

JESUS IS GOD

THE

MAJORS

a study on the apostles creed

The Apostles Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of March 1, 2020
Various Scriptures

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 Why is it important to recognize and confess Jesus as Christ, God's only Son, and Lord (King)?
- 2 How would you describe the difference between knowing what people say about Jesus and personally knowing Jesus?
- 3 Why is it common in our culture to claim Jesus as Savior without submitting to Him as King? Has this unbiblical mentality been a part of your own testimony? If so, what needs to happen to change your perspective?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *Hebrews 2:17-18, ESV* – ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 4:14-16, ESV – ¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- 4 Why is it essential to salvation that Jesus is both fully God and fully man?

5 Looking at Hebrews 4:14-16, what does this passage say we gain in Jesus' humanity?

6 How do you feel, knowing that Jesus experienced everything we do as human beings, yet without sin? How should this fact affect our faith in Him?

B **John 1:14-18, ESV** – *14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

7 How is Jesus equal to God the Father? How is He distinct as the Son?

8 Read Luke 1:26-38. Why is it important, not only in this story but also in our lives, to know that our God initiates a relationship with His people?

9 In what ways has God made Himself know to you? How does it change the way you live your life knowing that God wants to be with you?

TAKING IT HOME

"And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary." Spend some time reflecting on those words and answer the main question from the sermon, "Who is Jesus to you"? What needs to change in your life to live in a way that reflects Jesus as King? Share with your group or accountability partner and pray for one another as you seek to live a life of obedience to the King of Kings.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 16:13-17
Luke 1:26-38
Romans 1:1-4
Philippians 2:3-8
Colossians 1:15-20