

Introduction:

What do you need to believe about Jesus to access His power?

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” He asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven.

Matthew 16:13-17

Jesus is fully _____ and fully the One true _____.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16a

What do you need to believe about Jesus?

1. Jesus is _____.

Jesus is the most influential person in all of human history.

2. Jesus is fully _____ without _____.

Jesus experienced all of the same rejections, pain, and physical responses of humanity.

3. Jesus is the one true _____ within the _____.

The trinity is one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

To experience the power of God that brings salvation, you must believe intellectually, but also in your heart, that Jesus is the one true God.

Three simple review questions:

1. Jesus is the one true God. Do you really believe that?
2. The concept that Jesus is both fully God and fully man is a 'watershed issue' for the Christian faith. Where do you struggle to understand that?
3. What have you decided to believe?

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some common errors that people believe about Jesus?
2. Who do you believe Jesus to be? What parts of this are hard for you to wrap your mind around?
3. What part of Christ's humanity are you most thankful for? What part of Christ being fully God are you most thankful for? Why?
4. What is keeping you from believing in Jesus?

Summary Card

JESUS -----

Fully God and fully Man

Scripture

Matthew 11:28

Matthew 16:15-16

John 1:1-4

LOVES -----

Came into our world on a rescue mission. He died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead.

Scripture

Romans 5:7-8

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 10:9-11

ME -----

To receive salvation in Jesus, I must own my mistakes and need for His help. Where sin has corrupted me, Jesus can restore me into the image of God.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 6:23

Ephesians 2:8-9

Romans 5:17

THIS I KNOW -----

I cannot earn salvation, but I must use my will to admit my need, acknowledge Jesus as God, believe in His work on the cross and receive His gift of salvation. After I receive salvation by faith, I express my belief in Jesus through baptism.

Scripture

Romans 1:16

Romans 10:9-11

Ephesians 2:8-9

Mark 16:16

Acts 8:12

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO -----

To fully experience my new identity in Christ and my freedom from sin, I choose to make God's Word the standard for all I will do and believe. The truths of the Bible are of life-or-death importance.

Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16

Romans 15:4

2 Peter 1:21

Psalm 19:7-11