

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ

*“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” (John 14:1-3)*

*(Acts 1:10-11)*

#### A. The Hope of \_\_\_\_\_

*“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 5:8)*

##### THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH SAINTS

*“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)*

##### THE SECOND COMING WITH THE SAINTS

*“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.” (Revelation 19:11, 13-14)*

#### B. The Hope of \_\_\_\_\_

*“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;” (Titus 1:2)*

*“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” (1 John 5:11-13)*

# Avoiding Confusion

Interpret Cultural Issues through a  
Biblical Worldview

## LESSON FOUR: THE DEITY OF JESUS

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)*

*“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.” (Matthew 16:13–14)*

**Quote:** “I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”—**C. S. Lewis**

*“He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:15–16)*

*“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)*

*“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” (John 20:31)*

**Quote:** “From Genesis to Revelation, Jesus Christ is the most important theme of the Bible and almost every page is related in some way to either His person or work. Christianity is Jesus Christ.”—**John Walvoord**

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

## A. Christ Is Eternal

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*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)*

*“Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.” (Isaiah 43:10)*

*“Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.” (John 8:58)*

*“...and the Word was with God...” (John 1:1)*

*“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.” (Genesis 1:1-4)*

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” (John 1:1-5)*

## B. Christ Is Manifested in

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*“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)*

*“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:6-8)*

*“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)*

*“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)*

*“Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.” (Luke 23:4)*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ

*“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” (John 1:13)*

*“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:9-10)*

### A. His \_\_\_\_\_

*“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)*

*“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)*

*“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)*

*“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)*

### B. His \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowning proof of Christianity. . . . If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion. If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute truth.” —**Henry Morris**

*“And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.” (1 Corinthians 15:17, 19)*

A GUARDED TOMB

*(Matthew 27:65-66, 28:12-15)*

AN EMPTY TOMB

*(Matthew 28:6)*

LIVING EYE WITNESSES

*(1 Corinthians 15:5-8)*