

The True Identity of Jesus Christ our Lord

Romans 1:3,4

Introduction:

●Characters that disguised their identity

1. Superman - _____
2. Bruce Wayne - _____
3. Don Diego de la Vega – _____
4. John Reid - _____

●Jesus did not conceal but revealed His true character by w_____ and deed in order to save us from our sins.

1. Jn 1:12 – we must believe in His n_____ (refers to His character – see Col 3:17)
2. Jn 3:18 – judgment comes to those who do not b_____ in His name

●Rom 1:3,4 reveals the true character of Jesus Christ our Lord

1. Paul used to have a w_____ view of Jesus (Acts 9)
2. Paul reprimanded the Corinthian church for putting up with others who preached a different Jesus (2 Cor 11:4)
3. We must be ready to hold out the true identity of Jesus Christ our Lord to anyone who speaks of Him wrongly.

Jesus' Humanity – obtained through natural means (3)

●Jesus is as human as you and me

1. The prophesied Christ was to be a physical descendant of King D_____ (2 Sam 7:16; Is 9:7; Jer 23:5)
2. Records of Jewish genealogy were kept by the Jews (see Lk 2:3,4 of how the Jewish population was to r_____ for the tax census)

●The genealogy of Jesus

1. Matthew's genealogy (Matt 1:1-16) has the purpose of showing that Jesus qualifies as the l_____ heir to the throne of David.
 - a. He traces the lineage from Abraham, through David, to J_____
 - b. He does not end by saying that Jesus was the son of Joseph, but that Mary was the h_____ of Joseph.
 - 1) He adds that it was by Mary (not Joseph) that Jesus was b_____
 - 2) He then calls Jesus the M_____ (the legal heir to the throne).
2. Luke's genealogy (Luke 3:23-38) has a two-fold purpose:
 - a. That Jesus was a physical son (descendant) of many
 - 1) Luke records that Jesus was supposedly the son of J_____ (v. 23); Luke views this as a false assumption (see Lk 1:26-35)
 - 2) Luke then records that Jesus was actually the son of Eli (this was Mary's f_____, not Joseph's)
 - 3) Luke is not saying that Joseph is the son of Eli and Eli is the son of Matthat and Matthat is the son of Levi, etc. but that Jesus is the son of Eli, and Jesus is the son of Matthat, and Jesus is the son of Levi (remember son means descendant)
 - b. That Jesus was the Son of God
 - 1) Verse 38 is not saying that Adam is the son of God but that J_____ is the Son of God.
 - 2) This genealogy immediately follows the b_____ of Jesus, where God declared Jesus as His Son (Lk 3:21,22).

●Why the apostle Paul did not need to prove his statement that Jesus was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh

1. Because the proof was in the Jewish r_____
2. Because it was c_____ knowledge

●Jesus' humanity was required for our salvation

1. Had to be a descendant of D_____

2. Had to shed b_____ as payment for our sins (Heb 9:4)
 - a. Animal sacrifices could not f_____ sins (Heb 10:4)
 - b. Jesus' sacrifice was done one time for a_____ sin for all time (I Pet 3:18).
3. Few people deny the humanity of Christ (the Christian S_____ say Christ was not human but a separate being than Jesus – I Jn 4:1 and 5:1 was written against this ancient heresy of the Gnostics)
4. Many Christians f_____ that Jesus is still human and will forever be human (see I Tim 1:5). This shows how much He loves us.

Jesus' Divinity – proven through supernatural means (4)

● Jesus was declared or appointed the Son of God

1. The above word, in Greek, literally means “to mark off with a boundary line” - something obvious proved His identity.

2. By r_____ from the dead

● For Jesus to rise from the dead, two things were necessary

1. P_____ - *He was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead*
 - a. This should remind us of the measures that were taken to keep Jesus' body in the t_____ (large stone, guards, governmental seal threatening death).
 - b. This should remind us of the many convincing proofs of Jesus presenting Himself a_____ (Acts 1:3)
 - c. There was only one alternate story to the resurrection in early Christianity – the disciples s_____ the body (Matt 28:13) – this is easily refuted.
 - d. Other alternate explanations did not surface until almost 1800 years later! These are easily refuted.
2. P_____ - *He was declared the Son of God according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead.*
 - a. Jesus had to be s_____ in order to overcome death.
 - b. Since Jesus rose from the dead, He must be who He claimed to be – G_____ in the flesh (Jn 8:58; Matt 28:9 with 4:10).
 - c. The final Son of God was viewed as God in the flesh
 - 1) By the J_____ (Jn 5:18; 10:33,36)
 - 2) By some p_____ (Is 9:6; Mic 5:2)

● Anyone who denies that Jesus is God in the flesh is denying s_____

1. What group denies that Jesus is God (Yahweh)? –
2. What people deny that Jesus is God? –
3. If you acknowledge Jesus as God in the flesh are you saved?
 - a. Notice the last phrase – Jesus Christ _____ Lord.
 - b. Jesus must be _____ personal Lord

***Now you are ready to hold out and defend
the true identity of Jesus Christ your Lord***