

## **Lesson 9: Who is Jesus?**

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### **Who is Jesus Christ?**

Jesus Christ is God the Son, who became man for us.

### **Is Jesus Christ truly God?**

Jesus Christ is truly God, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son, the Eternal Word, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit always was, is, and always will be. *'In the beginning was the Word'* (John 1:1)

### **Is Jesus Christ truly Man?**

Jesus Christ is truly man because he has the nature of man, having a body and soul.

### **Was Jesus Christ always man?**

Jesus Christ was not always man but he *became* man in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

### **What do we call the mystery of God becoming Man?**

We call this mystery **“the Incarnation”** which means that God the Son, became man, a human being like us in all things except sin. *“the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14).

### **How many natures are there in Jesus?**

There are two natures in Jesus, the Divine nature of God and the Human nature of man.

### **How many persons are there in Jesus?**

There is only one person in Jesus, the Person of God the Son.

### **Why did God the Son become Man?**

God the Son became man to free us from sin and open to us the way to Heaven and everlasting life with God.

### **What does the name 'Jesus' mean?**

The name 'Jesus' means 'Savior'.

### **What does the name 'Christ' mean?**

The name 'Christ' means 'Anointed'.

### **What do these names tell us ?**

That Jesus was anointed by God the Father to be our Savior.

From the moment of the Annunciation, we see Christ proclaimed as God, when the angel Gabriel tells Mary to name her child Jesus ([Luke 1:31](#)). Jesus' very name reveals His identity, for in Hebrew 'Jesus' means 'God saves.' Gabriel continues to say that 'the child will be called holy, the Son of God' ([Luke 1:35](#)).

God the Father reveals Jesus as 'Son of God' when He speaks at Jesus' Baptism and at the Transfiguration, calling Jesus 'my beloved Son' ([Matthew 3:17](#); [Matthew 17:5](#)).

Jesus claims to be God throughout the Gospels as well. Jesus asked the Jews, ‘Do you say . . . You are blaspheming,’ because I said, I am the Son of God?’ ([John 10:36](#)). Calling yourself God when you are not is blasphemy, the *worst* kind of sin for the Jews. That’s why the Jews wanted to put Him to death.

You’ve heard the saying, ‘Actions speak louder than words.’ Throughout the Gospels, Jesus performs many miracles, giving sight to the blind, healing lepers and even raising his good friend Lazarus from the dead. All of these miracles invite us to believe in Him and His divinity. These miracles show in a tangible way that ‘He was filled with the power of God’s healing love’ (YOUCAT 91).

The greatest proof, though, that Jesus Christ is God is the Resurrection. Jesus conquered death by death — rose from the dead — and saved all of humanity! St. Paul tells us that our faith would be in vain if Jesus did not rise from the dead ([1 Corinthians 15:14](#)).

As C.S. Lewis says, if Jesus didn’t rise from the dead, he would have been either a liar or a lunatic.

### **C. S. Lewis - The Trilemma : ' Lunatic, Liar, or Lord:**

*Quote : “People cannot logically say that Jesus was “just a good man”. Jesus Christ claimed to be God in the flesh - Good men do not claim to be God.”*

- 1. Jesus could have been- as we might consider anyone making claims of divinity - a raving lunatic.*
- 2. He could have been the world's greatest con-man, a liar.*
- 3. He could have been who he claimed to be, LORD.*

