



The **WORD**

Made Flesh



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Lesson 6

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A Story to Ponder...

An army officer in a Communist country forced a minister into his study at pistol point. Three times the officer demanded that the minister deny that Christ was the divine Son of God, on pain of possible death if he refused. Three times the man of God refused to deny his Lord.

With tears streaming down his cheeks the Communist burst out, "I too believe, but I didn't know until now that there were men who would die for this faith. Now I can go out and die for it also."

In this lesson we will look to see what the Bible reveals about Jesus Christ.



What was the purpose of Jesus in coming to this planet? _____



Matt. 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins. **Matt. 1:23**--Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us**.



The Bible says that Christ didn't have a _____ or an _____, and that He has existed from _____.



Micah 5:2 But thou, **Bethlehem Ephratah**, though thou be little among the thousands of **Judah**, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in **Israel**; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. (**Matt. 2:1-8**; **Luke 2:4-7,15**) **Hebrews 7:3**--Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the **Son of God**; abideth a priest continually.



The Bible says that Jesus shares in the _____ of God the Father.



Isaiah 48:11--For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another. **John 17:5**--And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. **Colossians 2:9**--For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.



We have only one perfect photograph of God, and this is **Jesus Christ**. (**Matt. 4:23,9:35**)



The Bible reveals that Jesus claimed the divine name _____.



Exodus 3:14 And God said unto **Moses**, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of **Israel**, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. **John 8:58**--Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am**.



So far, we've seen that Jesus has not only the same name as God the father, but he also shares the *Glory of God* and has the same eternal characteristics. This would mean that Jesus, as a member of the *Godhead*, would also be entitled to *Worship* that is due only to *God*. Do we see him claiming that right?



Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. **Matthew 28:9**--And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. (Matt. 14:31-33, John 9:35-38, Matt. 9:18,19,)



The Bible says that Jesus accepted _____ from people. [Compare also Exodus 34:14; Acts 10:25-26; Revelation 22:8-9] It also shows that God not only allows, but commands worship of Jesus. (Phil. 2:9-11, Heb. 1:6)



Isaiah 9:6 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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Bible specifically refers to Jesus as _____ and it also says that He is the _____ of God.



[See also John 20:28; Romans 9:5; Hebrews 1:8; Philippians 2:5-6]



John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



So Jesus is the word of *God* in human form! The Bible in the form of a man! *God* first gave us his word straight from his mouth, but when mankind forgot his word, then He gave us his word in written form. And when mankind had reached the point that he had forgotten *God's* written word, then *God* gave us His word in human form. *God* has given us every opportunity to understand His word!



John 3:16 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. (John 3:17, Mark 2:17)



Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.



The Bible says that God spoke _____ into existence.



Notice that when God spoke, light appeared (light represents truth - see Psalm 43:3; Psalm 119:105; John 14:6). The act of speaking is the use of words - so here is the first Biblical reference to the word of God. This means that the Word of God is the one involved with the creation of the world!



John 1:3 confirms "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." Isaiah 44:24--Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;



The Bible shows that Jesus created _____ things. [See also Colossians 1:15-16; Hebrews 1:8,10] What other description is given of Christ?



Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. Revelation 22:13--I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. (Rev. 1:11, Isaiah 48:12)



These verses refer to Christ as the Alpha and the Omega. In the Greek language, Alpha was the first letter of the alphabet and omega was the last letter of the alphabet. When someone says the phrase "from a to z" we understand that they are referring to the whole thing - not only the first and the last, but everything in-between too. So these verses tell us that Jesus Christ, the Creator of the world and the Word of God, is everything - from the beginning to the ending! From Christ all truth radiates. (John 14:6)



In order to follow God, we must also acknowledge who? _____



1 John 2:22,23 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. (2 John 1:9, John 5:23)

CONCLUSION

In Christ, divinity and humanity were mysteriously combined, and man and God became one. He is both Creator and Redeemer. It is in this union that we find the hope of our fallen race. "He that hath the Son hath life" 1 John 5:12.