
“Come, Let Us Reason Together” About the Bible
Understanding Life’s Greatest Questions Through the Bible
Bible Study Series

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:18)

LESSON FOUR
Who Is This Jesus?

Estimated time to read this lesson: 10 - 12 minutes

Jesus is more than just a name in a book or a figure in history. Jesus is everything. He is the very heart of the Christian faith. Think of Him as the **visible image** of the **invisible God**, the One who walked among us so you could understand God's love in the most personal way possible.

Jesus is the Son of God, and at the same time, **He is God in the flesh**. It's an amazing truth: He left the glory of heaven and came to earth as a man, not just to visit, but to live, teach, suffer, and ultimately die for our sins. He didn't come in splendor or royalty, but humbly, born in a manger, a feeding trough for animals. Yet even in that humility, He was both fully divine and fully human. As the Bible says, **“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily”** (Colossians 2:9).

He lived a sinless life, a life no one else could live, and gave that life freely to save mankind. He taught about love, forgiveness, truth, and the Kingdom of God. Jesus made it clear that there's only one way to be reconciled to God, and that way is through Him. **“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”** (John 14:6).

Was Jesus Prophesied About in the Old Testament?

Absolutely! Jesus didn't just appear out of nowhere. The entire Old Testament points forward to Him. Prophets spoke of Him centuries before His birth. For instance, the prophet Isaiah wrote, **“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel”** (Isaiah 7:14). Immanuel means “God with us”. Isn't that statement powerful?

Micah the prophet pinpointed where the Messiah would be born: **“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah... out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting”** (Micah 5:2). Long before Jesus ever walked the earth, Isaiah painted an incredibly vivid picture of a suffering Savior who would bear mankind's sins. **“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities... and by His stripes we are healed”** (Isaiah 53:5).

What Are Some of the Other Names Given to Jesus?

Jesus has so many names in Scripture, each one telling more about who He is and what He came to do. He's called the **Lamb of God** (John 1:29), because He was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He's the **Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6), the One who calms our storms and brings reconciliation between mankind and God.

He often referred to Himself as the **Son of Man** (Matthew 8:20), identifying with humanity in every way. He is the **Messiah**, the Anointed One the Jews were waiting for (John 4:25–26). He's also the **Word**. ***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"*** (John 1:1). He is also the **Redeemer**: ***"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth"*** (Job 19:25).

And when He returns? He will come as **King of Kings and Lord of Lords** (Revelation 19:16).

Why Was Jesus Sent to Earth by God?

The reason is love, pure and boundless love. God saw mankind was lost in sin, separated from Him, and unable to save themselves, and so He acted. ***"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"*** (John 3:16).

Jesus was sent to rescue mankind, to bring forgiveness, to bridge the gap between humanity and God, and to fulfill what the Law pointed to. Paul puts it beautifully: ***"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son... to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons"*** (Galatians 4:4–5).

Is Jesus Divine?

Yes, without question. Jesus is not merely a good teacher or prophet. He is God Himself. In John 1, we're told: ***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"*** (John 1:1). Look down a few verses later: ***"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"*** (John 1:14), a clear reference to Jesus, God's Son.

Jesus plainly and boldly declared, ***"I and My Father are one"*** (John 10:30). That's not metaphorical. He was claiming equality with God. Even Thomas, one of His disciples, recognized this after the resurrection, exclaiming, ***"My Lord and my God!"*** (John 20:28).

Is Jesus the Son of God?

Yes, Jesus is repeatedly identified as the Son of God. When He was baptized, the heavens opened, and the voice of God Himself declared, ***"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"*** (Matthew 3:17). When Peter made his great confession, he said, ***"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"*** (Matthew 16:16). Jesus affirmed that statement and said it was revealed to Peter by God Himself.

What Was Jesus' Purpose in Coming to Earth?

Jesus came on a mission of mercy and hope. He said it clearly: ***“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”*** (Luke 19:10). He came to serve, not to be served, ***“and to give His life a ransom for many”*** (Mark 10:45). He also came to reveal the Father to us. ***“He who has seen Me has seen the Father”*** (John 14:9).

His purpose was redemptive, prophetic, and relational. He came to fulfill the Law (Matthew 5:17), to gather God's children (John 10:16), and to open the door of salvation to all, to Jew and Gentile alike (Romans 1:16).

What Was Jesus' Main Message?

At the core of Jesus' teaching was this: ***“Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand”*** (Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15). He proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God and called people to turn from sin and trust in Him. He taught you should love God above all and to love others as you would love yourself (Matthew 22:37–39). He emphasized humility, mercy, faith, and righteousness, not just outward religion but genuine transformation of the heart.

How and Why Did Jesus Die?

Jesus died by crucifixion, a Roman form of execution reserved for the worst criminals. But His death was no accident. It was the fulfillment of God's plan to save mankind. He willingly took mankind's place. ***“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”*** (Romans 5:8).

The prophet Isaiah foresaw it centuries earlier: ***“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed”*** (Isaiah 53:5).

Was Jesus Resurrected?

Yes, this is the cornerstone of the Christian faith! Jesus didn't stay in the tomb. On the third day, He rose from the dead, just as He had promised. The angel at the tomb said, ***“He is not here; for He is risen, as He said”*** (Matthew 28:6).

The resurrection wasn't just a spiritual event, it was physical, real, and witnessed by many. Paul tells us, ***“He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once”*** (1 Corinthians 15:5–6).

Is Jesus in Heaven Now?

Yes, after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. **“Now when He had spoken these things... He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight”** (Acts 1:9). And now? He is seated at the right hand of God, interceding for you (Romans 8:34).

Will Jesus Return to Earth?

Yes, He will return—not as a suffering servant, but as a conquering King. The angels said in Acts 1:11, **“This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”**

Jesus Himself said, **“They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory”** (Matthew 24:30). When He returns, He will judge the living and the dead and establish His eternal kingdom.

Did Jesus Establish a Church?

Yes, Jesus founded His church. He said, **“On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it”** (Matthew 16:18). The church was established in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost following His resurrection and ascension into heaven (Acts 2). On that occasion His apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, preached the gospel and baptized thousands.

Jesus is the Head of the church—not a pope, not a council. **“And He is the head of the body, the church... that in all things He may have the preeminence”** (Colossians 1:18).

If you ever find yourself wondering who Jesus is or why He matters so much, remember this: He is God’s answer to your deepest need. He is Savior, King, Friend, and Lord—and He invites you to know Him personally through a study of the scriptures.

Questions to Confirm Understanding

Estimated time to answer the questions: 4 – 7 minutes; with scripture lookup: 30 minutes

Answer the following questions by circling True / False. Look up the scripture references given to determine the answers, or refer back to the discussion. An answer key with explanations of the correct answers is provided below.

1. **True | False** Jesus is both fully God and fully man. (Colossians 2:9)
 2. **True | False** Jesus claimed to be the only way to the Father. (John 14:6)
 3. **True | False** The prophets of the Old Testament never mentioned a coming Savior. (Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2)
 4. **True | False** Jesus was born in Bethlehem, fulfilling prophecy. (Micah 5:2)
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5. **True | False** Jesus is referred to as “Immanuel,” meaning “God with us.” (Isaiah 7:14)
6. **True | False** Jesus is called the Lamb of God because He takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)
7. **True | False** Jesus came to be served rather than to serve. (Mark 10:45)
8. **True | False** Jesus and God, the Father are one in essence and nature. (John 10:30)
9. **True | False** At His baptism, Jesus was identified as the Son of God by a voice from heaven. (Matthew 3:17)
10. **True | False** Peter never confessed that Jesus was the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:16)
11. **True | False** Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10)
12. **True | False** Jesus preached that the greatest commandments are to love God and love others. (Matthew 22:37–39)
13. **True | False** Jesus died by crucifixion as a sacrifice for our sins. (Isaiah 53:5; Romans 5:8)
14. **True | False** Jesus did not rise from the dead after His crucifixion. (Matthew 28:6)
15. **True | False** Jesus’ resurrection was witnessed by more than five hundred people. (1 Corinthians 15:3–6)
16. **True | False** Jesus ascended into heaven after His resurrection. (Acts 1:9)
17. **True | False** Jesus is not active today and plays no role in the lives of believers. (Romans 8:34)
18. **True | False** Jesus will return in the same way He ascended into heaven. (Acts 1:11)
19. **True | False** Jesus will return with power and great glory. (Matthew 24:30)
20. **True | False** Jesus did not establish a church, nor is He its head. (Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18)

