

## Lesson 4-1 Who is Jesus?

1. Jesus lived approximately 2000 years ago and He has had a major affect on the world, but who was He: a teacher, a prophet, a fraud, a liar, God himself, the word in the flesh, or the Son of God? If you picked one or more of these choices, how can you prove your answer? If someone with a different belief than yours asks you to prove your answer, how would you do it? (note: if you can't write down a clear compelling answer, you don't have it straight in your own mind.)

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2. who does the Bible say Jesus is?

**Hebrews 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Romans 1:1** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

**Romans 1:2** which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,

**Romans 1:3** concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

**Romans 1:4** and was declared to be the son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

**Romans 1:5** through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,

**Romans 1:6** including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, . . . (ESV)

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### 3. who did the disciples say Jesus is?

Matthew 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Matthew 16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Matthew 16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Matthew 16:16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

John 1:1 In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.

John 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John the disciple)

John 20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

John 20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

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### 4. who did John the Baptist say Jesus is?

John 1:29 The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:34 And I (John the Baptist) saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

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## 5. who did Jesus say He is?

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

John 11:26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. . . . "

Matthew 26:63 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

Matthew 26:64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

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## 6. who did the prophets say He is?

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (note: "Immanuel" means "God with us")

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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## 7. who did God (The Father) say He is?

Matthew 3:16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

Matthew 3:17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Mark 9:5 And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Mark 9:6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Mark 9:7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 1:17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

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8. who did Jesus' brother (James) say he is?

James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

James 2:1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

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9. who did Jesus' mother say he is?

Luke 24:6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,

Luke 24:7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

Luke 24:8 And they remembered his words,  
Luke 24:9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.  
Luke 24:10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles.....

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10. who did the angels say he is?

Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.  
Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.  
Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

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11. who did the demons say Jesus is?

Mark 1:23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,  
Mark 1:24 "what have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God."

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12. who do the people in the world today say Jesus is?

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13. It is clear that the Bible, Jesus himself, the disciples, Jesus' mother, Jesus' brother, the prophets, and God (the Father) proclaimed Jesus as God in the flesh, the word of God,

and the Son of God. Therefore, if He is not who they say He is, does that make all of the above liars?

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14. who do you say He is?

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15. The Bible starts with the Book of Genesis and says, "**In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**" Jesus is in this scripture 3 times, do you know where and how? Before you go on, give this a little thought to see if you can figure it out. Very few can get all three, two are fairly easy.

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16. To verify our answers we need to look at the Hebrew. (Note: in order to understand the Bible you do not need to know Hebrew, but it does add some depth)

a. Elohim is plural and generally means God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, all of whom are God.

b. Jesus is the "Word of God" and Genesis 1:1 by definition is the "word of God."

c. In all Bible translations, except Hebrew, there is a missing word " אַתָּא " which is pronounced "ayt." This word has been a mystery to Hebrew scholars for years and confounded them. This word contains the first and the last letters of the Hebrew alphabet (Aleph א and Tav ת ).

Christians know exactly what it means: it means Jesus. Jesus is known as the beginning and the end. So the translation is: "In the beginning, God (by the means of Jesus, the Aleph-Tav) created the heaven and the earth."

This makes sense since Jesus is the Word of God, and God spoke the creation into existence.

(Note: it is interesting to point out that the last book in the Bible is Revelation, which Jesus refers to himself as the Aleph-Tav "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." Revelation 22:13)

17. Can you find other instances where Jesus is in the old testament?

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18. Is your word important to you?

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19. Does your word define who you are?

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20. Are you faithful to your word?

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21. If you were God, would you give humanity your word? In what form?

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22. Conclusion: Jesus is God in the flesh. The word became flesh and dwelt among men. He healed the sick; He cast out demons; He raised the dead; He fulfilled what the prophets said; He had total control of the creation; and, He overcame sin and death. We have many witnesses that attest to His deity (His mother, His brother, His disciples, God the Father, the angels, the demons, the prophets, John the Baptist, the Bible, and, above all Jesus Himself).