



SERIES: Pursuing Spiritual Fitness

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Scripture: John 10:24-30 / John 8:58 / Galatians 4:4-5 / Hebrews 4:15-16

TITLE: Jesus is God

Who is Jesus? That depends on who you ask, right? Some say He never existed. Others say Jesus was a good teacher and a moral reformer. Some like to paint a picture of Jesus as a hippie who threw out flower necklaces and just wanted people to chill out. I've heard some say Jesus is the brother of Satan. And I've even heard that Jesus is God in the flesh.

Who has it right? All of them? None of them? Who is Jesus? That's what we want to answer this week on Win the Day. Few questions fundamentally change your life and your eternal future, but getting the answer right to the following question will not only change your life, but your eternal future! The question: Who is Jesus?

Well, according to the Bible, Jesus is God. Consider the exchange with Jesus and the crowd in John 10:24-30 (NLT):

“The people surrounded him and asked, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus replied, “I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.”

Jesus clearly stated, “The Father and I are one.” In other words, one and the same.

Just a couple chapters earlier, Jesus said in John 8:58:

“I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!”

Jesus was identifying Himself as the great I AM. Who's that? God. Colossians 1:16 tells us that all things, and even the world, were created through Jesus. Isaiah prophesied about Jesus 700 years before His birth. Isaiah called Jesus “mighty God” and “God with us.”

So Jesus was God, and He was also fully man.

Paul writes in Galatians 4:4-5,

“But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law so that he could adopt us as his very own children”

Jesus Christ, forever God. Jesus has always existed. And 2,000 years ago, He became the God-man. Why? To save us from our sins. Only the God-man could do this.

Because Jesus suffered as a man, He became our great high priest. Hebrews 4:15-16 says,

“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”

Here’s my challenge for you today: Believe in Jesus Christ: Fully God; Fully man. But don’t just believe it; Live like it. Christ suffered to save you and to be there for you.

He doesn’t just care as a distant spectator. He cares for you with empathy. Whatever pain you’re facing, Jesus suffered. Whatever temptation you’re facing, Jesus was tempted. Whatever anxiety you are feeling, Jesus sweated blood. He loves you. He cares. So cry, yell, shout, and celebrate with Him.

Who is Jesus? God-in-the-flesh.