Answer Key

Estimated time to read the answers: 5 – 7 minutes; with reflection and contemplation: 25 – 30 minutes

1. Jesus is both fully God and fully man. **True**
“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” (Colossians 2:9)
Jesus was not just a messenger of God—He was God in human form. This verse affirms His divine nature in physical form.
2. Jesus claimed to be the only way to the Father. **True**
“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” (John 14:6)

Jesus clearly taught that access to God comes only through Him—not through any other person, method, or religion.

3. The prophets of the Old Testament never mentioned a coming Savior. **False**
“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)
“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah... out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel.” (Micah 5:2)
The Old Testament contains many messianic prophecies pointing directly to Jesus.
4. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, fulfilling prophecy. **True**
“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah... out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel.” (Micah 5:2)
Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem fulfilled this prophecy, confirming His identity as the promised Messiah.
5. Jesus is referred to as “Immanuel,” meaning “God with us.” **True**
“And shall call His name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)
“Immanuel” literally means “God with us,” signifying that God came to dwell among us in the person of Jesus.
6. Jesus is called the Lamb of God because He takes away the sin of the world. **True**
“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)
John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God, signifying His role as the ultimate sacrifice for sin.
7. Jesus came to be served rather than to serve. **False**
“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)
Jesus came in humility, not seeking His own comfort or honor, but offering Himself for others.
8. Jesus and God, the Father are one in essence and nature. **True**
“I and My Father are one.” (John 10:30)
This statement affirms the unity and divine equality between Jesus and the Father.
9. At His baptism, Jesus was identified as the Son of God by a voice from heaven. **True** *“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* (Matthew 3:17) God the Father publicly affirmed Jesus’ divine sonship at His baptism.
10. Peter never confessed that Jesus was the Son of the living God. **False**
“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:16)
Peter clearly recognized and declared Jesus’ divine identity, a moment Jesus praised as Spirit-revealed truth.
11. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. **True**

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10) Jesus’ mission was to rescue those separated from God by sin.

12. Jesus preached that the greatest commandments are to love God and love others. **True** *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* (Matthew 22:37–39)
Jesus identified these as the two greatest commandments that summarize all of God’s law.
13. Jesus died by crucifixion as a sacrifice for our sins. **True**
“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.” (Isaiah 53:5) *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5:8)
Jesus’ death was a substitutionary sacrifice, foretold and fulfilled.
14. Jesus did not rise from the dead after His crucifixion. **False**
“He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.” (Matthew 28:6)
Jesus’ resurrection was the defining proof of His divine identity and victory over death.
15. Jesus’ resurrection was witnessed by more than five hundred people. **True** *“After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once.”* (1 Corinthians 15:6) The resurrection was verified by many eyewitnesses, making it historically credible.
16. Jesus ascended into heaven after His resurrection. **True**
“He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.” (Acts 1:9)
After appearing to many, Jesus was visibly taken into heaven in the presence of His disciples.
17. Jesus is not active today and plays no role in the lives of believers. **False**
“It is Christ who died... who also makes intercession for us.” (Romans 8:34)
Jesus now intercedes on behalf of believers in heaven, actively involved in our spiritual lives.
18. Jesus will return in the same way He ascended into heaven. **True**
“This same Jesus... will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11) Just as Jesus physically ascended, He will physically return.
19. Jesus will return with power and great glory. **True**
“They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (Matthew 24:30)
His second coming will be a visible, majestic return, unlike His first coming in humility.
20. Jesus did not establish a church, nor is He its head. **False**
“On this rock I will build My church.” (Matthew 16:18)
“He is the head of the body, the church.” (Colossians 1:18)
Jesus not only founded the church but continues to lead and direct it as its head.

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