

Understanding Jesus Christ

*“Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe.
And Pilate saith unto them, **BEHOLD THE MAN!**”
John 19:5*

Who is this man that has caused such a stir? He’s been beaten, battered, lied about and here he stands, while Pilate addresses the multitude, “**BEHOLD THE MAN!**”

Who is this man Jesus, where the throngs of people surround him and a woman presses through the crowd. She falls into the dust of the earth as she stretches and lays hold upon the border of his garment. He stops, turns and then asks, “Who touched me??”. After they dialogue the woman left healed and whole. Who is this Jesus that takes the mud and forms new eyes into the empty sockets of a blind man and then tells the man to wash and he returns a seeing man. Who is this Jesus, that even after an active day of ministry, He still finds the time to take up the children in his arms and blesses them and then says to the watching crowd, except you become as one of these you cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Who is this man Jesus, that wherever he goes, the halt and lame are sure to follow. Who is this man Jesus that when he teaches, he assumes the rabbinic posture by sitting, but when he opens his mouth the voice of God is heard! For He teaches as one with authority and not as the scribes.

Who is this man, where angels announced his birth to shepherds of the night, what is his status that caused wise men from the east to visit and not without bringing their wealth and honor to Him. Who is this man that when He simply passes by men, whether fishermen or tax collectors and says, “Follow Me!” they leave all to do just that.

Some say he is a teacher, others were certain that he was a prophet but who really was this man that spoke about “His Kingdom” and what really was the message that he brought and for what purpose did he come?

In the following lesson we will consider what the Bible says regarding these questions as we do what Pilate said so very long ago, “**BEHOLD THE MAN**”.

To fully understand what the Bible teaches about Jesus Christ, we will consider three areas: **THE MAN, HIS MESSAGE and HIS MISSION.**

PART A. JESUS CHRIST: THE MAN

1. WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

The Bible is very clear in stating that Jesus Christ is the Eternal God manifested in the flesh.

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... **And the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” John 1:1, 14*

*“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in flesh...**” I Timothy 3:16*

*“For in him **dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.**” Colossians 2:9*

*“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that **Jesus Christ is come in the flesh** is of God.” I John 4:2*

*“**That which was from the beginning**, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the **Word of life**; (**For THE LIFE was manifested**, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, **and was manifested unto us;**)” I John 1:1-2*

(1) According to **Matthew 1:23**, what does the name, ‘EMMANUEL’ mean?

2. WHAT TWO EXPRESSIONS CLEARLY SHOW THE DIVINE AND HUMAN NATURES OF JESUS?

Since He was begotten by God the Father, Jesus Christ is called ‘**The Son Of God**’. Since He was born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ is called ‘**The Son Of Man**’.

Jesus: The Son of God

1. The Angel Gabriel Announced It:

*“And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called **the Son of God.**” Luke 1:35*

2. The Father Declared It:

*“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.”
Matthew 3:17*

3. The Demons knew it:

*“And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, **thou Son of God?** art thou come hither to torment us before the time?” Matthew 8:29*

4. The Disciples Confessed it:

*“Then they that were in the ship came and worshiped him, saying, Of a truth thou art **the Son of God.**” Matthew 14:33*

5. The Centurion Admitted It:

*“Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly this was the Son of God.**”
Matthew 27:54*

(2) According to **Matthew 16:16-17**, how did Jesus say that Peter knew he was the Son of God?

NOTE

John uniquely uses the phrase, “**ONLY BEGOTTEN SON**” when speaking of Jesus Christ.
(see **John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18, I John 4:9**)

BEGOTTEN (GK: monogenes); *one of a kind, completely unique
and distinct from all others*

When referring to the believer’s new birth experience, the word ‘**BEGOTTEN**’ (GK: gennao)
simply means to be born (see I Peter 1:3; I John 5:1)

Jesus: The Son of Man

Jesus is referred to as the “Son of Man” more than 80 times within the four Gospels. This phrase reinforces that Jesus Christ was fully human (although sinless) and entered into the human race through birth.

*“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the **Son of man** am?” Matthew 16:13*

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

(3) _____

_____ - John 3:14

3. WHY DO WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS FULLY GOD?

We believe that Jesus Christ is God because the scriptures ascribe to Him:

A. Divine Names:

<i>“The True God”</i>	<i>1 John 5:20</i>
<i>“My Lord and my God”</i>	<i>John 20:28</i>
<i>“My Beloved Son”</i>	<i>Matthew 17:5</i>
<i>“God hath purchased with His own Blood”</i>	<i>Acts 20:28</i>

B. Divine Attributes:

<i>Eternal</i>	<i>John 1:1-2; Revelation 1:8</i>
<i>Unchangeable</i>	<i>Hebrews 13:8</i>
<i>Ever-Present</i>	<i>Matthew 28:20</i>
<i>Omniscient</i>	<i>John 21:17</i>
<i>Omnipotent</i>	<i>Matthew 28:18</i>

