

LESSON 2



JESUS WAS DIVINE

Scripture Text: John 1:1-10,14

Who is Jesus? Everything in our lives depends upon whether we know the true answer to this question. **By him all things consist** (Colossians 1:17). **In him we live, and move, and have our being** (Acts 17:28). Whatever He is, we are. If He falls, we fall. Our life, both physical and spiritual, depends upon Him. If He is just another human, we have no support and are without hope. If He is divine, we have all strength to support us in living a victorious life and having the hope of Heaven. By examining some of the qualities of Jesus recorded in the Bible, we can find who He is.

MEMORY VERSE: *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily* (Colossians 2:9).

In the Beginning

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. The beginning is as far back as we can go. Jesus' life did not begin when He was born as a baby. He had lived always with God His Father. He is from everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 90:2; 106:48). He is alive forevermore. He can never die again (Revelation 1:18; Romans 6:9). This eternally existing One is called **the Word**. He is the living Word and greater than the written Word, the Bible, because He produced it. He is God's message to us. God could trust no other (Hebrews 1:1-6). **The Word was God.** Jesus was God in the flesh, sent to live among those whom He had created. He was of the same substance and nature as His Father.

John 1:3 All things were made by Him. (See also Colossians 1:16.) Only the omniscient and omnipotent One has the knowledge and power required to create all things and operate them. All power and knowledge belonged to Jesus.

Jesus Is Life-Giving

John 1:4a In him was life. We, too, have life, but ours is borrowed life. His is His own (John 5:26). We have no power over our lives. He could lay His down or take it again (John 10:18). Jesus not only possessed life, He gave it to those who would ask it. He said, **I give unto them eternal life** (John 10:28). Here we see the necessity of our having a Savior Who is divine. No one but God can give life to a dead soul. Only as Jesus Christ is God can He save us.

Jesus Is the Light

John 1:4b Life was the light of men. The only light that would be able to shine into and enlighten the hearts of man. **And the light shineth in darkness**—as He dispelled darkness with light in the beginning of creation, He dispels darkness in the soul of man when He shines His light into their lives darkened by sin. **Darkness comprehended it not.** Satan, the ruler over the kingdom of darkness, cannot comprehend it.

John 1:9-10 That was the true Light. Light is truth and truth is light. Without Christ our souls are in darkness. Christ sends light to show us the right way and lead us out of darkness. His light is given to every man. Not every man walks in it, but it is shining for him if only he will turn his eyes to it. How the world needs light! Blindly the great multitudes turn from Jesus now as when He came two thousand years ago, ignorant of their loss. Walking in darkness, they reject their only hope of salvation. They fail to see Him as their Creator.

Believing Is the Key

John 1:14 The Word was made flesh. Here is proof that the Word is the same One as was born the human baby Jesus. Jesus is divine. He is Deity. Jesus is the Man Who lived and died and rose again in Palestine. He is truly God. To believe this is necessary to salvation. Jesus said, **I am from above . . . if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins** (John 8:23-24). To believe on Him as such is more than head knowledge. It begins there, goes on in faith, and continues in the action of casting oneself into His keeping. We do not truly believe until we trust Him.

When anyone tells us that Jesus was only a man subject to limits and faults as we are, turn from him as a false teacher. As Jesus walked these shores, taught the people, and healed the sick, He was God moving about as a man. **We beheld his glory.** No doubt when John wrote this his mind visioned Jesus clothed in heavenly beauty on the mount before him and Peter and James. But glimpses of His glory were always being shown forth as supplies of **grace and truth.** These brought from Peter the testimony, **And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God** (John 6:69). This same belief and testimony flows from the heart of every sinner as he becomes a saint. By His grace Jesus revealed God's love; by His truth He reveals God's light.

Notice in the memory verse that no quality or power possessed by any of the Trinity is lacking in Jesus. He has **all the fulness**—in abundance. **Bodily**—present in His body, in His person. He could say, **I am in the Father, and the Father in me** (John 14:10).

JUST A THOUGHT

**Can we fathom the grief of Christ coming to bless
only to be repulsed by those He made and loves?**

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