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Theme: *What You Need To Know About Jesus*

Born of A Woman



The humanity of Jesus was attested to by those who walked with Him during His earthly sojourn (*Acts 1:1-10*). They saw and handled Jesus of Nazareth (*1 John 1:1-4*).

Jesus, born of the virgin Mary, had a body with all the **systems** known to be human. He had a **hearing system** - He heard the Father say, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again" (*John 12:28*); a **musculo-skeletal system** - He grew from a child to man, walked and became weary (*Luke 1:52; John 4:1-38*); a **digestive system** - He ate with

His disciples (*Matthew 26:17-29*); a **cardiovascular system** - He bled when scourged, crowned with thorns and nailed to the cross (*John 18-19*); a **respiratory system** - He labored for breath on the cross (*John 19:30*); and a **nervous system** - He was in pain upon the cross. Jesus felt joy, temptation, meekness and the full range of human senses. He was truly human.

More About Jesus

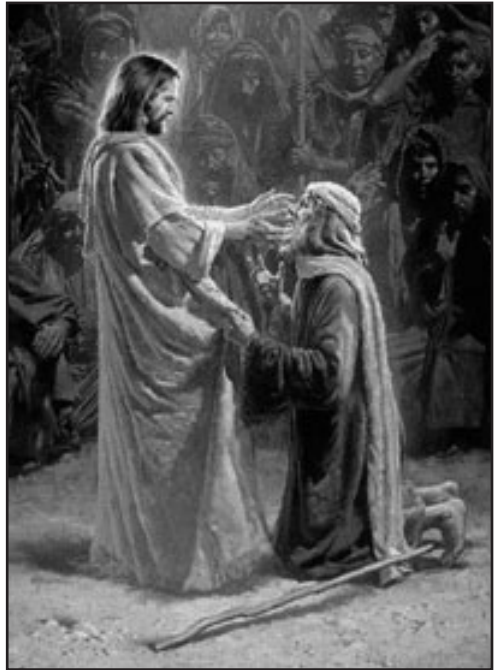


A Man Accredited by God

“Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him” (Acts 2:22).

To a skeptical world the miracles stand as the testimony of God to the divinity of Jesus. A ruler of the Jews declared, *“Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him” (John 3:2).*

Scripture records approximately three-dozen miracles performed by Jesus. Their nature and scope demonstrate the powers one expects from a man claiming to be God in the flesh. He turned water into wine (*John 2*), calmed the stormy sea (*Mark 4*), walked on the water (*John 6*), multiplied the fishes and loaves (*Matthew 14*), cast out demons (*Mark 5*) and raised the dead (*John 11*).



Even those seeking to find a “charge” to make against Him had to admit the validity of His miraculous deeds (*John 11:47-53*). The miracles of Jesus were God’s stamp of approval that declared, *“This is my Son” (Matthew 3:17).*

“Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30-31).

Crucified for Our Sins

Powerful - riveting - revolting - life-changing - overwhelming - humbling! These words describe the crucifixion of Jesus. It was the most horrific, most torturous, and most shameful way to die. The Romans didn't invent it but they perfected it. The objective was to make one experience as much pain as possible for as long as possible. It was shameful because the one crucified would be put on display for all to see.

There was no way to cover and hide one's face; rather, people watched as the crucified one hung hour after hour suffering in excruciating pain. The crucifixion also described powerlessness. No way to fight back, no way to rescue oneself - the only thing a person hanging on the cross could do was suffer and die.

With the physical details in mind, there is a very real spiritual message in the crucifixion of Jesus. The cross demonstrates God's power. In 1 Corinthians 1:18, the apostle writes, "*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*"

Jesus' love for us drove Him to submit to the cross so that we might have a relationship with Him that begins on earth and results in indescribable glory in heaven. Saving our souls is accomplished by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.



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Risen From the Dead

From the earliest days of His ministry Jesus had taught, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (*John 2:19*). He was speaking of the temple of His body (*John 2:20-22*). Shortly before the ordeal of the cross, Jesus’ own apostles did not understand the implications of their Lord’s prediction that, after His suffering in Jerusalem, He would rise again the third day (*Luke 18:33*).

