

JESUS IS GOD

PLEASE do not read these comments until you have prayed and read the Bible for this lesson to learn what the Holy Spirit wants you to teach your students. Then let Him guide you in using these notes. When you follow this procedure you will be a better teacher of your students.

Lesson Aim: Know that Jesus is God and He is the only One that can give you eternal life.

Suggestion: The teacher lesson will call attention to some important truths to teach. After the lesson, give your class next week's Student Lesson so they can share their answers in class next week.

Introduction: John wrote this Gospel to show that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, so believers would receive eternal life - 20:31. He begins this Gospel boldly declaring that Jesus is God. He is God in the flesh, the unique Son of God, eternal in essence with His Father, but always under His authority. "These are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through His name" - John 20:31.

How do we know that Jesus Christ is God? 1:1-2

John's first statement declares the Word is eternal: "In the beginning was the Word" Since Christ is the Word - 1:14, He "was in the beginning with God" - 1:2. He always existed as the Son of God. Then John said the Word "was with God." He was "in the bosom of His Father" - 1:18. God would not allow any created being to have that special place with Him. This shows Christ was not created, but always was equal with God. He is equal with His Father's essence, but He is subject to His Father's authority. He is distinct from His Father as a person and obeys Him, but He always has had intimate fellowship with Him. Then John plainly says the Word "was God." Christ is fully God and fully human. He is the unique God-man. Paul wrote, "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Col 2:9). When Christ died for our sins, it was God who died for our sins. We sinned against God and no lesser sacrifice could satisfy the holy demand of God.

Did God create the heavens and the earth as it says in Genesis 1:1? 1:3

In John 1:3 it says, "All things were made by Him (Christ) and without Him was not anything made that was made." Since all things were made by Christ, and God created the heavens and the earth, Christ is God. Further, since Christ created all things, He could not be created. He is eternal with His Father. It could be no better than to have our Creator be our Savior.

What is the source of life? 1:4-5

Jesus Christ created all things - 1:3; as God, He is the source of physical and spiritual life. He gives physical life to all creatures, angels and humans. He gives spiritual life to those that trust His death and resurrection for their salvation from Hell. Darkness is the domain of Satan and he desires to comprehend the light (seize it is the meaning of the word) and put it out, because it disrupts his work against God, but he is unable to do it. Thank God for His power.

How does God give light to every man? 1:9

Christ is the Light of the world - Jn 8:12. He was God that came into the world to give light to every man. That does not mean that everyone will be saved, but He gives some light to everyone through their conscience, creation, dreams, visions and believers. If they respond to the light, like Cornelius in Acts 10, they will be saved. Have you let Christ's light save you?

How can we say that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God? 1:18

"Only begotten" is *monogenes*, which comes from two words: *monos* "one" and *genos* "kind." From this we say that Christ is "one of a kind. The Son of God is unique. There is no one like Him. He is the heir of all things, the creator of all things, the brightness of God's glory, the exact image of God's person, the sustainer of all things by His power, the One Who purged our sins and is now seated at the right hand of God on high - Heb 1:2-3. He is God. He is the eternal and almighty God. Is He your God?