



[6] Who is Jesus Christ? | November 2, 2014

Recap: so far we've looked at:

- 1) Ways that we can know what is true and the truth claims of God
- 2) How God reveals Himself to us, by "general" revelation and "special" revelation
- 3) What God is like from Scripture, His attributes that we share and those that belong to Him alone
- 4) The nature of mankind: created in God's image, guilty with sin, redeemable by Jesus – who is the "second Adam"
- 5) How God's written Word, the Bible, is authoritative and everything we need for a relationship with God

This week we'll look at a question Jesus asked His disciples, the most important question any of us can grapple with: "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

100% Human, 100% God

Jesus is fully God.

Here are just a few verses pointing to His divinity: [John 10:30, 33](#); [John 5:18](#); [Philippians 2:5-6](#); [Colossians 2:9](#).

[Q] What are some ways that this fact reassures or encourages you?

Jesus is fully man.

[Q] How was He like us in the following verses? [Luke 2:52](#); [John 4:6, 19:28](#); [Matt. 4:2](#); [Luke 24:39](#).

[Q] How is He like, and unlike, us in [Hebrews 4:15](#)?

[Q] What are some ways His humanity encourages you?

Take a moment to pray and talk directly to Jesus, thanking Him for coming to earth and becoming fully man for your sake.

Prophet, Priest and King

When Christ came, we saw the fulfillment of these three roles, which were foreshadowed in the Old Testament:

1. The perfect prophet, who most fully reveals God and speaks God's words to us
2. The perfect high priest, who offered the supreme sacrifice for sins and who reconciles and brings His people near to God

- 3. The true and rightful king of the universe, who rules over the church and who will reign forever with a scepter of righteousness over the new heavens and new earth. (Isaiah 9:7; John 18:36)

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Amazingly, we as Christians can begin to imitate Jesus in each of these roles! We have been given a “prophetic” role as we proclaim the Gospel to the world and bring God’s saving Word to people. (Acts 1:8)

[Q] We are also priests, because Peter calls us “a royal priesthood” in 1 Peter 2:9. What priestly activities do you find for believers in the following passages?

[1 Peter 2:5](#)

[Hebrews 13:15-16](#)

[Romans 12:1](#)

We also share in the kingly authority of Christ, in part now ([Ephesians 2:6; 6:10–18; James 4:7; 1 John 4:4](#)), and in eternity ([Revelation 3:21](#)).

Respond

[Q] Can you see any fulfillment of the role of prophet in your life now? Of the role of priest? Of the role of king? How could each of these functions be developed in your life?

[Q] What happens when you dwell on who Jesus is, what He has done and is doing?

[2 Corinthians 3:18](#)

[1 Peter 1:7-8](#)

A great resource for increasing your love for Jesus is a small book by Pastor John Piper called, *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ* and is free to download: desiringgod.org/books/seeing-and-savoring-jesus-christ. We also have the video series available to all Valley attenders at rightnow.org/Media/Series/2195.

Family resources related to this week’s sermon: valleycommunity.cc/resources/faithathome/faithathomebelieve

Pray
