

Week 4 – Who Is Jesus?

Today we are going to talk about who Jesus is. We read in Matthew 16:13 Jesus asking his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” The Son of Man refers to Jesus Christ. So, let me ask you, who do you say Jesus is? (Wait for a few responses)

Jesus is the Son of God the Father. God the Father sent Jesus down to live on earth. When Jesus was here on earth, He was both 100% man and 100% God at the same time (Colossians 1:15). I know it is hard to understand, but the bible tells us He was both man and God. What this means is that when God became man in the person of Jesus Christ, He did not stop being God. The bible says, “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us”. The “Word” refers to Jesus. So it is saying that Jesus became a human just like you and me. Who knows, He may have played sports, as a boy just like you!

Probably one of the most important facts to remember about Jesus is that he is sinless. Not once while on earth did Jesus sin. Why is it important for us to know that Jesus never sinned one time? (Wait for responses) It is important because after He lived a perfect life, He died on a cross, but three days later He rose from the dead! When Jesus rose from the dead that meant that He could now take the punishment for the sin that we have done. If He had sinned even one time He could not take our sin upon Him. The bible says, “**He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God**” (2 Cor. 5:21). What this really means is that Jesus, who is perfect, took away your sin so that when God now sees you He sees you without any sin if you have placed your complete trust in Him..

Discussion Questions:

1. Does anyone have any questions about today’s lesson?
2. Why is it absolutely critical that we believe that Jesus lived a totally sinless life? [Answer: it is the only way He could become our substitute and take upon Himself our sin].
3. Why is it essential that we understand that Jesus, apart from being 100% God, had to be 100% man [Answer: He had to be man and be tempted in all the same ways we would be in order to take upon Himself our sin, i.e. our sin could not be placed upon an animal or something in nature]