

Lesson 9 – Who Is Christ

Key Verse: Colossians 1:15–16

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.”

Overview

Edward Perronet wrote the famous hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.” As we hail the name of Jesus, we must first know who He is. Jesus asked His disciples in Mark 8:29, “Who do you say that I am?” That is the ultimate question that every person in the world must answer. As we answer this question, it is not enough to know *what* Jesus did, but we must know *who* He is. The study of Jesus in theology is called Christology. In this lesson we will discover who Jesus is so that we might worship Him properly.

He Has Existed Eternally

1. John 17:5. When did Christ have glory with the Father? _____
2. Genesis 1:1. When did God create the heavens and the earth? _____
3. John 1:1–2. What does John say about Christ? _____
4. Micah 5:2. What does this verse tell us about Christ’s existence? _____

5. Colossians 1:17. What does this verse say about Jesus? _____
6. John 8:58. According to this verse, when did Jesus exist? _____

He Is Fully Man

1. Hebrews 2:17. Who was Jesus made in the likeness of? _____
2. Luke 1:31. Where did the conception of Jesus take place? _____
3. Luke 2:52. What did Jesus increase (grow) in? _____
4. John 4:6. What happened to Jesus after His journey? _____
5. Matthew 4:2. What happened to Jesus after forty days of fasting? _____
6. John 11:35. How did Jesus respond to the death of Lazarus? _____

“Jesus was like us in every respect but one: he was without sin . . . [He] had to be fully human to serve as our perfectly obedient representative.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs*, pg. 68

He Is Fully God

1. Colossians 2:9. What dwells in Christ’s bodily form? _____
2. John 5:18. What did the Jewish leaders understand about Jesus? _____

3. Hebrews 1:3. What does this verse say about Christ’s nature? _____

4. Colossians 1:15. What does this verse reveal about Christ? _____

5. Philippians 2:5–7. How does Christ exist? _____
6. John 8:57–58. What title did Jesus claim for Himself? _____
7. Mathew 14:33. What did the disciples do? _____
8. Hebrews 1:6. What did the Father tell the angels to do? _____

“If Jesus wasn’t fully God, He could not have borne the full penalty for sin for the whole world. And if He didn’t bear the penalty for the whole world as a sinless man, there would be no valid payment for anyone’s sins, and nobody could be saved.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs*, pg. 70

The Hypostatic Union

What is the hypostatic union? The hypostatic union is the term used to describe how God the Son, Jesus Christ, took on a human nature, yet remained fully God at the same time. Jesus always had been God, but at the incarnation Jesus became a human being. The addition of the human nature to the divine nature is Jesus, the God-man. This is the hypostatic union, Jesus Christ, one Person, fully God and fully man.¹

¹ What is the hypostatic union? Gotquestions.org. <https://www.gotquestions.org/hypostatic-union.html>, accessed November 13, 2025.

“In AD 451, the Council of Chalcedon agreed that Jesus was at the same time human and divine, involving a ‘hypostatic union’ of the two natures without confusion, without change, without division, and without separation.”
—“Hypostatic Union”, John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, eds., *Biblical Doctrines*, pg. 264

Application

1. In what ways does this lesson challenge your knowledge of Christ?
2. How does the humanity of Christ draw you to worship Christ?
3. How does the deity of Christ draw you to worship Christ?