

## Getting To Know Jesus

Matthew 16:13-20

## Jesus Was Like God

- ▶ John 14:8-11 – “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father”
- ▶ John 4:25-26 – “I who speak to you am he”

### Eternal

- ▶ John 1:1-2 – “He was in the beginning ...”
- ▶ John 8:58 – “before Abraham was, I am”

### Immanuel

- ▶ Matthew 1:23 – “which means, God with us”
- ▶ cf. Isaiah 7:14 – “... shall call his name Immanuel”

## Jesus Existed In The Form Of God

- ▶ Philippians 2:5-8 – “... in the form of God”
- ▶ cf. John 4:24-26 – “God is spirit”

### The Son Of God

- ▶ John 3:16-18 – “... the only Son of God”
- ▶ Matthew 1:18-25 – “... from the Holy Spirit”
- ▶ John 10:37-38 – “... the Father is in me ...”
- ▶ Acts 2:22 – “a man attested to you by God ...”
- ▶ Romans 1:4 – “declared to be the Son of God”
- ▶ John 20:28 – “My Lord and my God!”

## Jesus Became Like A Man

### The word became flesh

- ▶ Matthew 16:13 – “... I the Son of man ...”
- ▶ “Son of man” certainly indicates that He was born
- ▶ John 1:14 – “the Word became flesh ...”
- ▶ Matthew 1:18 – “... with child from the Holy Spirit”
- ▶ Both humanity and deity are seen

### He “made himself of no reputation” (KJV)

- ▶ Philippians 2:7 ASV “... emptied himself”

## Jesus Had Human Characteristics

- ▶ Hebrews 4:15 – “... who in every respect has been tempted as we are”

### Why did Jesus become flesh?

- ▶ Romans 6:23 – “... the free gift of God is eternal life ...”
- ▶ John 3:16-17 – “... that the world might be saved through him”
- ▶ Hebrews 10:5-10 – “I have come to do your will, O God”

### He is the perfect mediator

- ▶ I Timothy 2:5 – “... there is one mediator ...”

## Jesus Was Like John The Baptist

- ▶ Matthew 16:13-14 – “Some say John the Baptist”
- ▶ Why did they say He was like John?

### They preached alike

- ▶ Matthew 3:1-2 – “... the kingdom of heaven is at hand”
- ▶ cf. Matthew 4:17 – “... the kingdom of heaven is at hand”

### Neither would tolerate hypocrisy

- ▶ Matthew 3:7-8 – “You brood of vipers!”
- ▶ Matthew 12:34 – “You brood of vipers!”

### They were men of self denial

- ▶ Matthew 3:4 – “a garment of camel’s hair”
- ▶ Matthew 8:20 – “nowhere to lay his head”

## Jesus Was Like Elijah

- ▶ Matthew 16:13-14 – “Who do people say that the Son of Man is? ... Some ... say Elijah”
- ▶ Malachi 4:5-6 – “I will send you Elijah ...”

### Taken Up Into Heaven

- ▶ II Kings 2:11 – “went up by a whirlwind into heaven”
- ▶ Acts 1:9-11 – “he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight”

### Called for decisions

- ▶ I Kings 18:21 – “How long will you go limping”
- ▶ Matthew 6:24 – “No one can serve two masters”

## Jesus Was Like Jeremiah

- ▶ Matthew 16:13-14 – “Some say ... Jeremiah”
- They wept for the lost** (see Lamentations)

- ▶ Luke 19:41-42 – “he wept over it”

### A friend of sinners

- ▶ Jeremiah 24:6-7 – “they shall return to me ...”
- ▶ Matthew 23:37 – “... would I have gathered your children ...”

### A prophet to warn the people

- ▶ Jeremiah 1:4-8 – “... a prophet to the nations”
- ▶ Acts 3:22 – “The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet ...”

## Now We Know Jesus More Fully

- ▶ Jesus Was Like God
- ▶ Jesus Existed In The Form Of God
- ▶ Jesus Became Like A Man
- ▶ Jesus Had Human Characteristics
- ▶ Jesus Was Like John The Baptist
- ▶ Jesus Was Like Elijah
- ▶ Jesus Was Like Jeremiah

## Obeying The Gospel

### Hear the Word of God

- ▶ James 1:21 – “... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

### Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- ▶ I John 3:23-24 – “... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ...”

## Obeying The Gospel

### Repent of your sins

- ▶ Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”

### Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- ▶ Romans 10:9-10 – “... with the mouth one confesses and is saved”

## Obeying The Gospel

### Be immersed in water

- ▶ Acts 2:38 – “Repent and be baptized every one of you ...”

### Remain faithful

- ▶ I Corinthians 15:1-2 – “if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain”