

Discovering the Christian Faith

Session 4: A Divine Relationship
God the Son



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- God the Son is eternal God, co-equal with the Father.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:1



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- God the Son was born as a human being

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14

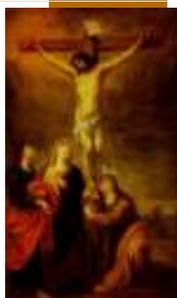


So is Jesus God or Human?

- He is both
- Jesus is one person, but with two natures
- A word we use for this: INCARNATION.

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.”

Colossians 2:9



So is Jesus God or Human?

- He was tempted like us
- But he did not sin

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.”

Hebrews 4:15



Why did Jesus Come?

- To bring us back into relationship with him
 - Salvation
- To give to us the entrance into the place of perfect relationships
 - Heaven
- To empower us to be His agents in restoring relationships in the world:
 - Following Jesus in the power of the holy spirit

What did Jesus do?

■ He **LIVED**

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."



John 5:19

What did Jesus do?

■ He **DIED**

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ."

1 Peter 1:18-19



What did Jesus do?

■ He **DIED**

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21



What did Jesus do?

■ He **DIED**

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

Colossians 1:19-20



What did Jesus do?

■ He **ROSE FROM THE DEAD**

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”

1 Corinthians 15:20-22



The Resurrection

- His sacrifice was accepted by the Father.
- What happens when sin is removed: New Life.
- Proves Jesus is who He says He is.
- How we know we have eternal life.
- God can bring blessing out of the worst tragedies
- We now know how the story ends!



What are we saved from?

- Perishing (*John 3:16*)
- Condemnation (*John 3:17-18*)
- Eternal death (*John 8:24*)
- Or in other words: Hell (*Luke 16:19-31*)
 - Separation from God



What are we saved for?

- For This Life:
 - To be His witnesses (*Acts 1:8*)
 - To become more and more like Jesus (*Romans 8:29*)
 - To serve others in His name (*Matthew 25:40*)
 - To give glory to Him in the world. (*Matthew 5:14-16*)
 - To make disciples of all the nations. (*Matthew 28:19-20*)



What We Are Saved For

- For Eternity
 - We shall be raised. (1 *Corinthian* 15:20-22)
 - We shall see God and be like God. (1 *John* 3:2)
 - Beyond the worst of our suffering. (*Romans* 8:18)
 - Perfect peace. (*Revelation* 7:16-17)



Ascended and Returning

- Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father
- All power and authority for the church

“And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”
Ephesians 1:22-23



Ascended and Returning

- Jesus will return visibly and with great glory on the last day. (*Matthew* 24:27-30)
- Jesus will return to judge the world. (*Matthew* 25:31-33)



Ascended and Returning

- Christians face the judgment with all of their sins forgiven. (*Romans 8:1*)
- What about those who haven't believed? They will be judged according to their works.



Jesus' Return in Glory

- A specific day known to the Father alone. (*Mark 13:32*)
- The return of Jesus is a source of hope and joy for Christians. (*Luke 21:28*)



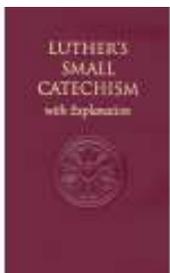
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- Until then, we live lives of watchful waiting, as though Jesus
 - Died yesterday
 - Rose this morning
 - And is coming back tomorrow



The Small Catechism

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