

# HOME STUDY COURSE

## The Savior

### THE SAVIOR, THE DELIVERER

*"Thou shalt call His Name, Jesus"*

When the angel, Gabriel, appeared to both Mary (Luke 1:31) and to Joseph (Matthew 1:21), he told each them they were to name their son "Jesus." The name, "Jesus," means "Deliverer; Savior" and is used of "One Who Rescues."



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Jesus specifically came to this earth to "save that which was lost" (Matthew 18:11). In fact, God the Father "sent the Son to be the Savior of the world" (1 John 4:14). Though born in Bethlehem, He had existed as the Son of God from all eternity (Micah 5:2).

So, "Who is this Jesus"? We want to know our Savior, our Deliverer!

1. What name did Gabriel tell Joseph and Mary to name their son?

2. What does His name mean and what does it signify to us? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What was the purpose of His being born? \_\_\_\_\_

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### JESUS, THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD

*"They shall call His Name, Immanuel...God with us."*

Was Jesus just a man? A prophet? Rabbi? Spiritual leader? Or, was Jesus more than that? Was He really the eternal Son of God Who became human - retaining His Deity - but evermore identifying with His creation by becoming one of them? The Bible clearly shows Jesus to be exactly this.

Jesus was indeed born in Bethlehem as the "Nativity story" relates (Luke 1-2). This is when He became human. He had existed from all eternity "in the form of God" but left Heaven to take on a human "body" (John 1:1-3, 14; Hebrews 2:9, 14-16; 10:5; Philippians 2:5-8). Even the Old Testament prophecy that predicted His birth in Bethlehem explicitly points out His pre-existent eternal nature (see Micah 5:2). The most quoted Passage from the Old Testament is Psalm 110. In It,

#### BIBLE FACTS:

- Jesus appeared during Old Testament times (Genesis 18; John 8:56-58)
- The most quoted Passage from the Old Testament appearing in the New is from Psalm 110.
- Jesus is referred to as the Lord some 250 times in the New Testament alone!
- The first specific reference to the coming of Jesus in the Bible is in Genesis 3:15.

David records a conversation between God the Father and God the Son (Jesus). Yet, David wrote this Psalm 1000 years before the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem! Still, without question, David was referring to Jesus (compare Psalm 110:1-4 to Matthew 22:42-44; Acts 2:34-36, for example).

Some recognized and honored Jesus as the eternal Son of God even while on earth and He accepted that honor. The Wise men worshipped Him (Matthew 2:11); John the Baptist declared His Divine preeminence (John 1:27-30, 34); the man who had been born blind believed in Him and worshipped Him (John 9:38); while the woman in Luke 7 anointed and worshipped at His feet (:36-50). When He walked on the water (Matthew 14:22-33), the disciples worshipped Him and declared Him "the Son of God." Following His resurrection, Thomas, who initially doubted, confessed, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26-29).

Jesus is the eternal "Word" (John 1:1-2). In the beginning He was "with God" and He "was God." He is the Creator, the life and the light of man (:3-4).

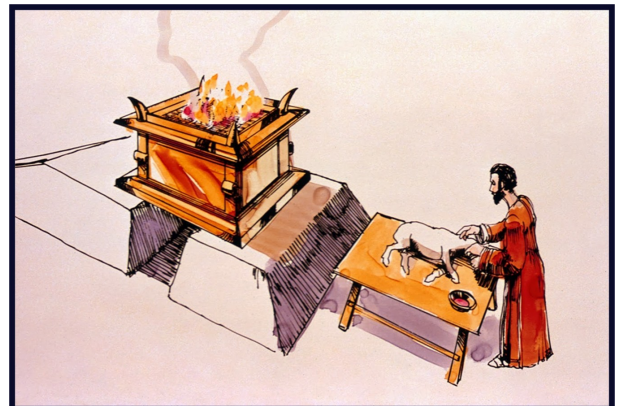
1. *Is Jesus just a man or more than a man? What is He?* \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Were there occasions when people recognized Jesus' Deity and worshipped Him?* \_\_\_\_\_

## JESUS, THE SACRIFICE FOR OUR SIN

*"Behold the Lamb of God!"*

God would never be completely satisfied with animal sacrifices for they could never permanently take away sin (Hebrews 10:1-4). In the mind of God sin is so serious, it takes much more to satisfy the offense made against Him in committing them. It required the sacrifice of the innocent Lamb of God, the shedding of the blood of Jesus. So a human body was prepared for Him by God the Father, put into the womb of Mary miraculously by the Holy Spirit; and, the eternal Son of God came into the world - His Spirit inhabiting that body (Hebrews 10:5; Luke 1:26-35). He was born and named Jesus.



Ultimately, He was crucified and that body was offered once and for all for sin. Isaiah 53, often quoted in the New Testament (e.g. Acts 8:32-35), prophesies of God laying our sins upon Him. Jesus came to be the sacrificial lamb, an offering for sin that would satisfy God (Isaiah 53:4-11). Only the giving of His body and blood in sacrifice was great enough for our sins (Hebrews 10:5-10, 14). With the offering of animal sacrifices, God remembered sins every year (:3), but with Jesus sins are remembered no more (:17).

