

YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 6: JESUS THE CHRIST: THE SON OF GOD, TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN

Opening

- Names often have meanings attached to them. For example, the name *Sarah* means *princess* in Hebrew. The name *Rachel* means *lamb*. Perhaps you know what your name means.
- The personal name of the Son of God is *Jesus*. The Bible tells us what the name Jesus means in Matthew 1:21. It means _____. How does Jesus' name "fit" Him?
- Jesus is called other names too. Look up some of the passages below and see how they describe Him and His work.

Scripture Reference	Name
Matthew 1:23	
Matthew 8:2	
Matthew 8:20	
Matthew 8:29	
Matthew 9:27	
Matthew 11:2	
Luke 2:11	
John 1:14	
John 1:29	
John 1:41	
John 4:42	

Jesus Is God

When we study the *Trinity*, we learn that Jesus is the second person of the Godhead. He is "one" with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is therefore correct to say that "Jesus is God." Also, to say Jesus is the "Son of God" is to say that He is God too. (See 1 John 5:20.)

How does the Bible further show us that Jesus is God? It shows us in four ways.

- A. _____
Romans 9:5 (546); Matthew 1:23 (549)
- B. _____
John 21:27 (552); John 1:1 (553); Matthew 28:20 (554)
Colossians 1:16
- C. _____
Matthew 8:23-27 (557)
- D. _____
John 5:23 (565)

**What is an
attribute or a
characteristic?**

**What are God's
characteristics?**

Eternal
Omnipotent
Omnipresent
Omniscient

**What are Jesus'
characteristics?**

**Are they the
same?**

**Does Jesus have
characteristics
that only God can
have?**

**If so, then Jesus
must be true God!**

Bible History

Jesus did many miracles which reveal to us His glory as true God. How many miracles can you remember for your Bible lessons?



Look at the chart *The Miracles of Jesus Christ*.
(Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts, p. 299)

Jesus Is Man (Human)

Jesus has been true God from eternity, but He has not always been human. He became human when He was conceived in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:30-31). We say that Jesus has *two natures*, divine and human. This means that He is fully God and fully human *in the same person*. This is a mystery. We do not understand how it can be so, but this is what the Bible teaches. In addition to calling Him God, the Bible also calls Him a "man" such as in 1 Timothy 2:5 (567).

Jesus, who is the eternal God had a definite historical beginning *in time* as a man (see Jn 8:57-58). The teaching that God became man is called the *incarnation* (becoming flesh). Many of the Christmas hymns in our Hymnal praise God for this. See *Lutheran Hymnal* 76:2; 77:2; 78:1; 80:1-2.



- If you wanted to prove to someone that you were a real person, what would you tell them? The Bible proves that Jesus is a true human being. How do these Bible verses show that fact?

Luke 24:39 (570)

Luke 2:5-7

Mark 4:38 (574)

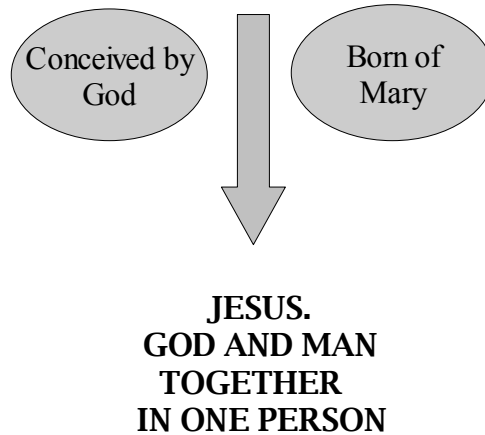
John 11:35 (575)

John 19:28 (576)

The Person of Jesus

Since His conception, Jesus is both true God and true man:

Romans 1:3-4 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.



The *Athanasian Creed* states, "The right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man. God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man of the substance of His mother, born in the world; perfect God and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting; equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood; who, although He be God and Man, yet He is not two, but one Christ.

Bible History

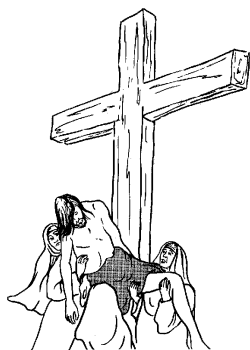


How did Jesus become a human being?

Listen to Luke 1:26-35 (The Annunciation)

Listen to Luke 2:1-7 (The Birth of Christ)

Why Does It Matter?



We might ask, "Why is it important to know and believe that Jesus is both God and human?" The answer is that if He were not both, your sins could not be forgiven.

- In order to keep God's holy law for us as our representative before God, He had to become one of us (be truly human). See Galatians 4:4-5 (588).
→ **Active Obedience**
- In order to die as the sacrifice for our sins, He had to be human.
→ **Passive Obedience**
- Jesus has to be true God so that His sacrifice on the cross is valuable enough to pay for our sins. Psalm 49:7, "No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him--"

Review

- We must be on guard against all teachers that deny the full deity of Jesus. There are many such teachers including the Disciples of Christ, the Methodists, the United Church of Christ, Mormons, and even certain Lutherans.
- Why is it important for our salvation that Jesus is true man?
- Why is it important for our salvation that Jesus is true God?
- *Sydow Catechism Workbook*, pp. 64-66.

Luther's Catechism

- Read the Second Article with Luther's explanation on p. 112 of your catechisms. Look carefully at the first paragraph of the explanation. What does this tell us about Jesus? Do Luther's words agree with what we learn from the Bible about Jesus being God and man together?
- Review pp. 112-117 in your catechism.