Confusion and dismay in the hearts of the disciples gave way to joyful understanding and insight as they received triumphant news from the women who visited the tomb of Jesus early on Sunday morning. The stone was rolled away! The tomb was empty! An angel announced to the women, “He has risen from the dead” (*Matthew 28:7*). According to Scripture, it was impossible for death to hold Jesus under its power (*Acts 2:24*). He was raised by the Father’s glory (*Romans 6:4*), and death is no longer master over Him (*Romans 6:9*).

Christian faith stands or falls on the doctrine of the Christ’s resurrection, and the power of His rising is the guarantee of our own (*1 Corinthians 15*).

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The Very Nature of God

Before Jesus left heaven's glory to come to earth, He existed in the very form of God (Philippians 2:6). He was *"with God"* and He *"was God"* (John 1:1). Yet, He did not consider equality with God *"something to be grasped"* or held on to by force or selfish demand. He took *"the very nature of a servant"* (Philippians 2:7). He did not surrender His deity, but He surrendered His heavenly position to become a human being. Those who follow the Bible believe that Jesus is still the *"radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being"* (Hebrews 1:3). While on earth He was 100% man and 100% God. Indeed, He was God become flesh, God with us (Matthew 1:23).

This is why His disciples worshipped Him (Matthew 14:33), and prayed to Him (Acts 7:59). Inspired writers of the New Testament affirmed that He made Himself equal with God (John 5:18). Even His enemies understood His claim to be more than a mere man or just a good prophet. They declared: *"we are not stoning you for any of these, but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God"* (John 10:33). His affirmation to be the *"Son of the Blessed One"* was tantamount to a claim to have the very nature of God Himself, and under Jewish law any mere human who made such a claim deserved to be put to death (Mark 14:61-63). Jesus gave His life for the truthful testimony that He was more than a man!

The Bible says Christ is *"God over all"* (Romans 9:5), that the *"fullness of Deity lives in Him"* (Colossians 2:9), that He is both our *"God and Savior"* (2 Peter 1:1). He is the Jehovah of the Old Testament, for the very title (Lord/Jehovah) used for God in the Old Testament is applied to Jesus in the New Testament (Psalm 102:25-27 and Hebrews 1:10). Those who confess that Jesus is *"Lord"* are assured that *"everyone who calls on the name of the Lord (Jehovah) will be saved"* (Joel 2:32; Romans 10:9-13).

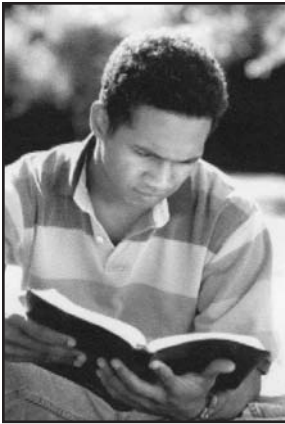
It is because Jesus is God our Savior that each of us needs to humbly believe in Him, and submit ourselves to His will. We need to get back to basics -- back to the Bible; back to Jesus!

Lord

The name of the Lord Jesus arrests our attention. The word “lord” means one who holds a place of authority. Jesus Christ still has authority two thousand years after His death and resurrection! The Bible says:

“God ... gave Him the name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).

Have you submitted your will to Jesus Christ? Only then can you really call Him “Lord”.



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The Bible Plan of Salvation

The gospel is the “power of God for the salvation” (Romans 1:16). Every person needs the saving gospel.

- The gospel will produce **faith in Christ**, for “faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17).

- **Repentance** is turning from sin and making the changes required by the gospel. Jesus said: “Unless you repent, you too will all perish” (Luke 13:3).

- **Confessing** one’s faith in Jesus is necessary for salvation. “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9).

- **Baptism** (immersion) follows. The Bible says: “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). At baptism one completes the necessary steps to receive God’s free gift of salvation.

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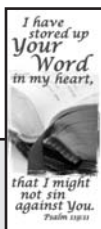
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