

# Jesus Is God

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The Jews of Jesus' day knew the story of creation and God's miraculous deliverance from slavery through signs and wonders. Therefore, they knew that the true Messiah must be God Himself, who alone could provide salvation to all who receive Him. It's helpful to recognize that John is the only gospel in which Jesus is explicitly identified as God (John 1:1-2,18; 5:17-18; 8:58-59; 10:30-33; 20:28). Read through John 1:1-18 and answer the following questions.

## **I. Jesus – The God Who Created – John 1:1-5**

- A. What facts are we given about the "*Word*" and what does that title tell us about who Jesus is?
  
- B. Why do you think John's gospel begins with "*in the beginning*" instead of at Jesus' birth?
  
- C. According to verses 1-5, what are the different ways that John proves that Jesus is God?
  
- D. How does light overcoming darkness help you to walk in righteousness? (See John 3:19-21)

## **II. Jesus – The God Who Dominated – John 1:6-13**

- A. Who was a "*witness*" to the light and what do you think it means to be a witness to the light?
  
- B. What two groups failed to receive Christ and why? (See John 3:19-21)
  
- C. What does it mean to "*receive*" Christ and what is the result? (See John 3:1-6)
  
- D. What do you think it looks like to live every day as a child of God? How can you grow in this?

## **III. Jesus – The God Who Incarnated – John 1:14-18**

- A. What does the Word becoming flesh tell us about Jesus and His work? (See Hebrews 2:14-18)
  
- B. What does John mean when he says, "*grace and truth came through Jesus Christ*"?
  
- C. What practical things can you do to grow in grace and grow in knowing the truth?
  
- D. If Jesus is God and you are not, in what ways do you demonstrate a divinity complex?