

## The Person of Christ

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop and was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held a political office. He did none of the things we usually associate with greatness. Nineteen centuries have come and gone. And today, He is still the central figure of the human race. All the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that have ever sailed, all the kings that have ever reigned put together have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as much as this one solitary life.

Christology = the study of the person of Jesus Christ

False religions all have this one thing in common: they all deny the Bible's claim that Jesus is Jehovah God Himself wrapped in human flesh.

The deity of Christ is the sine qua non of the Christian faith.

If Jesus is not exactly who the Bible says He is, then all of biblical Christianity crumbles!

The Bible claims that Jesus is a being who had a dual nature.

First, Jesus was fully human.

Jesus was tempted in every way just as we are -- yet He was without sin. Hebrews 4:15

Second, Jesus was fully God.

For in Jesus, all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form. Colossians 2:9 What do you think about the

Messiah? Whose son is He? Matthew 22:42a He is the Son of David, they said. Matthew 22:42b So

Jesus said to them, How is it then that David, speaking by the Holy Spirit, calls the Messiah LORD?

Matthew 22:43

For David said [Psalm 110:1], The LORD (Jehovah) said to my Lord (Adonai), Sit at My right hand until

I place Your enemies under Your feet. Matthew 22:44 If then David calls the Messiah Lord, how can

He be David's son? Matthew 22:45 If the Messiah is nothing more than the human descendant of David,

then why would David refer to Him as God and call Him his Lord? No one could answer Him. And from

that day on, no one dared to ask Jesus any more questions! Matthew 22:46 The answer to Jesus

question is found in the dual nature of The Messiah.

The human part of Jesus was David's descendant

The God part of Jesus was David's Lord Isaiah 9:6 The Messiah will be the Mighty God. Titus 2:13

. . . our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 1:3 Jesus Christ is the exact representation of God's being. Revelation 1:8 calls Jesus, the Almighty, a term used exclusively for Jehovah God. Philip said, Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us. John 14:8 Jesus answered, Have I been with you this long, Philip, and you still don't know who I am? He who has seen Me has seen God the Father. John 14:9 We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, true God of true God, of identical substance as the Father, but who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was made flesh and became man. Council of Nicea (324 A.D.) For this reason, the Jews tried all the harder to kill Jesus; because not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. John 5:18 I and the Father are one. John 10:30 We are stoning You for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God. John 10:33 #1 - - Jesus had a power over disease and sickness that only God could have Since the world began, no one has ever opened the eyes of a man born blind. John 9:32#2 - - Jesus had a power over the natural forces of the world that only God could have Who is this man, that even the winds and the waves obey Him? Matthew 8:27 #3 - - Jesus had a power over demons that only God could have When a strong man guards his house, his possessions are safe. But when a stronger man comes along, he overpowers that man and takes all that he has. Luke 11:22#4 - - Jesus had a power over sin that only God could have . . . for who can forgive sins but God alone? Mark 2:7 Jesus said to them, Which is easier to say to this paralyzed man, Your sins are forgiven, or to say to him, Rise up and walk ?

Mark 2:9

But so you may know that I, the Son of Man, have authority to forgive sins . . . Jesus said to the paralyzed man, Stand up, take up your bed and go home. Mark 2:10, 11 And immediately, the paralyzed man stood, took up his bed and walked out in full view of everyone.

Mark 2:12

#5 - - How could Jesus tell the woman at the well [John 4] everything she had ever done -- if He wasn't God?

#6 - - How could Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead [John 11] - - if He wasn't God? The crowning proof

of all is Jesus own resurrection.

. . . who, as to His human nature, was a descendant of David, but who was declared with power to be the Son of God [deity] by His resurrection from the dead. Romans 1:3, 4

Although the opponents of Christianity opposed the preaching and even killed the preachers, no one was ever able to discredit the resurrection. If the resurrection happened, then Jesus is Almighty God wrapped in human flesh - - just like He claimed to be!

C.S. Lewis A man who was merely a man, and who said the sort of things Jesus said, would not be a great moral teacher. He d either be a lunatic or a liar or else he d be the devil of hell. Every person must make a choice. Either this man was and is the Son of God, or else He is a madman or something worse.

### **So What?**

Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:10, 11

Jesus Christ is either Lord of all - - or He is not Lord at all. Hudson Taylor