

'The Son of God and the Lord of Glory Series'

Sermons in the Gospel of John

Message 1 - The Eternal Christ John 1: 1 - 2



The Gospel of John is unique within the four gospels, and it has the explicit purpose of showing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and all those who believe in His name have life. As we can see in the opening verses, as John writes, he immediately introduces Christ as the eternal Word. Now, this is not something unique to the gospel of John, but throughout the Scriptures, the wonderful truth of the Triune God is set forth, and within that the absolute deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Within John's Gospel as we will see God willing during this series, there are a number of things that identify Christ as God, so keep them in your mind:

Jesus takes on the divine name of 'I am'. John 8:58, *'Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.'* Jesus also claimed that He was one in nature and essence with the Father. John 10:30, *'I and My Father are one.'* Yet, there are references throughout the Scriptures to titles the Lord Jesus Christ receives that are given to God. Shepherd (Psalm 23:1 – John 10:14), Judge (Gen 18:25 – 2 Tim. 4:1,8), Holy One (Isaiah 10:20 – Psalm 16:10), First and Last (Isaiah 44:6 – Rev. 1:17), Light (Psalm 27:1 – John 8:12), Lord of the Sabbath (Ex. 16:23 – Matt. 12:8), Saviour (Isa. 43:11 – Acts 4:12), Pierced One (Zech. 12:10 – John 19:37), Mighty God (Isaiah 10:21 – Isa. 9:6), Lord of Lords (Deut. 10:17 – Rev. 17:14), Alpha and Omega (Rev. 1:8 – Rev. 22:13), Lord of Glory (Psalm 24:10 – 1 Cor. 2:8), and Redeemer (Isa. 41:14 – Eph. 1:7).

Jesus Christ also shares in the attributes of God that are unique to Him, in that He is eternal (Mic. 5:2), omnipresent (Matt. 18:20), omniscient (Matt. 11:27), omnipotent (Phil. 3:21), immutable (Heb. 13:8), sovereign (Matt. 28:18), and glorious (John 17:5).

Jesus Christ also does the work that only God can do. He created all things, sustains creation, raises the dead, forgives sin, and His word endures forever.

Jesus Christ also received worship. John 9:38, *'Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.'* Yet, Christ's teaching made it clear that only God was to be worshiped. The Scriptures also reveal to us that angels refused worship (Rev. 22:8-9, *'Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.'*). Scriptures also reveal to us that holy men of God refused worship (Acts 10:25-26, *'As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man.'*).

Jesus Christ also received prayer that is only to be addressed to God. John 14:13-14, *'And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.'* Acts 7:59-60, *'And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.'*

There can be no confusion about the eternal Christ, His deity, any wrong thinking is inexcusable as the Scriptures are so clear. As one commentator summarises, *'Jesus Christ is the eternally pre-existent Word, who enjoys full face to face communion and divine life with the Father, and is Himself God.'*



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