

Exploring Christianity Study 1

Who is Jesus Christ?

Introduction

This study is the first of a short series in which we shall consider the basic facts of the Christian faith. This is why we begin with this topic — “Who is Jesus Christ?” You will need a copy of the Bible to do this study. These studies are based on using the King James Version of the Bible, and the words to be filled in the blanks are taken from this translation. Thus it is desirable that you use this translation (there are other good reasons to use it). The references are given as chapter and verse. Initially, you may wish to use the index at the front of your Bible to locate the books. However, you will soon get used to locating the verses. Fill in the blanks or indicate the correct answer as requested below. Please pray first to ask God to help you to understand His Word.

Section 1 — The claim of Jesus Christ.

Open John’s Gospel at chapter 5 and read verses 18-19 (John 5:18-19).

1a According to verse 18, what did the Jews think that Jesus Christ was claiming?

They thought that He was making himself to be _____ with God the Father.

1b Did Jesus Christ tell them that they were wrong in thinking that He was claiming to be equal with the Father?

Yes or No (circle your answer)?

Section 2 — How much is Jesus Christ to be honoured?

2a Read John 5:22-23 and then decide which one of the three statements below that you consider to be correct.

Put a line through the two incorrect statements.

(i) Jesus Christ is to be honoured less than the Father.

(ii) Jesus Christ is to be honoured the same as the Father.

(iii) Jesus Christ is to be honoured more than the Father.

2b If Jesus Christ is not honoured as He should be, then who is also dishonoured (insulted)?

The _____ is not honoured when Jesus Christ is not honoured (v23).

Section 3 — The Testimony of Thomas concerning Jesus Christ.

Read John 20:26-29.

3a What did Thomas say to Jesus Christ (v28)?

“My _____ and my _____.”

3b How did Jesus Christ respond to this statement of Thomas (v29)?

Did Jesus Christ tell Thomas that he was wrong (v29)? Yes or No (circle your answer)?

Section 4 — Who is this person known as the “Word?”

Read John 1:1-3.

4a According to verse 1, who was the “Word?” The Word was _____.

4b According to verse 3, what did the “Word” make? The Word made _____.

4c According to verse 14, what happened to the “Word?” The Word was made _____.

4d Review the information you have learned already in this section. Look at verse 14 again, and consider who is this person called the “Word.” Can you suggest a more familiar name for the “Word?”

Another name for the “Word” is _____.

Don’t worry if you don’t get this immediately. If you wish, just go on to the next section and return later. The answer will become clearer as you do the rest of the study.

Section 5 — How much of God is in Jesus Christ?

Read **Colossians 2:9** and decide which one of the three statements below that you consider to be correct. Delete the two incorrect statements.

- (i) Some of the fullness of the Godhead is in Jesus Christ bodily.
 - (ii) None of the fullness of the Godhead is in Jesus Christ bodily.
 - (iii) All of the fullness of the Godhead is in Jesus Christ bodily.
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Section 6 — Has God Been Revealed?

Read 1 Timothy 3:16 and answer the following questions:

6a How big is the mystery of godliness? The mystery of godliness is _____.

(A Bible “mystery” is something that was previously unknown, but has now been revealed.)

6b In what way was God manifest? God was manifest (revealed) in the _____.

6c What did people call God when He was manifest in the flesh?

God manifest in the flesh, was called _____.

Conclusion

There is a great gulf between the Creator and the creation, between God and his creatures. Which one is the Lord Jesus Christ? Is Jesus Christ the creator of all things, or a created being?

Based on what you have learned in this study, decide which one of the three statements below that you consider to be correct. Delete the two incorrect statements:

- (i) Jesus Christ was a great man but that’s all.
- (ii) Jesus Christ is just an angel (i.e. a created being).
- (iii) Jesus Christ is God.