C. Divine Works:

<i>Creation</i>	<i>John 1:3</i>
<i>Preservation</i>	<i>Hebrews 1:3</i>
<i>Forgives sins</i>	<i>Matthew 9:6</i>
<i>Judgment</i>	<i>John 5:27</i>

D. Divine Honor and Glory:

<i>The Son is to be honored even as the Father</i>	<i>John 5:23</i>
<i>The angels are to worship the Son</i>	<i>Hebrews 1:6</i>
<i>“Thy throne, O God is forever and ever”</i>	<i>Hebrews 1:8</i>
<i>The GLORIOUS appearing</i>	<i>Titus 2:13</i>

4. WHY DO WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS FULLY MAN?

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully man because the scriptures:

A. Expressly Call Him Man:

“The man Christ Jesus” *1 Timothy 2:5*

B. Ascribe To Him A Human Body And Soul:

“Behold my hands and feet” *Luke 24:39*

“My soul is exceeding sorrowful” *Matthew 26:38*

“a body hast thou prepared me” *Hebrews 10:5*

C. Ascribe To Him Human Feelings And Actions:

Jesus slept *Mark 4:38*

He hungered *Matthew 4:2*

He thirsted *John 19:28*

He wearied *John 4:6*

He wept *John 11:35*

He suffered and died *Matthew 26 & 27*

5. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE CONCEPTION OF JESUS CHRIST?

The Bible clearly teaches that Mary, while still a virgin, conceived by Divine means. The Holy Ghost placed the seed of God (*The Word Of God*) in Mary when she responded in faith to God’s message brought to her by the angel Gabriel. This is called the **INCARNATION**.

(4) **Read [Luke 1:26-38](#) and please answer the following questions:**

According to [verse 27](#), Mary was a _____

According to [verse 31](#), The angel said that Mary would _____ in her womb and bring forth a _____ and she was to call His name _____.

According to [verse 35](#), the angel said that the _____ would come upon her and the _____ of the Highest would overshadow her. And that

_____ which shall be born of thee shall be called the

_____.

According to [verse 38](#), Mary said these words to the angel,

“

”

In [Matthew 1:20-23](#), we have the record of a dream that the Lord gave to Joseph, while he was considering to put Mary away. According to these verses please answer the following questions:

(5) The Lord told Joseph that what was conceived in Mary was of the _____ . She would bring forth a _____ and all this was done so that it might be fulfilled by the _____ saying, “Behold, a _____ shall conceive and bring forth a _____.” His name shall be called, _____ which being interpreted is, _____ .

Note

By placing His **‘Seed’** in Mary, God fulfilled His own prediction in [Genesis 3:15](#).

(6) _____

Note

In [Matthew 1:25](#), the Bible says that Joseph and Mary refrained from having normal marital relations “**UNTIL**” Mary brought forth Jesus, her **‘FIRST BORN’**. The Bible gives every reason for us to believe that following the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph shared in normal marital relations which resulted in the birth of other children.

*“Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and **his brethren**, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And **his sisters**, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?” Matthew 13:55-56*

*“After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and **his brethren**, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.” John 2:12*

*“But other of the apostles saw I none, save James **the Lord's brother**.” Galatians 1:19*

6. WAS MARY ALSO WITHOUT SIN?

No. The scriptures teach that Jesus was the only sinless man to ever live because He was conceived '**supernaturally**'. Mary was conceived by '**natural**' means, therefore, she was born with a sinful nature.

*"Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered into the world**, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that **all have sinned**."* Romans 5:12

*"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God **MY SAVIOR**."* Luke 1:46-47

(7) "For such a high priest became us, who is _____, _____, _____, _____ from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." Hebrews 7:26

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION??

The Roman Catholic doctrine known as, **The Immaculate Conception** (1854), asserts that Mary was 'immaculately' conceived. Meaning she was not born with the stain of original sin, thereby qualifying her to be the earthly mother of our Lord.

Such teaching is predicated upon the foolish reasonings of men and has been the cause for multitudes to engage in overt forms of idolatrous acts of Mary worship. No trace of any such teaching whatsoever can be found in the trustworthy Book of God... **THE BIBLE**.

The Bible regards Mary as one who is blessed '**among**' women (not '**above**' women), specifically because of the fruit of her womb... JESUS.

Her response to the angel, "**be it unto me according to THY WORD**", remains an exemplary response for all Christians to follow. However, it is Jesus Christ alone whose life was truly '**immaculate**' because He was **miraculously** conceived.

