

Jesus the Son of God

John 1:1-18

INTRODUCTION:

What does the bible say?

The key to our salvation is Jesus Christ, who is the God of our salvation and no other.

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

- ✚ Then in John 20:30 we see another very clear verse on the teaching that Jesus is the one who brings salvation.

John 20:30 ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. ²⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. ³⁰ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

³¹ **But these are written**, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and **that believing ye might have life through his name.**

- ✚ Therefore the purpose of the book of John is that you might believe.
- ✚ And that you might believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
- ✚ And that believing in his name you will have salvation.
- ✚ Also in the in the Book of Acts 13 we see Jesus as the Savior of all men.

Acts 13:33-49

²⁸ And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.

²⁹ And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.

³⁰ **But God raised him from the dead:**

³¹ And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

³² **And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,**

³³ **God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

- ✚ The answer to the word begotten has to do with the word begat. Like in the genealogy, Abraham begat Isaac, Isaac begat and so on.
- ✚ So the “word begat” simply means to bring forth.
- ✚ When Jesus is said to be begotten of the father, its speaking about the fact that God the father brought Jesus back to life.
- ✚ And when was that? It was at the resurrection.
- ✚ So begotten is speaking about God the father bringing forth again to life, the resurrection of Jesus.

Still not convinced?

- ✚ Then look at Revelation 1.

Revelation 1:5 King James Version (KJV)

⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, **and the first begotten of the dead,** and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

- ✚ So according to Revelation he is who?
- ✚ He is the “first begotten of the dead”
- ✚ It was psalm 2 being fulfilled.
- ✚ Because once he was dead, and then he was brought back to life again.
- ✚ So it’s not that Jesus was “begotten in the manger” or somehow in Genesis 1:1.
- ✚ No.....It was at his resurrection. (begotten from the dead). Brought forth from the dead.
- ✚ That’s why we can read the verses of Acts 13:34 and following and understand them better.
- ✚ Also we can read in **John 5:25-28** his Jesus is going to resurrection the saved and the unsaved. Just as his father did for him.

³⁴ **And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead,** now **no more to return to corruption,** he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

³⁵ Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou **shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

³⁶ For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, **and saw corruption:**

³⁷ **But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.**

³⁸ Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

³⁹ And by him all that **believe are justified** from all things, from which **ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**

⁴⁰ Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, **which is spoken of in the prophets;**

⁴¹ Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

⁴² And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

⁴³ Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

⁴⁷ For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

- The movements today in religious circles is to try and diminish the Word of God when it comes to identifying who Jesus is?
- The work of salvation that was done on the cross by Jesus is discounted, and mans works have been elevated as something that is necessary for salvation?
- Even in the OT Jesus was declared as the one who saves man. But this is so often overlooked by those proclaiming a works based salvation.

- ✓ **So how are we supposed to defend the gospel message?**
- ✓ **How are we going to be able to silence those critics, and those professors of theology from those well know universities?**
- ✓ **With what authority can we retaliate without running the risk of our answers merely being our own opinions?**

✚ Don't think that these questions and arguments are new to us. Because these are the same arguments given by the unsaved heretics of the Apostles days.

- ❖ To answer we really only need the book of John.
- ❖ From which we can silence many false doctrines and teachings.

JOHN 1: 1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² The same was in the beginning with God.

1. These first 2 verses in John blows the concept out of the water for those who believe in modalism who believe that Jesus is God the Father.
 2. First of all when we look at the words “**In the beginning was the Word**”, the whole passage hinges on us being able to be correct and true to this interpretation.
 3. So when we look at these 2 verses, the one thing that stands out the most for us is that Jesus is with God.
 4. And if Jesus is with God that means the Son was with the Father right from the beginning.
- ✚ The word in the beginning is really only mentioned here for our benefit. The word beginning here is referring to when our beginning started (the human race and the creation as we know it) and is not related to the beginning of God.
- ✚ So as we look now at this sentence of the first part of verse 1 we need to realize that it is relevant only from our human existence point of view.

Now next we have to look at the next part of that sentence which says “**was the Word**”.

1. For us to answer this question of the meaning of the word “**WORD**”, we can look to the scriptures in several places without just looking at verse 14 in our text which we will also do shortly.

Firstly: Lets take a look at Genesis 1:1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

1. When God created the heaven and the earth he created it for his pleasure.
2. The bible tells us that God created the heaven and the earth here in Genesis 1 verse 1. He also tells us that it was good.

Secondly let's look at Genesis 3:15.

Genesis 3:15 ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

1. This is the first mention in the OT of Jesus Christ our Lord who would come to this earth. The Lord said that between Satan and the woman's seed (Jesus Christ) there would be enmity (hostility).
2. So here we can determine that Jesus was coming in the flesh.

Thirdly now that we know Jesus our Lord was coming

1. Now that we know that Jesus was coming it helps us to understand the other scriptures more easily, just like the scripture in Isaiah 9:6, speaking of our wonderful councilor the mighty God.

Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

2. Other places we can look to the deity of our Lord Jesus is in Hebrews 1:8.

Hebrews 1:8 ⁸ **But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God,** is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

3. Un-deniably we can confirm that Jesus is God.
4. What about the other scripture that comes to mind of 1 John 5:7

Fourthly we confirm the Word.

