

JESUS CHRIST

GOD. MAN. SAVIOUR.

SERMON NOTES: I AM: JESUS (14 February 2016)

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-29

Mark 4:35-41

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KEY POINTS

- + Your religion is not what you believe, it is what shapes your behaviour and is an expression of your ultimate reality.
- + For Christians, one of the core beliefs must be that Jesus is God. On this hinges whether or not we see the purpose of life as being happy; whether or not we see God as present in our lives; whether or not good people go to heaven when they die.
- + Historical accounts, gospel accounts, the acts and epistles and church tradition all point to Jesus having been on earth. Interest in him grew in the years and decades after his departure from earth.
- + We have a tendency to co-opt Jesus into our ideology, make him on our side when it comes to values and ideals.
- + Jesus' disciples recognised that he was not just a prophet, but that he was God: they knew Yahweh to be the only one to control wind/sea (Mark 4); he forgave sin and spoke of judgement (which only God could do); he claimed to have seen the Father and he allowed people to worship him.
- + At the heart of this is that Jesus is fully God—not 'like' God—he is God in fullness as the Son. Jesus being God is to shape our ultimate reality, and Jesus being God shows how desperately God wants to come near to His people.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- + How does Jesus' divinity (his being God) impact your ultimate reality? How does this truth impact the tenants of belief from the research study mentioned (i.e. the central goal of life is to be happy/feel good; God is not particularly involved in our lives except when we need him to solve our problems; good people go to heaven when they die)?
- + Have there been ways that you have allowed your understanding of Jesus to be shaped by your own ideals/values? How can you
- + What do you find most challenging in believing that Jesus is God? What do you find most compelling?
- + **What stuck out to you from the teaching?** Did God remind you of something, or reveal something new? Did the Spirit minister to you?
- + **Were any questions raised for you?** Did you get stuck on any scriptures or points? Anything you need clarity on?
- + **Where do we see Jesus Christ in this teaching?** Jesus is at the centre of everything in the Scriptures. It follows that he is at the centre of everything we understand about church, faith and the Kingdom. What in the teaching has helped you see more of Jesus and the cross, or moved you to love him more?
- + **How can you personally apply this teaching?** Identify and commit to something you sense the Spirit is leading you to do in obedient response. Make it actionable and personal. What is in place to help you stay accountable to this?
- + **What/with whom can you share from here?** Who in your life needs to know the truth you've discovered? How can you share it with them?

Most definitive statements that Jesus is God:

Rom 9:5

The ancestors are theirs, and from them, by physical descent, came the Messiah, who is God over all, praised forever. Amen.

Heb 1:8

But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever..."

John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father...

Titus 2:13

...while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

John 20:28

"...My LORD and My God!..."

2 Peter 1:1

...through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ...

Acts 20:28

Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

OT passages about God applied to Jesus in NT

Psalm 110 Ac 2:34-36, Ro 8:34, Heb 10:12;
1 Pe 3:21-22, Ro 10:12,

Joel 2:32 Phil 2

Isaiah 6:10 Jn 12:41, Eph 4:8

Psalm 68:18 Eph 4:8

Ex 3:14 Jn 6:35, 8:12,24 10:7,9

Ez 34 Jn 10:7,9

Jesus' Identity with Yahweh ('LORD')

Rom 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead...

1 Cor 12:3

...no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Phil 2:11

...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Rev 19:16

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

Other

Mt 1:23	Jn 20:28
Jn 17:3	Phil 2:7-11
Col 2:2	Ac 9:5,17,27
2 Th 1:12	Jn 17:5
1 Tim 1:17	Eph 1:22
Ja 1:1	Jn 13:14-16
1 Jn 5:20	1 Tm 6:15
2 Cor 4:4-6	2 Tm 4:18
Ac 2:36-37	2 Pe 3:18
Jn 13:3	Rev 5:12
Lk 2:11	Acts 2:36
Lk 5:8	Rom 1:14
Mt 7:21-23	