7. WHY WAS IT NECESSARY FOR OUR SAVIOUR TO BE FULLY MAN?

The following are (4) reasons why Jesus had to be born a man:

A. **To Fulfill The O.T. Prophecies Beginning With Gen. 3:15**

*"Now all this was done, **that it might be fulfilled** which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying..."* Matthew 1:22

*“And beginning at Moses and **all the prophets**, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” Luke 24:27*

*“Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them **which showed before of the coming of the Just One**; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers.” Acts 7:52*

*** There are more than 300 Messianic prophecies contained in the Old Testament. Many of these give very accurate descriptions of the facts surrounding the birth, life, suffering, death, resurrection and second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

B. To Fulfill The Law Through Obedience

*“But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, **made under the law**, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” Galatians 4:4-5*

*“And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to **fulfill all righteousness**. Then he suffered him.” Matthew 3:15*

*“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, **but to fulfill**.” Matthew 5:17*

*“For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the **obedience of one** shall many be made righteous.” Romans 5:19*

(8) _____
_____ -Romans 10:4

C. For Sin To Be Condemned (Judged) In The Flesh

*“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh**.” Romans 8:3*

*“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: **when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin**, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.” Isaiah 53:10*

D. That He Might Be Able To Suffer And Die In Our Place

“For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” Hebrews 2:9

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.” Hebrews 2:14

* Although Jesus was fully human, He was not a sinner. Being supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit enabled Him to possess a human nature free from the effects of sin. Though he entered the world through the human race, He was not a natural product of the fallen human race. As John put it, He was ‘**THE WORD MADE FLESH**’!!

“For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners...” Heb. 7:26

(9) “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; _____
_____ I John 3:5

9. WHY WAS IT NECESSARY FOR OUR SAVIOUR TO BE FULLY GOD?

It was necessary for our Savior to be fully God in order to destroy the works of the devil and to overcome death, bringing **LIFE** and **IMMORTALITY** to light through the Gospel.

*“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**” I John 3:8*

*“And **declared to be the Son of God with power**, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” Romans 1:4*

*“But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, **and hath brought LIFE and IMMORTALITY to light through the gospel.**” II Timothy 1:10*

10. WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE CALL JESUS, ‘THE CHRIST’?

The word, ‘**CHRIST**’ comes from the Greek word, **Christos** which means ‘**ANOINTED**’. The Hebrew word for Christ is ‘**MESSIAH**’. Therefore, “**THE CHRIST**” means **THE ANOINTED ONE** or **THE MESSIAH**.

Throughout the Old Testament Times there were those prophets, priests and kings who were ‘anointed’, but none were considered to be, ‘**THE ANOINTED ONE**’. They had a measure of anointing but Jesus was anointed **WITHOUT MEASURE!!**

*“For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: **for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.**” John 3:34*

*“**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...**” Luke 4:18*

*“How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.**” Acts 10:38*

*“**Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God**” I John 4:2*

(10) According to [Matthew 16:16](#) what was the revelation that Peter received from the Father?

11. FOR WHAT THREEFOLD OFFICE WAS CHRIST ANOINTED?

Jesus Christ was anointed to be our:

A. PROPHET

As Our Prophet, Jesus perfectly revealed God's will for the redemption of mankind. His life proclaimed God's message to man and He was the '**VOICE**' of God.

*"The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee **a Prophet** from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto **him ye shall hearken**" Deuteronomy 18:15*

*"While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ye him.**" Matthew 17:5*

*"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, **he hath declared him.**" John 1:18*

*"God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days **spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." Hebrews 1:1-2*

B. PRIEST

*(25) Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him**, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

*(26) For such **a high priest became us**, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;*

*(27) Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: **for this he did once when he offered up himself.***

*(28) For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, **maketh the Son, who is consecrated forevermore.***

(Galatians 4:4-5; I John 2:1-2)

C. KING

As Our King, Jesus Christ rules over all creatures by His mighty power. He governs and protects His Church, and will finally lead it to the Glory of His coming Kingdom.

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **ALL POWER is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**” Matthew 28:18*

*“Jesus answered, **My kingdom** is not of this world: **if my kingdom** were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is **my kingdom** not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, **Thou sayest that I am a king.** To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. **Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**” John 18:36-37*

*“Now unto the **King eternal**, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.” I Timothy 1:17*

*“And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto **his heavenly kingdom**: to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” II Timothy 4:18*

TRUTH IN REVIEW

FLESH	THE CHRIST	DIED
CONCEIVED	SEED	MAN
RIGHTEOUSNESS	THE LAW	PROPHET
MESSIAH	ANOINTED	HIGH PRIEST
DESTROY	CREATED	KINGDOM
POWER		

1. Moses said that God would raise up a _____ like he was.
2. Jesus was miraculously _____ by the Holy Ghost.
3. The word, "CHRIST" means _____ .
4. Jesus was called, Son of _____ and Son of God.
5. In John 1:3, it states that all things were _____ by Him.
6. As a man, Jesus Christ suffered and _____ .
7. Jesus told Pilate that His _____ was not of this world.
8. Jesus was the promised _____ spoken by God to Adam in Genesis.
9. Jesus was not only born from a woman but was made under the _____ .
10. Jesus fulfilled all _____
11. Jesus was manifested to _____ the works of the devil.
12. By the resurrection of the dead, Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with _____
13. This is the Hebrew word for 'ANOINTED' _____
14. He that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the _____ is of God.
15. Jesus is our faithful _____ .
16. The revelation that Jesus is _____ is what the church is built upon.