

Who is Jesus?
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Good morning, Lighthouse, are you ready for the Word of God this morning?

First of all, before we even get started, I want you to know that there is no way I can thoroughly explain who Jesus is in a single 30-minute sermon.

There are literally hundreds of passages of scripture that specifically address all the various aspects of Who Jesus is.

What I will attempt to do today is to clear up some of the most common misunderstandings that get in the way of our knowing Jesus.

Jesus wants you to know Him; to really know Him. I trust that what you want as well.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, **that we may know him** that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Paul wanted to know Jesus; even to the point of suffering with and for Him.

Philippians 3:10 **That I may know him**, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Over the last two weeks we have established through numerous passages of scripture that far beyond any question, Jesus is God.

Jesus is the Great I Am, Jesus is God manifest in the flesh, Jesus is the Creator of all that is, Jesus is our Great High Priest, Jesus is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, Jesus is the Rock of Ages upon which is built every true Church; Jesus is our Redeemer, our Lord, our Savior...and so much more.

We are known by various cults as "Trinitarians".

We believe in what is known as The Trinity. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

They say of us in their ignorance, "We worship One God and you people worship three gods; there is only one God; His name is Jehovah".

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Because in their blinded ignorance they cannot understand what the Bible tells us of Who Jesus is, they reject Him entirely.

These various cults have had to re-write the Bible in order to conform to their religious idea of worshipping Jehovah.

Thus, they reject the idea that Jesus, the real Jehovah, being God in flesh, is the one and only true Savior of the world.

I. Truly, there is only one God.

A. The Trinity, as you may understand it, is one God manifest in three persons.

1. The Great 3 in 1!

2. In Genesis we find that God created us “like Him”; we have a **body** (image), we have a **spirit** and we have a **soul**, oftentimes spoken of as our mind.

3. **Genesis 1:26** And God said, Let us make man [1] **in our image**, [2] **after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

4. God has an image, that image is Jesus.

Colossians 1:15 Speaks of Jesus, **Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:**

5. God IS a Spirit; invisible, yet real, alive and eternal. He is called the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, The Holy Ghost; He is God’s Spirit.

6. Within the Spirit of God exists the mind of God, the will of God and The Word of God.

7. **Romans 8:27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the **mind of the Spirit**, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to **the will of God**.

8. All of this is who our Father in Heaven is.

B. This concept of God being manifest in different persons is nothing new; it has always existed.

1. 31 times God - who is Yahweh, or Jehovah - presents Himself in a different role by name in the Old Testament.

Jehovah	- Everlasting (Gen 21:33)	Jehovah Nissi -
- The Lord - YaHW aY (Ex 6:2)	Jehovah Jireh	Banner (Ex 17:15)
Jehovah Ori	- Provider (Gen 22:14)	Jehovah Rapha
- Light (Psalm 27:1)	Jehovah Kabodhi	- Healer (Ex 15:26)
Jehovah Adonai	- Glory (Ps 3:3)	Jehovah Rohi
- God (Genesis 15:2)	Jehovah Kanna	- Shepherd (Ps 23:1)
Jehovah Bara	- Jealous God (Ex 34:14)	Jehovah Sabaoth
- Creator (Isaiah 40:28)	Jehovah Keren Yish'i	- of Hosts (1 Sam 1:3)
Jehovah Chereb	- Horn (Ps 18:2)	Jehovah Sel'i
- Sword (Deut 33:29)	Jehovah M'Kaddesh	- Rock (Ps 18:2)
Jehovah Elyon	- Sanctifier (Lv 20:8)	Jehovah Shalom
- Most High (Psalm 38:2)	Jehovah Ma'oz	- Peace (Jdg 6:24)
Jehovah Ganan	- Fortress (Jer 16:19)	Jehovah Shammah
- Defense (Ps 89:18)	Jehovah Machsi	- Present (Ezk 48:35)
Jehovah Go'el	- Refuge (Ps 91:9)	Jehovah Tsidkenu
- Redeemer (Is 49:26)	Jehovah Magen	- Righteous (Jer 23:6)
Jehovah Hamelech	- Shield (Deut 33:29)	Jehovah Tsori
- King (Ps 98:6)	Jehovah Mephalti	- Strength (Ps 19:14)
Jehovah Hashopet	- Deliverer (Ps 18:2)	Jehovah Yasha
- Judge (Jdg 6:27)	Jehovah Misqabbi	- Savior (Is 49:2)
Jehovah Olam	- High Tower (Ps 18:2)	

2. 31 times God, who is El or Elohim, presents Himself by name in a different role in the Old Testament as well.

