



God's Answers to Good Questions

Lesson 3 - Who is Jesus Christ?

PREPARE

- Please read the following passages:
 - Matthew 16:13-16
 - Matthew 20:28
 - Mark 1:14-15
 - Luke 9:18-20
 - John 1:1-3
 - John 3:16-17
 - Philippians 2:5-11
 - Colossians 2:9
 - Colossians 1:15-20
 - Hebrews 1:1-3
 - Hebrews 2:14-15
- Watch the video lesson and complete the Study Guide while watching

STUDY GUIDE

I. Jesus's Own Question

A. Luke 9:18-22 - *“And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am? They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again. He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God. And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing; Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.”*

1. In answer to Jesus' question, the _____ reflect the answers of their day - what _____ in their time were saying:
 - a. _____ - the people thought John the Baptist was a _____... maybe Jesus is John the Baptist come back from the dead
 - b. _____ - could mean two things: 1) Jesus _____ the prophet Elijah from the Old Testament, or 2) they could be referencing the _____ that Elijah would come right before the coming of the _____

c. _____ -
maybe he's Elijah ... maybe he's Isaiah ... maybe he's Hosea ... maybe
he's one of those old prophets

2. Answers from our day:

- a. Jesus was a _____ (He was influential ... He was religious ... He really made a great impression on people ... He was just a human teacher)
- b. Jesus was such a _____ (He lived a good clean life ... we need good examples today ... often the position of mainline Protestant churches that have left the Bible long ago)
- c. Jesus was a _____ (He was the greatest of the prophets ... next to Muhammad)
- d. Jesus was a _____ (He took advantage of people ... He used people)
- e. "Jesus" is simply a _____ (people use His name to curse)

3. Jesus turned the question on His disciples:

- a. Peter speaks for all of them and says, "You are the _____ of God"
- b. The name "Christ" means " _____ " ... you are the Messiah

4. Matthew 16:13-16 - *"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

B. How does Jesus answer His own question?

2. Jesus is "the _____ of every creature"
 - a. This is not to say that Jesus had a _____ or a birthday
 - b. Jesus has _____ existed as the second person of the Trinity
 - c. The firstborn was the one who had the chief _____ and the chief _____
 - d. The firstborn was a position of _____, _____, and _____ ... everything is secondary to Jesus
3. Jesus is the Creator
4. Jesus _____ the creation of the world and through Him everything _____
5. Jesus is the only _____ and _____ of the Church
6. Jesus holds first place in _____ ... He has primacy
7. Jesus is the Savior and the Redeemer who _____ everything through His cross

C. Philippians 2:5-11 - *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

1. Jesus Christ was _____... He laid aside His prerogatives and set aside all His _____
2. Jesus humbled Himself by becoming _____ to the point of death
3. Jesus was obedient to the Father's will in _____

- a. He obeyed _____ of God's commands ... He _____ strayed from any of them
 - b. He obeyed the entirety of God's law, both in _____ and in _____
 - c. He did all the _____ that God required ... He never transgressed nor did He do a single _____ that God forbade
4. Jesus was the One who offered Himself up as a _____ upon the cross to pay the _____ for man's sin
 5. Jesus is the _____ of Glory

III. What Did Jesus Do?

A. John 1:1-3 - *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."*

1. Jesus is the _____ ... all things came into being through Him
2. God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit were _____ in creation

B. Hebrews 1:1-3 - *"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high ..."*

1. Jesus is the _____ representation of God's nature, so when we look at Christ, we see the _____
2. Christ is holding the _____ universe in His hand, and as long as He upholds it in His hand, it continues to _____ and operate as it was created to do

3. It's _____ to say that Jesus was just a mere man ... a mere _____ could not be the Creator who upholds all things by his powerful _____

4. Jesus made purification for sins

C. John 3:16-17 - *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."*

1. God didn't send Jesus into the world to _____, to _____, to _____ ... He sent Jesus to _____ and to _____ what was lost

2. Jesus is like a _____ who loses a sheep and goes out and searches on the hills until he _____ the sheep and brings it home

D. Mark 1:14-15 - *"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."*

E. Hebrews 2:14-15 - *"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."*

1. The Son of God came to do combat with the _____, to destroy him who held the power of _____ and to set free those whom the devil had taken _____ through the fear of death

2. As a result, the kingdom of Satan is increasingly _____ and _____, but the kingdom of Christ is _____ and _____ and bringing _____ and _____ with it

F. Matthew 20:28 - *"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."*