1 John 5:7 ⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the **Word**, and the Holy Ghost: and **these three are one.**

1. With the confirmation of the scriptures prior to the ones we are going to read now, we have confirmed our Lords position and title of “God”, his position as God the Fathers Son, and also that he has been referred to in the triune head as the “**Word**”.
 2. The confirmation of His position and title therefore leave us with no doubt of who our Lord Jesus is.
 3. The rest of our verse 1 text this morning also goes on to confirm for us that “**and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**”
 4. That means for us two things.
 - A. Jesus was always with God the Father prior to his earthly birth.
 - B. Jesus is God.
 - C. These two facts can never change, and neither can they be altered by anyone in any way to mean anything different, but testifies to his righteousness and heavenly position as God, the Son of His Farther in heaven.
 5. The significance of this scripture here in John 1 verse 1 is the dividing line among many religions today.
 6. Your Salvation is measured upon your very belief in these words.
 7. Alter them or shut them out of your mind, or tramp upon them and you shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
-  There will of course be many skeptics that will come your way some time or other and they might even try to sway your thoughts or belief, or they may even question your ability to believe in such a statement with truth in your heart.

- ✚ They may present other non biblical evidence which might even tempt you in rethinking your approach to the bible.

Be warned these people are out there and would love nothing better than to persuade you otherwise.

- The Day of Judgment will be carried out by the one who is known here in John chapter 1 and verse 1. It's the same Lord we see who will judge in Revelation.

Revelation 19:12-13

¹²His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

¹³.And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God.**

SCRIPTURES CONFIRMING JESUS IS GOD

1. We cannot help ourselves unless we can begin to grasp the fact that Jesus Christ is the Word, who is God.
2. Time and time again when we read about Jesus we don't stop to think that he is our GOD.
3. So let's take the time this morning to pay honor and tribute to who Jesus is.

Let's look to the scriptures one more time:

Here is a list of those scriptures besides the ones I have mentioned.

1 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

- This is another verse claiming Jesus eternal relationship with God the Father.
- **John 6:62**⁶² What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up **where he was before?**
- **Colossians 1:15**¹⁵ **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:
- **Colossians 2:9**⁹ For in him dwelleth **all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**
 - Don't deny him now?

Can you imagine how many times we have read over these very verses and never stopped to take it in to see what it means?

1. We get so complacent with scripture that eventually we really not listening to what it is telling us?

✚ Who will say Amen to that?

In order for the Word, which is Jesus; to have the ability to have power over death and Satan, he would have to be God, right? For how else could he save us if he was but a man?

1. The scriptures say he has the power to destroy both death and the devil.

Hebrews 2:14

¹⁴ 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;

2. What about Luke 10:18

Luke 10:18 ¹⁸ And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

1. How much more we know that Jesus was from heaven originally than by this following scripture quotation in Luke 10:18.
2. If the Lord was not in heaven at the time how would he have been able to see it, let alone say that he had seen Satan fall from heaven. Satan was dispatched in an instant, in the twinkle of an eye like the speed of lightening because he had sinned against God and therefore there was no place left for him but to be cast down.

As we look to the next statement from the scriptures it is undoubtedly that of God.

1. Who on this earth could ever make a claim like the following one I am going to give you from the scriptures.
2. The only person ever to make a claim like this would have to be God. In this case it is Jesus Christ our God.

John 17:5 ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

3. It would not have been possible for Jesus Christ to have said this if he was not in a position to quantify that statement. He was making the request to His Father in heaven, a request that signifies that even before creation he was with God the Father.
4. Before this world was ever created Jesus was in heaven with God the Father.

So when we look to answer the question of the first verse in John 1:1, we have to realize it is talking about Jesus Christ our creator of this world. The in the beginning statement is the beginning of the Lords creation.

It is only when we get to Genesis 1:26 that we finally realize that there is a triune Godhead. The statement of that verse is what forever will lead mankind to wonder about the Godhead described here in God's Word. Some will embrace it whilst others will reject it.

Genesis 1:26

²⁶ **And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:** and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

5. We can comfortably answer three questions today that we have seen answered here in the scriptures this morning.

Namely:

1. Who is the WORD?
2. When did the WORD exist?
3. Who is responsible for creation?

² **The same was in the beginning with God.**

1. Jesus Christ our Lord. (The Word).
2. Eternal with God the Father.

³ **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

1. He is responsible for creation.
2. Everything in creation was made by Jesus Christ.
3. That includes heaven and earth, and man.
4. The answer to all creation is found in the bible. The book of Genesis speaks of the creation coming into existences and testifies of the creator.

Whilst the New Testament continues to deliver the same message of Genesis, we are thankful to the Lord that we have had the opportunity to be certain of our creator, king and redeemer.

When we read the following verses in **John 1 verse 14 and 18** we again begin to realize the confirmation of the position Jesus Christ our Lord holds.

1. If there is any further doubt as to who Jesus Christ our Lord is.
2. The bible attests to us here that there has never been a time when any man has ever seen God the Father.
3. Yet the bible also attest here, that the one and only to see God the Father has been the only begotten Son which has always been in the bosom of His Father.
4. No amount of imagination is necessary to see who Jesus is?
5. Yet there are still people today who will not believe it to be so, that Jesus is God.

The question for us today, and the message or us today is this?

1. What does Jesus mean to you?
2. What position do you ascribe to Jesus Christ?
3. Do you truly believe what the Bible says about Him?

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and Jesus Christ is God.

PRAYER.....CLOSURE.

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