

# Jesus

## Fully God and fully man

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#### Discussion Questions

1. What do you remember from our study last week?
2. If you were the all-powerful God of the universe and you wanted those you created to come to know you, how would you do this?

#### Introduction

One of the effects of sin in our life is that we do not know God personally. However God wants us to know him. To do this he must provide a solution for our sinful condition because we cannot remove it by our own effort.

#### GOD PREDICTED JESUS WOULD COME

The Old Testament records details of how God told many prophets he would come and set people free from their sin. Prophets are people who hear from God and tell others his message. This is a prophecy.

God told Isaiah in about 700 BC that a virgin would give birth to a son (Isaiah 7:14). "He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." He will fulfil the prophecy that a descendant of King David will be a king and will reign forever (Isaiah 9:6-7).

This man was born as God had promised and was named Jesus. He was also called the Messiah, which is Hebrew for "The Anointed One". "Anointed" means chosen and enabled by God for a special purpose.

### Hear God's Word and understand it

The events surrounding Jesus' birth were told in the following passage by Luke, a doctor who carefully investigated and recorded the events of Jesus' life from eyewitnesses.

Bible Passage: Luke 1: 26-35

Background: An angel visits a virgin called Mary and tells her she is going to have a child.

#### Bible Discussion Questions:

1. Which prophecies from the passages in Isaiah does the angel say will be fulfilled? (Luke 1:27, 31-33)

In verse 35 the angel tells Mary, "the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

This shows that Jesus did not inherit any genetic material from Mary (or Joseph) or he would have also inherited their sinful nature.

Jesus was fully God and fully man and did not have a sinful nature.

#### JESUS' AUTHORITY AND POWER OVER ALL AREAS OF LIFE

Identify from the following passages some of the areas in which Jesus has this authority.

Bible Passage: Luke 4: 31-32

Bible Passage: Luke 4: 33-37

Bible Passage: Luke 4: 38-39

Bible Passage: Luke 7: 11-17

Bible Passage: Luke 8: 22-25

Bible Passage: Matthew 9: 1-8

#### WHO JESUS IS

Bible Passage: Matthew 16: 13-17

Background: After about two years of doing God's work, Jesus asks his closest friends who they think he is. Their answer and his response reveals his identity.

#### Bible Discussion Questions:

1. Who does Simon Peter say Jesus is? (v16)
2. What is Jesus' explanation for Simon Peter's response? (v17)

People challenged Jesus' claims to be the Son of God as we see in the following conversation.

Bible Passage: John 10: 24-33

Background: The Jews knew the prophecies about the Christ but did not believe Jesus because he did not fulfill their expectations. "Christ" is Greek for "Anointed One". The Jews who are talking with Jesus were the spiritual leaders of the Israelites.

#### Bible Discussion Questions:

1. What did Jesus point to as proof that he was the Christ? (v25, 30)
2. Why did the Jews get angry when Jesus said, "I and the Father are one."? (v33)

### Apply God's Word

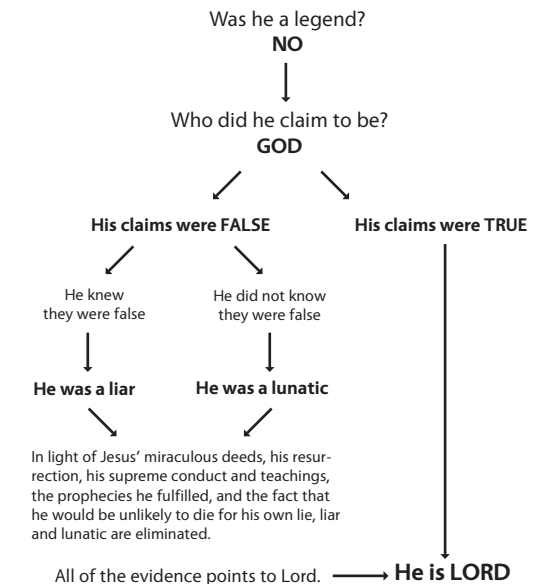
#### Summary

What have you learned about Jesus from today's study?

#### Clarify

So far we have seen all the claims and records about Jesus' life from the Bible. But the Bible is not the only evidence that Jesus lived on earth. Other ancient historians such as Josephus and Tacitus record that Jesus of Nazareth was a real **historical** person.

#### Who was Jesus: Legend, Liar, Lunatic, or Lord?



#### Apply

1. What do you think of Jesus' claims to be fully God and fully man?

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