



Lesson 6: Jesus Is God / Text: 1 John 2:18-27

Message focus: This lesson is designed to reinforce two important truths about Jesus that are revealed in the Scriptures.

1. There is perhaps no greater line that divides people than Jesus. His life, claims, death and resurrection are widely debated even today. He is loved and hated, revered and disregarded. More books have been written about Him than any other person in human history. Which of the following sentences best describes your view of Jesus before your conversion? Explain your answer.

- His name was one of my favorite swear words.
- I thought He was a good person.
- I doubted His existence.
- I thought He was just another religious teacher.
- I had never really even thought about Him.
- _____ (None of the above? Fill in.)

A.

2. Who or what most influenced your decision to consider the person, work, and truth claims of Jesus? (Answers may include a saved family member or friend, a personal crisis, a sermon, a book or article, lack of fulfillment in current pursuits, etc.)

A.

3. Jesus is without a doubt the most important figure in human history. This is true, in part, because of His claims. These claims are of the utmost importance to everyone. Our text uses the word "Antichrist". This word describes individuals, but also applies to anyone who refuses to accept the claims of Jesus as spelled out in the Bible. The word means "an opponent of Christ". Name a person, figure, or movement of our day that you would say is blatantly "antichrist"? Why?

A.

4. What are some obvious signs to you that, for the most part, our world/culture is opposed to Jesus Christ?

A.

5. Our text provides us with two equally important, yet hotly contested truths about Jesus. The first one found in 1 John 2:22, is that He is the long-awaited Christ. That is, He is the Messiah spoken of in the Old Testament. The fact that numerous prophecies (*Events told before they occurred*) were fulfilled serves as proof that the Bible is no ordinary book. Let's consider the second truth found in verses 22-23.

Jesus claimed He was/is equal with God, and in fact was/is God. Read 1 John 2:22. Using the criteria set forth in this verse, how many antichrists do you think are alive today?

A.

6. Can a person have a genuine relationship with God apart or separate from Jesus Christ? Why or why not? (*1 John 2:23 & John 3:16-18*)

A.

7. Some skeptics say that Jesus never claimed to be God. Play the part of a reporter and imagine you were present when Jesus made the following statements. Write out the claim made by Jesus in each case. Also, make a note of the response made by those who heard Him. Did they at least understand who He was claiming to be?

Mark 2:1-11 (*key verses 5, 7 and 10*) also consider Isaiah 43:25

A.

John 5:15-18

A.

John 10:27-33

A.

8. The reason why holding a biblical view of Jesus is so important is found in 1 John 2:24-25. Can a person hold a "neutral" view regarding Jesus and still hope to gain eternal life (*go to heaven*)?

A.