



JESUS CHRIST - GOD WITH US

Study 15 Lord Jesus Christ

"What do you think about the Christ?" (Matthew 22: 42) That was the question Jesus asked the Pharisees because they thought he was just a man pretending to be God. Since then others have said that Jesus was God pretending to be a man! Still others have said that Jesus was a 'god' but not 'as much' as what the Father is God. It's absolutely vital that we have the right understanding about who Christ is. This is because there are people around who appear to be from God but are in fact deceived by false spirits, and dangerous. Here's how you can recognise them: in every case they will say nice things about Jesus Christ **but they will refuse to believe the truth about who he really is.** Read 1 John 4: 1-3 then finish off 1 John 2: 22-23.

"Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist - denying the Father and the Son ...

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHRIST?



- Christ was a prophet - just an above ordinary man?
- Christ was an angel or a 'god' but not THE GOD?
- Christ was God but only appeared to be human?
- Christ was totally God **as well** as totally human?



Think carefully as you tick one of the boxes above. Ask yourself this question first. If Jesus was **only** a mere man, how could he be the perfect sacrifice for sin? (and yet) if Jesus was **not** a human being how could he **really** understand what it is like to live "down here" with temptation and human limitation like ours?

JESUS CHRIST WAS AS MUCH HUMAN AS WE ARE!

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| • He was born naturally _____ | • He grew up normally _____ |
| • He had human ancestors _____ | • He got hungry _____ |
| • He became tired _____ | • He felt emotion _____ |
| • He faced temptation _____ | • He suffered pain _____ |
| • He died _____ | |

Read the following verses which show the humanity of Christ and write the verse reference next to the appropriate statement above. (Matthew 1: 1, Matthew 4: 1-3, Mark 11: 12, Mark 15: 37, Luke 2: 7, Luke 2: 40, John 4: 6, John 11: 35, 1 Peter 4: 1)

Jesus seemed to want us to know that he was just as human as we are. Over eighty times in the gospels he is on record as calling himself by a name which emphasises this. What was that name?

The "S _____ of M _____"

How does it help us to know that Christ was as human as we are? Get the answer from Hebrews 4:15. (Your own words please)

JESUS CHRIST WAS AS MUCH GOD AS THE FATHER IS!

The birth of Jesus, predicted in Isaiah 7: 14 was fulfilled in Matthew 1: 23. The prophet called him by an unusual name. What did that name mean?

"G _____"


Again, in Isaiah 9: 6, the prophet calls Jesus by four other names. Write them in the spaces here:

- 1/ Wonderful Counsellor 2/ _____
3/ _____ 4/ _____

These names show that Jesus was as much 'God' as the Father is God! So what did Jesus himself say? (John 10: 30)

_____ Claims like this about himself made the Jews furious. (John 5: 18, 10: 33) Why? What did they think he meant?

However, it was the twelve disciples who knew Jesus better than anyone else. Study carefully his discussions with Peter (Matthew 16: 13-16) Philip (John 14: 8-11) and Thomas (John 20: 27-28) What was their final realisation of who their master really was?


He was almost equal
to God


He **WAS EQUAL**
to God

Today Jesus Christ still wants everyone to understand the truth about who he is. You also can know the truth as you fill in the missing words. (Capital letters please)

"We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true - even in his Son Jesus Christ.

_____ and eternal life." (1 John 5: 20)

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