

“JESUS – BOTH GOD AND MAN”

Lesson 11 ☐ For week ending December 13, 2014

Jesus Christ–Yahshua, the Messiah–embodies the greatest mystery of the Bible, for in His person, the very God who created the universe—and all things in it—became very man to live a victorious life, to die an atoning death, to experience a glorious resurrection, and to ascend into heaven to restore fallen man to the grace and favor of the Eternal Father.

KEY TEXT: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (I Timothy 3:16).

1. Jesus, the person of the Word of God, with the Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit, make up the one God–Yahweh. There are not three Gods (Deuteronomy 6:4); however, there are three distinct personalities in the one God. The Heavenly Father is that person of the Godhead who is unknown and unseen to the creation (John 1:18; 6:46; I Timothy 6:15,16). It is the role of the Son, or Word of God, to reveal the Father to the creation.

• **Deuteronomy 6:4**

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

• **John 1:18**

18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

• **John 6:46**

46 No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

• **I Timothy 6:15,16**

15 which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

2. Before His incarnation, Jesus was the person of the Word, by whom all things were created (Colossians 1:15-17; John 1:1-3; Hebrews 11:3). The eternal pre-existence of the Son of God is clearly seen in the prediction of Micah 5:2, "...whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting" (compare Psalm 90:2). It is confirmed in the words of I Peter 1:19,20.

• **Colossians 1:15-17**

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

• **John 1:1-3**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

• **Hebrews 11:3**

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

• **Psalm 90:2**

2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

• **I Peter 1:19,20**

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

3. When the Jesus, the Word of God, became flesh, He laid aside His heavenly splendor and power to become a human being, nothing more and nothing less. This is the message of Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 2:9,14; and Galatians 4:4. The reasons for Jesus' becoming a man were thus: That He might overcome sin in the flesh (Romans 8:3; Hebrews 4:15) and that He might overcome death by being resurrected (Hebrews 2:9,14; Romans 5:17).

• **Philippians 2:5-8**

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

• **Hebrews 2:9,14**

9 But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil

• **Galatians 4:4**

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law

• **Romans 8:3**

3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

• **Hebrews 4:15**

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin

• **Romans 5:17**

17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life

through the one man, Jesus Christ!

4. Jesus Christ is destined to return to earth as the express image of the person of the Father, to rule as God over all the earth for one thousand years (Hebrews 1:3,8,13; Revelation 1:5-7). Then all things will be delivered up to the Father, and God will be all-in-all (I Corinthians 15:24-28).

• **Hebrews 1:3,8,13**

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom."

13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"

• **Revelation 1:5-7**

5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

7 "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen.

• **I Corinthians 15:24-28**

24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

27 For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.

28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.