

“The Person of Jesus Christ”

Jesus Christ is the most central figure in all of human history, there has never been anyone like Him. He has been hailed as a good man, a great teacher, a prophet, a religious leader, the Son of God, and even God Himself.

Jesus is the Greek rendering of the Hebrew name *Yeshua* [Joshua]. This is the name that the angel Gabriel commanded Joseph to name Mary's child (**Matthew 1:21**), "You are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

The name *Jesus* means "The Lord Saves," "The Lord Is Salvation," "God's Salvation," or "God Saves" and is often shortened to, "Savior."

"Christ" comes from the Greek word *Christos*, meaning "anointed one" or "chosen one." This is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word "Messiah."

"Jesus" is the Lord's human name, "Christ" is His title, for Jesus was sent from God to be a King and Deliverer [Savior]. "Jesus Christ" means "Jesus the Messiah" or "Jesus the Anointed One."

Jesus came into the world in the flesh of a human baby, (cf. **Luke 1:34-35**) conceived in the womb of a virgin, named Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit; so the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." This is called the "incarnation," in that, Jesus was both fully man, while also being fully God.

John's Gospel tells us (cf **John 1:1-4**) that Jesus is the Word of God, that He was with God in the beginning, that He is the Creator, that "in Him was life, and that life was the light of men," and (**v. 14**) that He put on flesh and lived among us, (**v. 18**) in order to show us and make known to us, the Father, who no one can approach and no one has seen, except God the Son.

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ voluntarily set aside the independent use of His divine attributes and took the form of a human creature, submissive to the Father while He was in human flesh (**Philippians 2:5-11**), "Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

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Concerning Jesus’ humanity as a child, Scripture says very little, but we do know (**Luke 2:40**), “the Child became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him,” (**Luke 2:52**), “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”

Scripture tells us some marvelous things about the person of Jesus Christ:

Luke 4:2 says, when Jesus got tired He slept.

Mark 4:38 says, when Jesus went without food He got hungry.

Jesus acted like a human man when it came to normal responses to normal life situations and experiences; and yet, He was fully God.

Hebrews 13:8 tells us He is *Immutable* [unchanging], “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Colossians 2:3 tells us He is *Omniscient* [all-knowing], “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

John 6:69 tells us, as Peter declares, “You [Jesus] are the Holy One of God.”

Revelation 1:18 tells us He is *Eternal*, “alive for ever and ever!”

John 11:25-26 tells us He grants eternal life to those who believe in Him.

Matthew 28:18 tells us He is sovereign , “all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to [Him].”

Mark 4:39 tells us He had power over creation. He commanded the wind and the sea to be still, immediately the storm was calmed, as His disciples considered (**v. 42**), “Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

John 5:8-9, tells us He had power over disease and sickness, and He healed a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years.

Luke 4:33-36 tells us He had power of demons, casting them out of a man.

John 11:43-44 tells us He had power over death, calling Lazarus out of the grave after he had already been dead for four days.

Mark 2:1-12 tells us He had authority to forgive sins, and since God alone can forgive sins; Jesus Christ is God!

There are marvelous Titles/Names of Deity given to Jesus Christ:

Matthew 1:23 says He is Immanuel [God with us], the fulfillment of **Isaiah 7:14**, that says, the Lord God Himself would give this sign, “a virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and she will call Him Immanuel.”

In **Acts 2:36** Jesus is declared to be both Sovereign Ruler and Savior.

John 8:58 says He is the great “I Am,” a name that is reserved for God alone (**Exodus 3:14**), “I AM WHO I AM.”

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There are some magnificent statements in the Scriptures declaring the Deity, Nature, Essence, and Authority of Jesus Christ, let's look at a few of them.

Colossians 1:15-20, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.”

Colossians 2:8-10, “See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority.”

Hebrews 1:1-3, “God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

John 11:20-27, “Martha..., when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to Him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this? She said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world.’” **32**, “Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, ‘Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.’” **38-42**, “So Jesus, ...deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Remove the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him,

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‘Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been *dead* four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?’ So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, ‘Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.’ When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come forth.’ The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’”

Titus 2:11 says, “the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,” **13**, “the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Jesus Christ is God’s Salvation, God in human flesh; He is both Sovereign Lord and Sacrificial Christ; He is (**John 1:29**) “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

Jude 24-25, “To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory , majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!”

Jesus appears to John (**Revelation 1:8**), “‘I am the *Alpha and the Omega*,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’” **17-18**, “When I saw Him [John says], I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the *first and the last*, and the living One; and *I was dead [Jesus], and behold, I am alive forevermore [risen Lord]*, and I have the keys [*in charge*] of death and of Hades.’”

John 14:1-3, “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also,”

6, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

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Jesus is the *only Way to God, the only Truth from God, and the only Life with God*; and therefore, no one receives forgiveness, no one is made acceptable to God, no one has eternal life, and no one goes to heaven, except by believing in the sacrificial death and sovereign resurrection of God’s Son, as the only means of obtaining righteousness from God (**2Corinthians 5:21**), “He [God the Father] made Him [God the Son, Jesus Christ] who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

1John 5:11-13, “And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. How you respond to Who Jesus is now, while you have life, will determine where you spend eternity after you die: in heaven with God, or in hell apart from God.

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