# **GETTING UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH JESUS**"Following Jesus" Series

Luke 9:18-22

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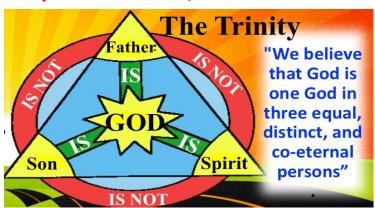
#### **Bottom Line:**

Jesus Christ questions his disciples about what the world believes and what they believe. Defending what we believe to a world that believes differently is a vital task of each believer.

1. Be aware of what our \_\_\_\_\_ thinks and says about Jesus. Luke 9:18-19; Acts 17

## QUESTIONS TO IDENTIFY WHAT PEOPLE/GROUPS BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

- 1. IS JESUS GOD? EQUAL TO GOD THE FATHER?
- 2. DID JESUS COME IN THE FLESH?
- 3. DO YOU HAVE OTHER WRITINGS THAT ARE EQUAL TO OR SUPERCEDE THE BIBLE?
- 4. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD?
- 5. DOES SALVATION DEPEND ON WORKS?
- 6. ARE ALL OTHER GROUPS WRONG?
- 2. Be able to communicate what the \_\_\_\_\_\_ teaches about the person and work of Jesus. Luke 9:20



### A. John 1:1-3 "and the Word was God."

An example of this doctrine being attacked is Jehovah's Witnesses translate John 1:1 "and the word was a god."

Your response should be:	
1) That translation is	
13, and 18 of John chapter 1 h	
structure as verse 1 yet, the J.	W.'s translate it differently.
2)rule of Gr	eek grammar "definite
predicate nominative (THEOS	–"God")does not take an
article when it precedes the ve	rb ("was") as in John 1:1.

- B. John 5:18 "[Jesus] making himself equal with God."
- C. John 8:58 "before Abraham was, I AM."



- D. John 10:30-33 "I and the Father are one."
  - The meaning of the above phrase is clear when the context is examined
- E. John 20:27-28 "my Lord and my God."

### Remember:

- 1. We should be motivated and mobilized by the fact that the identify of Jesus is under attack.
- 2. We should as followers of Jesus clearly defend His Deity and His Gospel.
- 3. We should remember that the identity of Christ and His message is what unites us as a church.