

There has never been anyone like Him. He is unique among all men. He stands apart from all others. There is not one who could ever be compared to Him. No one has impacted this world more. To this day He still causes more love and more hatred than any one person (2 Cor. 2:14-16). He has many names. He is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the God-Man. He is the 2nd Person of the Triune God. He is the Agent of Creation, the Redeemer of sinful man. He is the Prophet, the Priest and the King of kings. By Him men may know and have access to God.

### Lesson 1: His Pre-Existence

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. This does not simply mean that He existed before He became a man. It means that He has always existed. He never had a \_\_\_\_\_. ***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”*** -John 1:1-2

### Lesson 2: His Deity

Speak of Him with great admiration and praise as the greatest of men, but, if you do not acknowledge Jesus Christ to be God in the flesh all your praises are but insults. Jesus is fully God as the 2nd Person of the Trinity. He has every Divine attribute. He is not a lesser god, but, as it has been said of Him, “very God of very God”.

1. He is \_\_\_\_\_ God in the OT, ***“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*** “Mighty God” is a name for God (Isa. 10:21). “Everlasting Father” does not mean Jesus is God the Father. It means that He is the “*possessor of eternity*” and “one who will rule his people like a loving, faithful father”.
2. He is \_\_\_\_\_ God in the NT, ***“while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”*** –Titus 2:13.
3. He is \_\_\_\_\_ and accepted worship
  1. By angels, ***“And again, when God brings His firstborn into the world He says, ‘Let all God’s angels worship Him.’”***
  2. By humans, ***“On coming to the house, [the Magi] saw the Child with***

***His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him.*** –

Matthew 2:11.

3. ***“Thomas said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’*** –John 20:28
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ to be God
  1. ***“...Before Abraham was born, I Am!”*** –John 8:58
  2. ***“For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.”*** –John 5:18
5. He was \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead (Rom. 1:4)

### **Lesson 3: His Incarnation**

“Incarnation” refers to act of the 2nd Person of the Trinity when He took on a

\_\_\_\_\_ of flesh and blood, ***“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh...”*** –

John 1:1, 14. When we talk about the Incarnation of Jesus Christ we have to talk about several important theological points:

1. It is important to understand that Jesus actually became a human being with a real body of flesh and blood. Many deny this and say His body was a “\_\_\_\_\_”. But the NT clearly teaches he had a real human body and condemns those who teach otherwise, ***“Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God”*** -1 John 4:2b.
2. While He became a man He did not become a \_\_\_\_\_ like the rest of mankind. He had a perfect human nature (without the sin nature) -2 Cor. 5:21.
3. The Incarnation created the \_\_\_\_\_. This refers to Jesus Christ who as one person possesses two natures. He is not two persons. He is one person possessing both the God-nature and the human nature. That is why He is called the God-man. He is fully God and He is fully man. (Col. 2:9; John 14:9; 20:8)
4. In the act of Incarnating, the \_\_\_\_\_ occurred (also called the “Condescension” or

“Humiliation”). This refers to the concept that Jesus emptied Himself of something when He took on human flesh. It must be stressed that His deity was not in any way diminished or stopped when He became a man. He “emptied” Himself of the independent use of His attributes and His visible glory. In other words, He maintained all His attributes as God but did not \_\_\_\_\_ some of them, and, He chose to \_\_\_\_\_ His visible glory.

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the incarnation was because God was providing:
1. A \_\_\_\_\_ for the Jews, “***He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His Father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end.***” –Luke 1:32-33.
  2. A \_\_\_\_\_ for mankind, “***And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.***” –Hebrews 10:10.

#### **Lesson 4: His Death**

The death of Jesus Christ is of supreme importance to us. It is of supreme worth to God and all those who believe in Him. It was the absolute \_\_\_\_\_ point of His humiliation (Phi. 2:8).

He was not \_\_\_\_\_ of men but voluntarily laid His life down (John 10:17-18). It was the purpose for which He came (Mt. 26:53-54; Acts 2:23).

He died as our \_\_\_\_\_. This means that He took our place. He suffered the penalty that rightly belonged to us. He did not deserve the punishment of death He received because He is innocent of sin. He chose to receive it for our sake so that we could be pardoned from our guilt. “***God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.***” -2 Cor. 5:21.

He died to \_\_\_\_\_ us. Redemption is when a price is paid to liberate someone from captivity. Jesus Christ’s death was the price paid to liberate sinners. “***For you know that is***

***was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*** -1 Peter 1:18-19.

He died to \_\_\_\_\_ us. Reconciliation is a change in relationship from hostility to peace. Because of our sin we were alienated from God but Christ's death restored God's favor. ***"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death..."*** (Col. 1:21-22).

He died to bring \_\_\_\_\_. ***"Jesus is the atoning sacrifice [propitiation] for our sins..."*** (1 John 2:2). This is a word that means "satisfaction". God was righteously angry with us because of our sin, but Christ through His death has appeased or satisfied God's wrath against us. There is now no "leftover" wrath. It was all quenched by Jesus Christ on the cross.

### **Lesson 5: His Resurrection**

Along with His death, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is of supreme importance. No one has ever been resurrected before. Others were restored to life but they died again. Jesus Christ's resurrection body is immortal, ***"I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!"*** –Revelation 1:18.

The significance of His resurrection is that it is \_\_\_\_\_ that our justification was secured by the death of Christ, ***"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."*** –Romans 4:25. In other words, God proves that He \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's payment for our sins by raising Him from the dead.

Chafer lists **7 reasons why Christ was resurrected:**

1. Because of what He is. He is the Eternal Son of God and it is \_\_\_\_\_ for Him to be held by death (Acts 2:24)
2. He arose because of who He is. As the Son of David He must yet \_\_\_\_\_ David's throne (2 Sam. 7:16; Acts 2:25-31)
3. To be \_\_\_\_\_ over all things to the Church, His Body (Eph. 1:22-23)
4. To be the Giver of \_\_\_\_\_ life (John 12:24)

5. To impart His resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 6:4; Eph. 1:19, 20)
6. So sinners might be \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 4:25)
7. To \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven as the pattern, or first-fruits, of all who being saved and conformed to Him will yet appear with Him in glory (1 Cor. 15:20; Phil. 3:20-21).

**Lesson 6: His Ascension**

Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended to heaven and is now at the right hand of God. As our \_\_\_\_\_ there He intercedes for us continually while He waits to return and establish \_\_\_\_\_ on earth (Acts 1:9; Heb. 1:3; 1 John 2:2; Rev. 20:4).

**Answer Key:**

**Lesson 1:** Pre-existent, beginning

**Lesson 2:** called, called, worshipped, claimed, raised

**Lesson 3:** human body, phantom, sinner, hypostatic union, Kenosis, use, hide, purpose, king, savior

**Lesson 4:** lowest, victim, substitute, redeem, reconcile, propitiation

**Lesson 5:** proof, accepts, impossible, occupy, Head, resurrection, power, justified, appear

**Lesson 6:** Advocate, His Kingdom