

WHO IS JESUS?

A Bible Study for the Newly Saved

You have had an encounter with Jesus. You asked him to be the Lord of your life. You believed in Him for salvation from sin. But, who is this Jesus and how is it that He can save you from your sin? Let's see what the Bible has to say about it.

If you have a Bible, take the time to look up each Scripture. This is important so that you can see the parts before and after the passage that help determine its meaning. If you don't have a Bible, verses are printed in the right column so that you can still answer the questions. The left column lists additional Scripture references that apply to the topic being discussed. Look those up if you want more information. Scriptures provided are from the New International Version (NIV).

Always pray before reading the Word, ask God to show you things about Himself and about yourself.

<p>John 1:29 John 20:31</p>	<p>Everyone knows that by the testimony of two or three witnesses, a word is judged to be true. <i>Look up the following verses. Who testifies about Jesus? What do they say about Him?</i></p>	<p>Matthew 16:15-17 15 "But what about you?" he (Jesus) asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven."</p>
<p>Luke 4:41 Luke 8:28</p>	<p>Matthew 16:15-17</p>	
<p>Mark 1:24 James 2:19</p>	<p>Matthew 27:54</p>	
<p>Matthew 1:20 John 2:23</p>	<p>Mark 3:11</p>	<p>Matthew 27:54 (at the crucifixion) When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"</p>
<p>John 3:2 John 5:36</p>	<p>Luke 1:35</p>	
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<p>Acts 2:22 Luke 9:35</p>	<p>Luke 3:21-22</p>	<p>Mark 3:11 Whenever the evil spirits saw him (Jesus), they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."</p>
<p>Acts 13:33</p>	<p>Okay. Okay. Many testified Jesus is the Son of God. But, that does not make Jesus God himself does it? <i>Study the following Scriptures to find out. Note what each says about Jesus' relationship to God the Father.</i></p>	<p>Luke 1:35 (to Mary the mother of Jesus) The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."</p>
<p>John 14:20 John 17:21</p>	<p>John 5:17-18</p>	<p>John 10:36-38 (Jesus speaking) 36 Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, "I am God's Son?" 37 Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.</p>
	<p>Hebrews 1:3</p>	

<p>Colossians 1:16-19</p> <p>Romans 11:36</p> <p>1 Corinthians 8:6</p>	<p>John 10:30 (Jesus speaking)</p> <p>Colossians 2:9</p> <p>Here is a valuable Bible study instruction: whenever you read a passage, ask who, what, when, where, why, and how questions about what you are reading. For example, <i>read John 1:1-2 and John 1:14. List everything you learn about "the Word" from this passage. Look for answers to <u>who</u> the word is, <u>what</u> it is and what it did, <u>where</u> the word was and where it came from, and look for anything that answers <u>when</u>.</i></p> <p>John 1:1-2, 14</p> <p>Did you see that the term "Word" in these verses refers to Jesus? In verse 14, it says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus is the one who became a man with flesh and lived among men on earth. <i>Read the verses again, this time substituting Jesus' name everywhere it says "Word."</i></p> <p>Another important Bible study tool is called cross-referencing. When you discover a truth in the Bible, check other verses to see if they confirm the truth. Cross-referencing, or comparing other verses in Scripture, also helps bring understanding to a verse that is confusing or not completely clear.</p> <p>Cross-referencing Colossians 1:15-19 confirms what we saw in John 1 and gives additional details about who Jesus is. Look closely at each verse and list what you learn. (I know some of these words are difficult to understand. Ask the Holy Spirit to expand your understanding and to be your teacher.)</p> <p>1:15</p> <p>1:16</p> <p>1:17</p>	<p>38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.</p> <p>Luke 3:21-22</p> <p>21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."</p> <p>John 5:17-18</p> <p>17 Jesus said, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.</p> <p>18 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.</p> <p>Hebrews 1:3a The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.</p> <p>John 10:30 I and the Father are one.</p> <p>Colossians 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form</p> <p>John 1:1-2, 14</p> <p>1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.</p> <p>2 He was with God in the beginning.</p> <p>14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.</p>
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<p>About the Trinity: Genesis 1:26-27 (Note: the plural and singular words)</p> <p>Isaiah 43:10-11 Isaiah 44:6 Isaiah 45:18</p> <p>Malachi 2:10 Matthew 28:19 John 5:17-19</p> <p>John 16:7-15 John 17:21 James 2:19</p> <p>1 John 5:7-8</p> <p>Psalm 103:1-14</p> <p>John 3:18 1 John 2:23</p> <p>1 John 5:12 John 10:9</p> <p>John 14:6 John 16:28</p>	<p>1:18</p> <p>1:19</p> <p>The phrase in verse 19 “all his fullness dwell in him” means all that God is filled with is also in Jesus—everything God is Jesus is. Wait a minute. I thought Christianity is based on the idea that there is only one God. How can Jesus be God and God be God? And, in case you didn’t know, the Holy Spirit, whom we have talked about in previous lessons, is also God.</p> <p>“Trinity” is the word we use to describe our three-in-one God. Deuteronomy 6:4 says, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” Yet, throughout Scripture we see God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit spoken of separately. If you want to, read the passages listed in the left column and look for clues showing that the Father, Son and Spirit indeed are three, yet they are one.</p> <p>Our focus for this study is to search out who Jesus is and how is it that we can trust in Him for forgiveness of sins. According to Isaiah 43:25 and Daniel 9:9, who forgives sins?</p> <p>In Mark 2:5-8, the teachers of the law were upset. Why?</p> <p>What do you think is the answer to the question Jesus asked them?</p> <p>According to John 8:24, what will become of the one who does not believe Jesus is who He claims to be?</p> <p>What about you? Do you believe? If so, what is true of you?</p> <p>Acts 16:31</p>	<p>Colossians 1:15-19</p> <p>15 He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.</p> <p>16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.</p> <p>17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.</p> <p>18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.</p> <p>19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him (Jesus).</p> <p>Isaiah 43:25 (God speaking) I, even I am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake and remembers your sins no more.</p> <p>Daniel 9:9 (NKJ Version) To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.</p> <p>Mark 2:5-8</p> <p>5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”</p> <p>6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,</p> <p>7 “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”</p> <p>8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things?”</p>
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Friend in Christ, thank you for being so diligent studying God’s word. I know it is strength and life to you because it is to me as well. Keep up the good work.

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