

## **“Who is Jesus Christ?”**

### **Introduction:**

Today we are going to look at the question, “Who is Jesus?”. Our study only scratches the surface ... the Bible contains many, many answers to the question. May God bless our study today and may the Holy Spirit lead us to spend more time reading and studying the Bible so that we come to a fuller, more complete understanding of the answer to the question, “Who is Jesus”?

### **Opening Devotion:**

**Jesus, Our Burden-Bearer** (taken from Max Lucado’s book entitled “God’s Inspirational Promises”

“When it comes to healing our spiritual condition, we don’t have a chance. We might as well be told to pole-vault the moon. We don’t have what it takes to be healed. Our only hope is that God will do for us what he did for the man at Bethesda – that he will step out of the temple and step into our ward of hurt and helplessness. Which is exactly what he has done ... I wish we could take Jesus at his word

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When he says we’re forgiven, let’s unload the guilt.  
When he says we’re valuable, let’s believe him.  
When he says we’re eternal, let’s bury our fear.  
When he says we’re provided for, let’s stop worrying.  
God’s efforts are strongest when our efforts are useless.”

### **Opening Prayer:**

#### **Isaiah 53 – Who is Jesus Christ? Listen to Isaiah!**

##### **Isaiah 53:1 – 3**

1. How would you describe the appearance of Jesus Christ?

##### **Isaiah 53:4 – 6**

1. What was the punishment that Jesus took in our place?
2. How are we like sheep who wander from the shepherd?

##### **Isaiah 53:7 – 9**

1. In ancient times, the Children of Israel were to sacrifice an unblemished lamb before God. What was the purpose for this sacrifice?
2. How was Jesus like the Old Testament sacrifices?
3. Verse 9 describes Jesus death ... was it a fair or unjust death and why?

##### **Isaiah 53:10 – 12**

1. Why did God (called out as LORD in the verse) demand that Jesus Christ suffer death on the cross?
2. Verse 11 should give us confidence and hope in the work of Jesus our Savior. Why?
3. What does it mean to intercede? How does it give us comfort to know that Jesus intercedes on our behalf? (see also I John 2:1-2)

## **In your own words, who is Jesus?**

### **John 1:43 – 46 Who is Jesus Christ? Listen to the Disciples!**

1. What was Philip's reaction to Jesus invitation to follow him? (at least two reactions). Why was this so significant?
2. How is his reaction a good "role model" for us?
3. What was Nathanael's reaction?
4. How is the world today like Nathanael?

### **John 3:14 – 18 ... Who is Jesus Christ? Listen to Jesus!**

1. Do you recall why Moses lifted up a bronze snake in the dessert? See Numbers 21:4 – 8.
2. What was Jesus foretelling in verse 14 and 15 (two things)?
3. We often times say John 3:16 is the "gospel in a nutshell" ... why?
4. What condemns us before God (verse 18)? We often talk about "head knowledge and heart knowledge". What kind of belief is Jesus talking about ... "head knowledge" or "heart knowledge"?

### **Romans 3:9 – 26 ... Who is Jesus Christ? Listen to His Apostles!**

#### **Romans 3:9 – 12**

1. What does the Apostle Paul mean when he says there "in no one righteous, not even one"?
2. What must we recognize in ourselves in order for the saving message of Christ Crucified to mean something to me?

#### **Romans 3:10 – 18**

1. What happens when we turn away from God and from the love of Jesus Christ?

#### **Romans 3:19 – 20**

1. Can we "get right" with God by our own actions?
2. What do we need to "get right" with God?

#### **Romans 3:21 – 25**

1. Verse 22 describes the most wonderful gift, given freely by God to each and every one of us. What is this gift?
2. What must I do to receive this gift?
3. Verse 24 describes what happens to those who believe in Jesus as their savior. What happens?

## **Closing Prayer**