

**Great Doctrines of the Bible IV:  
Jesus Christ: Who Is He?  
(1 Timothy 3:16)**

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1. The greatest story and message in the world is the message of Jesus Christ. In Christ is hidden all the treasures of God's wisdom and knowledge.
    - a. Paul said, **2 Cor 8:8-9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.**
    - b. The question " who is Jesus?" is not just academic speculation.
  2. The Christian faith is not just a set of doctrines; it is first and foremost a person.
  3. Christianity is a person's response to make Jesus the center and circumference of his faith.
    - a. Who are you going to follow in life? We have chosen Jesus for a number of reasons.
- I. The Pre-existence of Jesus as God. (**John 1:1-2; 14**)
- A In the prologue, John tells us that the Word was in the beginning, that He was with God and He was God (**John 1:1**).
  - B The New Testament speaks of the pre-existence of Jesus Christ.
    1. Jesus spoke to Nicodemus of the fact that he was from heaven (**3:13**).
    2. **John 16 & 17** tells us of the existence of Jesus before coming to earth.
  - C The Almighty God appeared on earth as a helpless human baby.
    1. God became involved with man when Jesus was born of Mary in the stable at Bethlehem.
- II. The Deity of Jesus: Son of God. (**Luke 20:9-19**)
- A Who was Jesus? In **Matthew 16: 13**, the Bible tells us that Peter said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"
    1. **Col. 2:9** "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,"
  - B Jesus was sent by the Father to save mankind.
    1. Christ is the mediator between God and man.
  - C We too can live as sons of God. (**1 John 3:1a**).
- III. The Humanity of Jesus: Son of Man. (**1 John 4:1-3**)
- A What did Jesus mean when he constantly referred to himself as the Son of Man? This was Jesus' designation of choice.
    1. John enlightens us in **1 John 4:1-3**.
  - B One must understand the significance of the humanity of Jesus.
    1. Every page of the gospel shows us a human Jesus who had a face like all men's faces.
  - C How does the humanity of Jesus affect us today?
    1. **Hebrews 4:15** tells us that Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.