

INTRODUCTION He Is...—Part 2

Every year as Easter approaches, various publications and media tend to place the focus on the identity of Jesus. They question it—was He really God in the flesh? Why was He called the Lamb of God? In what way is He the light of the world?

The significance of His identity cannot be overstated. Jesus is bigger and more paramount than we could ever imagine. Our faith is only as good as that in which it is placed, and throughout this series we will learn exactly what we are putting our trust in and everything the bible says He is.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. From your perspective, who do most people think Jesus was (and is)? See Matthew 16:13-16.
- 2. Why do you think it matters that Jesus was God in the flesh? Would it be enough if he were simply a good moral teacher or the founder of a religion called, "Christianity?"
- 3. Read John 8:58-59, John 1:1-5, 1 Peter 2:22, Luke 5:20-24 and John 2:19-21. How would you prove to someone from the Bible or your own experience that Jesus was God in the flesh?
- 4. How do you think the deity of Christ should impact our relationship with him and how we live our lives?
- 5. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

Our faith is only as good as the object in which it is placed. You can have all the faith in the world, but if the thing you placed it in is unreliable, your faith will ultimately disappoint you. Your trust has been misplaced and therefore has fallen short of your expectations. Is our trust misplaced if we put it in Jesus? The answer is no.

Our faith in Jesus is justified. He is worthy of our trust and that is proven in the pages of the Bible. Throughout the gospel, we see evidence of and learn that Jesus claimed to be God, He was worshiped, He is our Creator, He lived a sinless life, and He did things that only God could do, such as forgiving sins, performing miracles, and rising from the dead. Jesus is worthy of our faith because He was and is the Son of God, and God, the Son.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

John 3:16 Romans 3:23 John 58-59 2 Corinthians 5:21

Exodus 3:13-14 1 John 3:5
John 10:27-33 1 Peter 2:22
Matthew 2:11 Luke 5:20-24
Hebrews 1:6 Mark 4:39-41
Genesis 1:1 John 2:19-21
John 1:3-4 1 Peter 3:15

Colossians 1:15-18 2 Corinthians 5:15