

The Christ of the Bible

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 2:5); who being the eternal Son of God, became man (John 1:14; Gal. 4:4).

Question: Who has the right and authority to judge the world? Who is the true King?

- God's kingdom is to be established with rule and judgement. **Rev. 5:1-3**
- Who is worthy for such an undertaking? **Rev. 5:4-7**
- Christ's character and worth seen in His humiliation and exaltation. **Rev. 5:12**

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS

In the Gospels we get four portraits of Jesus.

- Matthew a Jewish gospel emphasising prophetic fulfilment of Jesus as Messiah. **Matt. 9:27; 21:9**
- Mark a gentile gospel emphasising Jesus the suffering servant. **Mark 10:45**
- Luke a gentile gospel of historical and verifiable events emphasising Jesus' humanity. **Luke 1:1-4; 9:58**
- John a theological portrait of Christ emphasising Jesus' divinity as the Son of God. **John 8:58; 20:28**

In the gospels we see a variety of responses to Jesus

- The Shepherds, Simeon, The Doctors **Luke 2:8-10; 2:29-31; 2:41-52**
- An Old Testament prophet, Nicodemus the Pharisee, The Common People **John 1:29; 3:2; 7:46**
- A Samaritan Women, Civil leaders **John 4:19; Luke 23:4; John 19:5**
- Roman Centurion, Doubting Disciple **Matt. 27:54; John 20:28**

Jesus, a man without parallel in history, pure and without sin **John 8:46**

In the gospels we also see Jesus' testimony of His own identity.

- The source of His authority **John 12:49**
- The 'I am' statements **John 6:48-50; 15:5; 10:9; 10:14; 14:6; 8:56, 58**
- Claimed authority with God **Dan. 7:13; Mark 2:28**
- Authority to forgive sin **Matt. 9:6; Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24**
- Equality with God **John 5:18**

JESUS IN THE EPISTLES

- Jesus as Saviour **Rom. 6:23**
- Jesus as atonement for sin **2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24**
- Jesus as mediator **1 Tim. 2:5**
- Jesus as the true image of God **Heb. 1:3**
- Jesus as superior to angels, Moses, the priesthood **Heb. 1:5-14; 3:1-19; 5:1-10**

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- The tabernacle **John 1:14**
- The fulfilment of the sacrificial system **Heb. 7:27**
- The promised Messiah **Isa. 9:7**
- Jesus proclaimed throughout the whole Old Testament **Luke 24:27**

This portrait of Jesus is so rich it took the church centuries to get to grips with both Jesus' humanity and divinity evidenced at the Councils of Nicea and Chalcedon.