

Created After the Image of God

Lesson 7 – The Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ

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“... and to put on the new self, **created to be like God** in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:24)

“... and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge **in the image of its Creator**” (Colossians 3:10)

1. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, fully divine—He came down from heaven and became fully human
 - a. **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”** (John 1:1-3, 14)
 - b. **“No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.”** (John 3:13)
 - c. **“For I have come down from heaven ...”** (John 6:38)
 - d. **“Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”** (Philippians 2:7)
 - e. **“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity** so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil ... For this reason he had to be made like them, **fully human in every way ...**” (Hebrews 2:14, 17)
2. He was born of a virgin because God is His Father
 - a. **“This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.”** (Matthew 1:18)
 - b. **“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ... ‘How will this be,’** Mary asked the angel, **‘since I am a virgin?’** The angel answered, **‘The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.’”** (Luke 1:31, 34-35)
3. His birth, childhood, baptism, and start of His ministry
 - a. **“So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ... And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”** (Luke 2:4, 7)
 - b. **“And he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.”** (Matthew 2:23), **“‘Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?’** Nathanael asked. **‘Come and see,’** said Philip.” (John 1:46)
 - c. **And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”** (Luke 2:52)
 - d. **“When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ... Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.”** (Luke 2:42, 47)
 - e. **“The Jews there were amazed and asked, ‘How did this man get such learning without having been taught?’”** (John 7:15)
 - f. **“Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”** (Matthew 8:20)
 - g. **“Isn’t this the carpenter?”** (Mark 6:3)
 - h. **“Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.”** (Luke 7:34)
 - i. **“We are not illegitimate children”** (John 8:41)

- j. **"He grew up** before him like a tender shoot, and **like a root out of dry ground**. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, **nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**" (Isaiah 53:2)
- k. "The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. **Confessing their sins, they were baptized** by him in the Jordan River." (Mark 1:5), "When all the people were being baptized, **Jesus was baptized too**. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. **And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'** Now Jesus himself was **about thirty years old when he began his ministry.**" (Luke 3:21-23)
- 4. He performed many miracles and healing of individual people
 - a. Turned water into wine (John 2:1-11)
 - b. Fed 5,000 with a few loaves and fish (Matthew 14:15-21; Mark 6:35-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:5-14)
 - c. Calmed a storm (Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25)
 - d. Healed woman with an issue of blood (Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48)
 - e. Walked on water (Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:48-51; John 6:16-21)
 - f. Healed a man born blind (John 9:1-7)
 - g. Cast out a legion of devils from a man (Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-37)
 - h. Cursed a fig tree (Matthew 21:17-22; Mark 11:12-14)
 - i. Raised His friend Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44)
- 5. He also healed multitudes and great crowds of people
 - a. **"Jesus went throughout Galilee**, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and **healing every disease and sickness** among the people. News about him spread **all over Syria**, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and **he healed them.**" (Matthew 4:23-24)
 - b. "Jesus went through **all the towns and villages**, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and **healing every disease and sickness.**" (Matthew 9:35)
 - c. "Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A **large crowd** followed him, and he **healed all who were ill.**" (Matthew 12:15)
 - d. "When Jesus landed and saw a **large crowd**, he had compassion on them and **healed their sick.**" (Matthew 14:14)
 - e. **"Great crowds came to him**, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and **he healed them.**" (Matthew 15:30)
 - f. **"Large crowds** followed him, and **he healed them** there." (Matthew 19:2)
- 6. His miracles and healings proved that He is the Christ or Messiah sent to God's own people
 - a. "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—**the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me.**" (John 5:36)
 - b. **"The works I do** in my Father's name **testify about me**" (John 10:25)
 - c. "Do not believe me unless **I do the works of my Father.**" (John 10:37)
 - d. "Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least **believe on the evidence of the works themselves.**" (John 14:11)
 - e. "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: **Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs**, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know." (Acts 2:22)
- 7. He ate His last supper with His twelve disciples and taught them to love each other by serving
 - a. "While they were eating, **Jesus took bread**, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, **'Take and eat; this is my body.'** **Then he took a cup**, and when

- he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. **This is my blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’” (Matthew 26:26-28)
- b. “So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, **he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet**, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ... Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. **I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.**” (John 13:4-5, 14-15)
 - c. “After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, ‘Very truly I tell you, **one of you is going to betray me.**’ His disciples stared at one another, **at a loss to know which of them he meant.**” (John 13:21-22)
 - i. Jesus didn’t just wash the feet of eleven but all twelve including Judas Iscariot
 - ii. That they had no idea which one would betray Him indicates that for over three years of accompanying Him 24/7, He had never treated Judas Iscariot any differently!
 - iii. “For Jesus had **known from the beginning** which of them did not believe and **who would betray him.**” (John 6:64)
 - d. “A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you**, so you must love one another. **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples**, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35)
 - e. “**If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?** Are not even the tax collectors doing that? **And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others?** Do not even pagans do that?” (Matthew 5:46-47)
8. It was prophesied and it came to pass that His own Jewish people would reject Him
- a. “They abandoned the God who made them and **rejected the Rock their Savior.**” (Deuteronomy 32:15)
 - b. “**The stone the builders rejected** has become the cornerstone” (Psalm 118:22)
 - c. “**He was despised and rejected by mankind**, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.” (Isaiah 53:3)
 - d. “He came to that which was his own, but **his own did not receive him.**” (John 1:11)
 - e. “**You disowned the Holy and Righteous One** and asked that a murderer be released to you.” (Acts 3:14)
9. What would have happened (or would NOT have happened) had His own people received Him?
- a. He wouldn’t have been crucified and nobody would be saved!
 - b. “He had no beauty or **majesty** to attract us to him” (Isaiah 53:2)—He appeared illegitimate, born in a stable, from Nazareth, a carpenter, uneducated, homeless, a friend of sinners, and died as a criminal by the Romans
10. We must believe on Jesus Christ to have eternal life, otherwise we will perish
- a. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that **whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**” (John 3:16)
 - b. “**Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life**, but whoever rejects the Son **will not see life**, for God’s wrath remains on them.” (John 3:36)
 - c. “**I am the way and the truth and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)
 - d. “**Jesus performed many other signs** in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God**, and that by believing **you may have life in his name.**” (John 20:30-31)
 - e. “**Whoever has the Son has life**; whoever does not have the Son of God **does not have life.**” (John 5:12)



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