



Jesus is... God

Background – This series is designed to explore the nature and character of Jesus Christ. He is God and the only hope for the world to know and establish a relationship with God.

Key Verse/Scripture Memory – John 8:58

Take Away – God has given us Himself through His son, Jesus Christ. Do you believe?

Sermon Outline

- I. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God.
 - A. Who is Jesus in the Major World Religions?
 - 1) Jewish
 - An admirable Jew, a teacher, but not the Son of God
 - 2) Islamic
 - A great prophet, who was born miraculously, but did not die, nor was he resurrected.
 - 3) Hindu
 - A virtuous man devoted to compassion and non-violence. However, his devotion to a single god is unnecessarily restrictive.
 - 4) Buddhist
 - A depersonalized type of Buddha, or a perfectly enlightened being who helps others attain enlightenment.
 - 5) Biblical Christianity
 - He is God, He died on the cross to pay the penalty of our sin, and He was raised from the dead to conquer sin and death.

- B. Who did Jesus claim to be?
 - 1) "I am" statement – John 8:58, Exodus 3:13-15
 - 2) "Son of Man" title –Matthew 8:18-20
 - 3) Equal to the Father – John 14:5-9
 - 4) Claimed divine authority – Matthew 28:18-19
 - 5) Accepted worship – John 9:35-38
 - 6) Forgave sin – Mark 2:3-5

- C. Who authenticated that Jesus is God?
 - 1) Jewish Leaders – Luke 22:66-71
 - 2) The Apostle Paul – Hebrews 1:1-3

- D. How did Jesus reveal He is God?
 - 1) Lived a sinless life – John 8:45-46
 - 2) Performed miracles – Luke 9:1-11
 - 3) Had power over death – John 11:25, 41-44
 - 4) Resurrected from the dead – Luke 24:44-49

II. Application

- 1) Do you believe that Jesus is God? Make a choice and place your faith in Him.
- 2) How will this knowledge change how you live? How can you face frightening times like the coronavirus?

Small-Group Discussion

- 1) Pray – That God's Word would cause us to believe in the deity of Jesus.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
- 3) Discuss together:
 - a) Who do you think Jesus is? What words would you use to describe Him? What questions do you have about Him?
 - b) Look over the list of who Jesus claimed to be (See point B). Which one of those claims is the most assuring or encouraging for you? Which of those claims might you struggle to understand?
 - c) Re-read Hebrews 1:1-3. What are all the truths we learn about Jesus in this section, and how do they relate to Jesus' claims?
 - d) Reflect on Point D and how Jesus revealed He is God. How do you respond to those revelations? Consider both what you **think and feel** when you consider them. Can you think of other events in the Bible that also reaffirm these truths?
 - e) Discuss the final two application questions from the sermon.

Additional Resources

- 1) Check out one of our missionary's websites for awesome resources on this and other issues concerning Jesus. (Jim Walton- [The Third Choice](#))