a king.

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land." - Jeremiah 23:5 (NIV)

(Reference: Zechariah 6:13; Luke 1:32; II Samuel 7:12-13)

b. Christ _____ to be King.

"Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." - Matthew 16:28 (NIV)

(Reference: Luke 23:3 - Jesus before Pilate)

c. The _____ of Jesus' Kingdom.

1. Jesus' Kingdom is a _____ kingdom.

"Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." - John 18:36 (NIV)

(Reference: Romans 14:17; Hebrews 1:8-9)

2. Jesus' Kingdom is an _____ kingdom.

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." - Luke 1:32-33 (NIV)

Fundamentally, the idea of Jesus being King of kings and Lord of lords means that there is no higher authority. His reign over all things is absolute. God raised Him from the dead and placed Him over all things, "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."

(Reference: Ephesians 1:21-23)