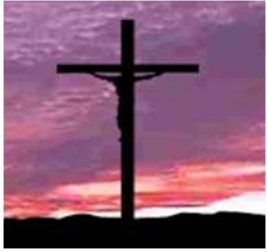
1. *Why could God not be satisfied by the sacrificing of animals?* \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Did Jesus have to be human to be our Savior?* \_\_\_\_\_

## JESUS, THE LORD AND KING

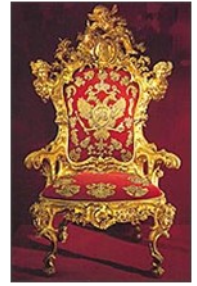
*"In the Name of the Lord Jesus"*

Jesus is our Savior, He is the sacrifice for the sins we commit. Many delight in picturing Him as the Savior Who went to the cross for us. Yet, Jesus is also our Lord and King. He is the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the blessed and only Potentate (i.e. Absolute Sovereign; 1 Timothy 6:14-15). To accept His Lordship means we subject ourselves to His complete authority (Matthew 28:18-20). Therefore, we must know what He wants us to do and we must do exactly that! No king would accept anything less.



Cross and throne - we must respect both. One must "call upon the Name of the Lord" to be saved (Romans 10:13; Acts 22:16), for "neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other Name...by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). In fact, everything we do must be done "in the Name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17).

When one acts "in the Name" of a person in a position of authority they do so being directed by that person's authority. So it is to be with us. Our obedience demonstrates our respect for His authority as Lord.



1. Name some of the many descriptions given of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does it mean to do something "in the Name of Jesus"? \_\_\_\_\_

## JESUS, THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

*"Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given"*

When Jesus' birth was announced, the angels made it clear that Jesus was being given to us (Luke 2:11). "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Isaiah had prophesied it many years before, "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given" (9:6). This signifies that His coming was "for us," in our behalf.

Job pondered the question of man and God ever being able to come together, for there is no one who can "mediate" between the two sides, Job said, no one who could equally reach both sides (Job 9:32-33). Yet He is "the Man, Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5) - fully Divine, fully human - enabling Him to perfectly reach both!

He is our one true Mediator, our Advocate with God, making intercession in our behalf (1 John 2:1; Romans 8:34). We have access to God by Him (John 14:6; Ephesians 2:18); and, we may confidently approach the "throne of grace" through Him "to obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15-16).

1. Why did the angels say Jesus was given to us? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Can there be any other Mediator between God and us? Why, or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

## THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

*"You shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory"*

Jesus' final act as Savior and King will be to return for those who have faithfully served Him and await their crown of victory, and to exact vengeance on those who have refused to do so (Romans 2:1-11). Jesus answered the question of His Divine Rule (at His trial by the council) by quoting from Daniel 7:13-14, saying they would one day see Him "sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and coming in the clouds of Heaven" (Matthew 26:64; Luke 22:69).

Without Jesus there would be no hope of resurrection from the dead. "But now Christ is risen from the dead," and "He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them," being their "merciful and faithful High Priest" (1 Corinthians 15:20; Hebrews 7:25; 2:17). Without Jesus, those who have died simply would have perished (1 Corinthians 15:17-18). "If the dead rise not," our philosophy might as well be "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" (:32).

Yet, Christians are a people "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). By God's grace (His favor), the Son of God became the Son of Man to "taste death for every man...that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the

Devil" (Hebrews 2:9, 14). Jesus "gave Himself for us" so that "He might redeem us (or, buy us back) from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His Own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14). Christians "eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" and live their lives accordingly (Philippians 3:20; Titus 2:11-3:3; Revelation 19:7-8).

Jesus was "given a kingdom" (Daniel 7:14) following His first coming to die on the cross for man. Now He rules from the throne at God's "own right hand" in Heaven, "far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named" (Ephesians 1:20-21); and God the Father "put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church, which is His body" (:22-23). Thus, He will rule as Head of this kingdom, the church, until "the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father" and shall "put down all rule and authority and power" at His second coming (1 Corinthians 15:24).

1. What is Jesus' final act as Savior and King? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who are God's "own special people"? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Give two consequences of Jesus being "just a man" who lived and died, and not the resurrected Son of God..

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

## JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR

*"The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world"*

In the greatest act of love, God gave us His Son to be our Savior that we might live through Him for all eternity (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9, 14). He is the eternal Son of God Who was given in sacrifice for our sin; the Lord and King, Who is the Mediator between God and man; He is the one Who is coming again; our Savior, our Deliverer.

The Bible teaches us so much about our Savior, from Genesis to Revelation. It is the story of Jesus and how we are saved by Him. The Lord wants us to be part of His kingdom and to stand with Him in the end. In the next two lessons we will further consider the church and the final judgment of God.

***<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.***

***<sup>17</sup>For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. - John 3:16-17***

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