

Who Is Jesus?

John 1:1-9

I. Introduction:

A. Christmas season

1. To celebrate Christmas it is important to understand who is Jesus.
2. To understand why Christmas is celebrated, answer of who Jesus is must be delineated.
3. Answer: Some have tried to say Jesus was just a good man who made a positive impact on the world, while others placed Jesus in a long line of religious teachers.
4. C. S. Lewis responded to these notions stating that Jesus did not claim any nonsense about being a great teacher. His claim was to be God.

B. Three things about Jesus

- *The Bible states 3 things about the person of Jesus Christ that were true as He lay in a manger, as He walked this earth in a human body, and are true of Jesus right now.*
 1. – Jesus is God.
 - a. Jesus is the eternal God without beginning and without end.
 2. – Jesus is the creator and sustainer of all things.
 - a. All things were made by Jesus and without Him there would be nothing.
 3. – Jesus is the true light of the world.
 - a. Jesus is the only one who can forgive our sin and give us life.

II. Jesus is God (John 1:1-2)

A. In the beginning was the Word.

1. Some have asked the question, “**where did God come from?**” John answers it here.
2. Before time existed, God was already here. God stepped out of nothing into something.
3. God came from nowhere because He created everywhere.
4. “**In the beginning**” takes us to a place where time and space began. (**Genesis 1:1**)
5. When there was nothing, God created everything. At the beginning Jesus was there!

B. The Word

1. John refers to Jesus here as the Word. It’s the Greek word *Logos* meaning a message, words, or speaking. Jesus is the living Word of God.
2. Jesus is the message of God, the full revelation of God to all humanity. (**John 14:9b**)

C. The relationship

1. Then John states the relationship Jesus enjoys in the Trinity. (**John 1:1**)
2. “**With God**” is translated from *pros ton theon* meaning Jesus was face to face with God
3. This has two important applications concerning Jesus:
 - a. – Jesus is a distinct person of the Trinity.
 - b. – Jesus enjoyed close communion with the Father.

D. Clear declaration

1. John clearly declared the deity of Jesus. Jesus is God. (**John 1:1b**)
2. This means Jesus possesses all the attributes of God as described in the Bible.

- a. – Jesus is eternal.
- b. – Jesus is omnipotent. (unlimited power)
- c. – Jesus is omniscient. (unlimited knowledge)

E. **Application**

1. The baby whose birth is celebrated at Christmas is none other than God.
2. His birth is amazing because He willingly left heaven taking on man's form to save us from sin. Angel said to shepherds on that 1st Christmas, a Savior is born! (**Luke 2:10-11**)

III. **Jesus is the Creator (John 1:3)**

A. **All things were made through Him.**

1. This verse establishes Jesus as the creator, the source of all things that have existence.
2. “**All things**” means every individual element that makes all things including things visible, invisible, in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. See **Colossians 1:16-17**.
3. Paul expounds on Jesus as the creator in 3 ways:
 - (1) – Divine source
 - a. Jesus is the living Word who spoke matter into existence out of nothing.
 - b. Jesus is the agent, the source of all things.
 - (2) – For Him
 - a. Jesus created for His own glory. God is glorified in creation.
 - b. One can't look at majesty & intricacy of life & not see God's power all over it.
 - c. Creation declares His glory. (**Romans 1:20**)
 - (3) – He is before all things.
 - a. Jesus was not created, He is the creator. Jesus is eternally God.
 - b. Jesus never had a beginning and He will never have an end.
 - (4) – By Him all things consist.
 - a. Jesus holds the universe together. The universe functions by His power.
 - b. Stars & planets stay in place & the laws of nature operate at His command.
 - c. Illustration: The “**nucleonic force**” and the world of atoms. - the story.

IV. **True Light of The World (John 1:4-9)**

A. **In Jesus is life.**

1. As creator Jesus is source of all physical life, but the life spoken of here is spiritual life
2. Spiritual life is eternal life which resides in Jesus because He is the eternal God.
3. Eternal spiritual life Jesus offers those who'll repent of sin putting their faith in Him.

B. **The light that shines into darkness**

1. It is this spiritual life that shines into a world of spiritual darkness.
2. The world offers many deceptive & false lights that only satisfy the lusts of the flesh.
3. In their spiritual darkness, people think they have life, but they're dead in their sins.
4. Jesus came into this world and He is the light of the world. (**John 8:12**)

C. **John the Baptist**

1. John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus when He came into this world.
2. John bore testimony that Jesus is the light of life to all who are in darkness.
3. As the true light Jesus shines on every human. Some receive the light & are saved.
4. Others reject the light and condemn themselves to eternal judgment and darkness.