

Who Jesus is
Understand and Stand Under
Revelation 1:5

Introduction:

- A. "Christianity" is filled with false information about the identity of Jesus. Some examples include:
1. Jehovah's Witnesses - Jesus was an a_____ who became human.
 2. Christian Science - Jesus and Christ are two s_____ beings.
 3. United Pentecostal Church – J_____ only (He was first the Father, then the Son, and finally the Holy Spirit)
 4. False teachers within mainstream denominations – Jesus was not G_____.
- B. We must get our understanding of whom Jesus is from His r_____.
1. Understand who Jesus is.
 2. D_____ stand under Him.

Jesus is the Christ

- A. The word Christ
1. Is an English transliteration of the Greek word C_____
 2. Is equivalent to the Hebrew word, M_____
 3. It means a_____ one and originally referred to any human king (1 Sam 12:3)
- B. The prophesied Christ
1. The O.T. prophesies of the final king of Israel who would reign f_____ (Dan 9:24,25; see Lk 1:33)
 2. This one is describe in Is 9:6 as the M_____ G_____ and in Mic 5:2 has having no beginning.
- C. How the Jews understood Jesus claim of being the prophesied Christ:
1. The high priest called it b_____ (Mk 14:62-64)
 2. The religious Jews viewed Jesus as claiming to be G_____ (Jn 10:33).
- D. The early church believed what Jesus revealed and so when they heard the term Christ they pictured the prophesied king who is God in the f_____ (Jn 1:1,14)

Jesus is the Faithful Witness

- A. Jesus did n_____ on His own
1. He only s_____ what the Father commanded (Jn 14:10)
 2. He only d_____ what the Father commanded (Jn 5:19)
 3. Jesus was p_____ obedient even to the point of dying on the cross (Phil 2:8)
- B. We trust in imperfect things regularly
1. Y_____ - have you ever made a wrong decision?
 2. Certain p_____ - have they ever failed you?
 3. C_____ - has it ever failed you?
- C. Trust in the One who never fails (Matt 11:28; Jn 10:10)

Jesus is the Firstborn of the Dead

- A. Translations of this word
1. KJV translates as first begotten here and in Heb 1:6, but translates the same word as firstborn everywhere else.
 2. The NLT translates as f_____ to rise from the dead
 - a. Before Jesus rose from the dead, He raised Lazarus from the dead after who had been dead _____ days (Jn 11).
 - b. Jesus was the first to p_____ rise from the dead but that is not what firstborn of the dead means.
- B. The usage of the word in ancient literature had only two meanings.
1. The first one b_____ into a family (Lk 2:7)
 - a. In ancient culture the firstborn son eventually became the h_____ of the household when the father died.
 - b. Eventually the word took on another meaning
 2. The r_____ over others - The emphasis fell on the word first rather than the word born.
 - a. In English - the word first can mean first in o_____ (1st, 2nd, 3rd) or first in r_____ (1st lieutenant; 1st degree murder).
 - b. In Greek and Hebrew the word has only two meanings - See Ps 89:27 where God promises to make the Messiah His firstborn by making Him the h_____ of the kings of the earth.

- C. How is Jesus the firstborn of the dead?
1. The Greek text has no preposition and so could be translated as of the dead, from the dead, or over the dead – the c_____ determines the meaning.
 2. Rev 1:18 tells us that Jesus has the k_____ of death because He conquered death by rising from the dead. So the context tells us that He has authority over death.
- D. Jesus is called firstborn with the sense of authority 5 times:
1. Rom 8:29 – ruler over the f_____ of God (firstborn among many brothers)
 2. Col 1:15 – ruler over c_____ because He is the creator (see verse 16)
 3. Col 1:18 – ruler f_____ the dead (there is a preposition in the Greek text emphasizing that his authority derived from rising from death – see Matt 28:18).
 4. Heb 1:6 – ruler over a_____
 5. Rev 1:5 – ruler over the dead

Jesus is the Ruler of the Kings of the earth

- A. Historical context
1. Domitian was the e_____ of the Roman Empire which ruled a big part of the known world (ruler of many kings)
 2. Domitian demanded to be w_____, threatening punishment on all who refused.
- B. Historical application is the same as today’s application?
1. No matter if it looks like that government has the upper hand, Jesus is the u_____ ruler.
 2. Jesus is in control of when governments rise and f_____.
 3. God is moving kingdoms of the world in a direction that will bring about the s_____ of people from every tribe, tongue, nation, and class of people (Rev 5:9) and then He will come and all will bow to Him as the Ruler of the Kings of the earth.

Conclusion – Understand who Jesus is and daily stand under Him.

1. Daily tell Him that you entrust your mind, will, and emotions to His control
2. Daily look for opportunities to share who Jesus is so that others embrace Him for whom He truly is.