El	- Great God - (Deut 10:17)	El Yeshuati
El Echad	El Hakkavod	- Salvation - (Isa 12:2).
- One God - (Mal 2:10)	- Glory - (Ps 29:3)	El Yeshuatenu
El Hanne'eman	El Hakkadosh	- Deliverance - (Ps 68:19)
- Faithful God - (Deut 7:9)	- Holy God - (Isa 5:16)	El Kanno
El Emet	El Hashamayim	- Jealous God - (Ex 20:5)
- Truth - (Ps.31:5)	- of Heavens -	El Hannora
El Tsaddik	(Ps 136:26)	- Awesome God - (Neh 9:32)
- Righteous God - (Is 45:21)	El Chaikai	El Kedem
El Shaddai	- My Life - (Ps 42:8)	- From Beginning - (Deut 33:27)
- All-Sufficient - (Gen. 17:1)	El Channun	El Mauzi
El Elyon	- Gracious - (Jon 4:2)	- My Strength - (Ps 43:2)
- Most High - (Gen 14:20)	El Sali	El Mishpat
El Olam	- My Strength - (Ps. 42:9)	- Justice - (Is 30:18)
- Everlasting - (Gen 21:33)	El Erekh Apayim	El Selichot
El Ro'i	- Patience - (Rom 15:5)	- Forgiveness - (Neh 9:17)
- God Who Sees - (Gen 16:13)	El Ha-tanchumim	El Tehilati
El Gibbor	- Comfort - (2 Cor 1:3)	- My Praise - (Ps 109:1)
- Mighty God - (Isa 9:6)	El Rachum	El Tzur
El De'ot	- Compassion - (Deut 4:31)	- Our Rock - (Deut 32:4)
- Knowledge - (1 Sam 2:3)	El malei Rachamim	
El Haggadol	- Merciful - (Det 4:31)	

3. There is one of these names of God that is a name above all names...Jehoshua, or Jehovah-shua, which in English is **Jesus!**

4. At this name, all the world will bow!

5. **Philippians 2:5-11**

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him **a name which is above every name:**

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

6. The meaning of that name Jehovah-shua is Jehovah [God] in His role as our Savior.

7. **Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

There truly is but one God and:

II. **Jesus IS that one God.**

A. *God is the Creator.*

1. It is Jesus who is the creator; not only of us but of this entire universe and beyond.

2. How far does His creative power reach?

3. **John 1:1-3**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and **without him was not any thing made that was made.**

4. **Colossians 1:15-19**

15 [Jesus] Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

5. Jesus is that one God.

B. Jesus also IS the Holy Spirit.

1. Since we are made like God, the reverse must be true that God is like us.
2. When I was saved, my spirit which was dead in sins was born again; passed from death unto life.
3. My spirit is not a body part or something I keep in my pocket or wallet; my spirit is **the real me**.
4. My body is a house in which my spirit resides; my house will go away, back to the dust...but my spirit will be somewhere forever; as will yours.
5. The Bible quite accurately refers to your spirit as **who** you are.

1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

6. Just as my spirit is me...the Holy Spirit IS JESUS.
7. The Holy Spirit is not some wind that blows or some sensational force that takes you over and causes a string of involuntary reactions; He is Jesus!
7. This is why He is called the Spirit of Christ.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

8. This means that if you have Jesus you have the Holy Ghost...and if you don't have Jesus you can't have the Holy Ghost.
9. It also means that if some nut in a pulpit is telling you to come down front and receive the Holy Ghost, he is preaching in blind ignorance and doesn't have a clue who Jesus or the Holy Spirit is.

C. Jesus also IS the Father.

1. **John 1:1**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**.

2. **John 1:14** And the Word [which was God] 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.

3. **John 14:1-11**

- 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.
- 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
- 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
- 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.
- 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
- 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?
- 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
- 11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Conclusion:

When Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and was told that He must be born again, he simply did not understand what he was being told.

John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?

Understanding who Jesus is, is no lightweight undertaking.

Darryl Corse the auto mechanic and Darryl Corse the Sunday School Teacher and Darry Corse the husband and father are three very different Darryls. Yet they are all the same person.

Last week we learned that when someone wants to know the answer to their biggest problems, God says, "I AM".

Jesus is God who took on flesh and died for my sins, was buried and rose again the third day.

God in flesh said it this way:

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.