

# THE KNOW SERIES

Who, What, When, Where, Why, How of the Christian Experience

## CLASS # 8

### “Jesus: God’s Son, Man of History”



**OBJECTIVE:** Jesus made one of the most radical claims possible: that He was the **ONLY** way to God. The **ONLY** way to heaven. This is what Francis Schaffer called, “an exclusive claim in an inclusive age.” This is such a radical claim we will be examining it quite carefully this week.

#### (I) HE IS THE **ONLY WAY**, TRUTH AND LIFE!

A) We continue to look at why we believe that Jesus is God. We also need to look at this important verse that Jesus made about Himself.

#### **John 14:6**

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

B) C.S. Lewis said of this verse that it only leaves us three alternatives:

#### **LIAR, LORD, LUNATIC**

1) **LIAR**. If He was a liar you would have to ask why He would lie about this. After all it is a matter of eternal salvation. Or he was the devil come to deceive people and to get them to put their faith in one who could never save.

#### WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THIS?

2) **LORD**. He was exactly who He said He was.

**WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS? IT SEEMS INDISPUTABLE THAT HE WAS WHO HE SAID HE WAS. THE MIRACLES, THE PROPHECIES, HIS LIFE ALL POINTED TO THE FACT THAT HE WAS IN FACT THE SON OF GOD. IF HE WAS HE STILL IS.**



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**3) LUNATIC.** This argument says that the person who created the greatest moral, ethical and religious system in all of history was nuts. The argument is too far-fetched.

### (C) JESUS IS GOD

#### (I) JESUS POSSESS ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

##### (A) **Omnipresent** (God is Everywhere)- Matthew 28:18-20

###### Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

##### (B) **Omnipotent** (God is All Powerful) Matthew 28:18

##### (C) **Omniscient** (God Knows Everything) John 16:30

###### John 16:30

<sup>30</sup> Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

##### (D) **Eternal** John 1:1, 2

###### John 1:1-2

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.

##### (E) **Holy**-Acts 3:14

###### Acts 3:14

<sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

##### (F) **Creator**-Colossians 1:16, 17

###### Colossians 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

#### (II) JESUS IS CALLED GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



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### (A) John 10:29-33

<sup>19</sup> At these words the Jews were again divided. <sup>20</sup> Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?" <sup>21</sup> But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" <sup>22</sup> Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one." <sup>31</sup> Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup> but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" <sup>33</sup> "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

### (B) John 20:28

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

(C) Who is called God in Hebrews 1:8?

**Hebrews 1:8 (NIV)** <sup>8</sup> But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom."

### (III) THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS

(A) Webster's definition of unique "being the only one".

(B) Unique in His virgin birth:

### (C) Propheesied in Isaiah 7:14

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

### (D) Fulfilled in Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name



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Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

(E) Unique in His sinless life-Hebrews 4:14-16

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

(F) Unique in His death:

(1) Why did He die? 1 Peter 3:18

### 1 Peter 3:18

<sup>18</sup> For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

(2) He was separated from the Father for the first time-Matthew 27:46.

### Matthew 27:46

<sup>46</sup> About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

(G) Unique in His resurrection from the dead (can not be disproved).

(1) It is recorded in the Bible-Matthew 28;

(2) Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20, 21

(3) Witnessed by over 500 people-1 Corinthians 15:1-8

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

<sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first



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importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

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