

## Christology Part 1

1. Why is it so important to have proper understanding of the person and work of Jesus?
  - Mark 8:27-29. Everything depends on how we answer that question.
  - Everything about Christianity is determined by the person and work of Jesus Christ.
    - Author of its teachings
    - Object of its doctrine
    - Origin of salvation
    - Fulfillment of hopes
    - The source of our power
    - Founder of the church
  
2. What are some ways Jesus proved that he was fully God?
  - The deity of Christ is the unalterable foundation of Christianity.
    1. **Jesus Christ claimed deity.** In a way that was clear to his listeners.
      - John 10:30, Matt. 26:63-64
    2. **Jesus Christ displayed God's authority.** He claimed the authority and prerogative of God.
      - Forgive sins, Mark 2:10
      - Authority to judge humanity, John 5:22
      - Authority to raise the dead, John 10:17-18
    3. **Jesus Christ displayed God's attributes.** He demonstrated clearly the attributes which belong to God alone.
      - Power over nature
      - Power over physical disease
      - Power over evil
      - Power over death
    4. **Jesus lived a sinless life.** Not mere innocence, but complete inability to sin. He was tested, but overcame.
    5. Virgin Birth
    6. Resurrection.
  
3. How do we know that Jesus was also fully human?
  - Born, had a normal childhood and grew up like all of us. Luke 2:40
  - Got hungry and thirsty, Matt. 4:2, John 19:28
  - He got weary from traveling, John 4:6
  - He needed sleep and refreshment, Matt. 8:24
  - He experienced and expressed love and compassion, Matt. 9:36
  - He got angry, Matt. 21:13
  - He wept at the tomb of a dear friend, John 11:35
  - He was troubled as he faced the cross, John 12:27
  
4. What does it matter that Jesus was fully human?
  - Our humanity is important and has deep meaning in the eyes of God, the Creator.
  - If he were not fully human, He could not have represented us on the cross.
  - Also, he could not be the High Priest who comforts and strengthens us.
  - Heb. 2:16-18
  
5. How can you know the resurrection is fact and not fiction?
  - Was Jesus a liar and didn't actually die, only led the disciples to believe?

- Hallucination? The 12 didn't expect that Jesus would rise from the dead, and didn't believe until they saw for themselves, and still didn't believe until Jesus opened their minds. Luke 24:36-45.
- Jesus appeared 10 times in 10 different places and in one case to more than 500 people at once. That would have had to have been quite a hallucination.
- Disciples were liars? Would they have all died for something they knew was a lie?
- No one ever produced Jesus' body to prove he was still dead.
- The empty tomb changed the lives of his followers, especially the 11.
  - Cowardly, whimpering men in hiding who denied they even knew Jesus into the men who founded the Church.
- Transformed lives of countless people today who have met the risen Lord face to face.

6. What are four benefits of the resurrection to us?

- ***It confirms the truth and validity of what Jesus taught and did.*** 1 Cor. 15:17
- ***It is the guarantee of our own resurrection.*** John 14:19
- ***We can know that our bodies are good and not evil.*** Jesus was resurrected with a physical body – he ate and drank, he had scars.
- ***We have assurance of the power of Christ in our lives today.*** Galatians 2:20.

7. Where is Jesus now and what is he doing?

- Romans 8:34.
- John 14:2-3