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LESSON # 25

“WHAT’S SO SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS?”



OBJECTIVE: There are many good people on the earth, and many good people have gone before us. Heroes and leaders. Jesus stands out from among them, but why, and what’s so special about Jesus?

Christianity is wrapped up in Jesus. What makes Jesus unique?

“Unique” means being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.

There are many things that are “unique” to Jesus, which in fact qualify for Him to be Savior and Lord. There is no one else like Him. Now or ever.

Let’s examine some of them. We are in no way examining all of them.

(I) HIS PRE-HISTORY

The scripture teaches us that Jesus existed before the Creation. In fact it tells us that Jesus IS the Creator. His history was written before He appeared on earth. Jesus was not “created,” He is from everlasting to everlasting, which is why His history can be written in advance.

John 1:3

All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Colossians 1:16

For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him.



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1 Corinthians 8:6

yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

John 1:10

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him

(2) BIRTH

HE WAS SPOKEN OF IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 72:11 *May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!*

Isaiah 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 53:3-7 *He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.*

Zechariah 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*
Born of a Virgin

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

(3) HIS DEATH

Is **unlike** any other death, in that He came to die for our sins and take our place on the cross.



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He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." – **1 Peter 2:24**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." –**John 3:16-17**

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5

Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." **John 3:7-8**

JESUS THROUGH HIS DEATH IS ABLE TO BRING OTHERS TO HEAVEN

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." **Luke 23:43**

(4) HIS RESURRECTION

He is unlike any other in His resurrection and that He would never die again, but ascended into heaven.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 5:24-25

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.



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2 Timothy 1:10

but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Acts 14:22

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strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

THE TOMB OF JESUS WAS / IS EMPTY

Luke 24:2-3 "And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus."

JESUS RESURRECTION BROUGHT OTHERS TO LIFE! THIS ROMAN CENTURION, A COMMANDER OF ONE HUNDRED SOLDIERS TESTIFIES TO THE RESURRECTION.

Matthew 27:52-54 "The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

(5) HIS RETURN

After His life, death on the cross, resurrection, ascension into heaven, he is coming back again. Who else is like that?



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Revelation 20:4

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

1 Corinthians 15:52

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

Matthew 25:13

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 24:27

For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

(6) HIS DIETY (defined as 'being God') & HUMANITY

Jesus was fully God and fully man **100% God 100% man**. He wasn't 50% God and 50% man, but fully God and fully man. The following scriptures show that Jesus was God in the flesh

John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 5:18, "For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God."

John 8:24, "I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins."

John 8:58, "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.'"



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Exodus 3:14, "And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'; and He said, Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

John 10:30-33, "I and the Father are one." 31 The Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God."

(7) HIS ASCENSION

John 7:33

Therefore Jesus said, "For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.

John 16:28

"I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father."

John 20:17

Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

John 14:2

"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

Mark 16:19

So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Luke 24:51

While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

Acts 1:9

And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

(8) HIS SINLESSNESS



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1 Peter 2:22

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

1 John 3:5

You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.

EVEN PONTIUS PILATE KNEW HE HAD NO SIN

Matthew 27:24

When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves."

John 19:4

Pilate came out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him."

Isaiah 53:9

His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

Nobody has ever been like Jesus and nobody will ever be.

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