

If This Is True

The Person of Christ

Detailed Outline from the Sermon on January 6, 2008

The Word became flesh

Genesis 1 says that God spoke reality into being, as if His word had a power or potency or potential or even a presence.

Colossians 1 says that by Him (Jesus) all things were created. Jesus was involved in the creation, as if He were the substance or substance maker of the creative impulse.

John 1 says that the Word became flesh (reason or order) and lived in our midst.

Imagine if this is true...Jesus is not just the inspirational speaker that even unbelievers quote without regard to the source.

If the Bible is true, Jesus is the self-revelation of God

The one who makes God known (John 1:18)

The image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15)

The fullness of God in Him (Colossians 1:19)

The radiance of God's glory (Hebrews 1:3)

The exact representation of God's being (Hebrews 1:3)

In very nature God (Philippians 2:6)

If the Bible is true, Jesus is one with the Father

"The Father living in me, doing His work." (John 14:10)

"I am in my Father and my Father is in me." (John 14:11, 20)

"That they may be one as we are one." (John 17:21)

"I and the Father are one." (John 10:30)

If the Bible is true, Jesus had glory before he landed on our scene in human form.

“The glory I had before the world began.” (John 17:5) (position, status, substance, role with real honor)

He let go of his glorified place. (Philippians 2:6)

After – glory

And he’s been in a renewed, still greater position of glory, grandeur and authority since accomplishing his work on earth. Now Jesus is champion and hero, as well as King and Son of God.

Therefore, God exalted him (Philippians 2:9)

Every knee and every tongue proclaim him Lord. (Philippians 2:10)

Every eye will see him (Revelation 1:7)

Coming on the clouds (Matthew 24:30, 26:64)

Angels and trumpets will shout (1 Thessalonians 4:16, Matthew 24:31)

The Living One, who died and lived again. (Revelation 1:18)

The Lamb on the throne (Revelation 1:18)

Sitting at the right hand of the Might One (Matthew 26:64, Ephesians 1:20)

Head over everything (Ephesians 1:21-22)

The Rider called “the Word of God” (Revelation 19:11-13)

King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:17)

The Alpha and Omega, First and Last (Revelation 1:17, 21:6)

The implications if *this is true*

Regarding the mystery and *knowability* of God, so much less mystery, God is like Jesus in core character and agenda (though much of the mystery remains for our good).

Priorities and life choices – I am going to make Jesus' words weighty.

How will I order my life?

How will I invest my time, treasure and talent?

How will I pace my approach to life?

How will I decide about primary callings and incidentals?

How will I live?

The future is about my alignment or non-alignment with Jesus.

“Behold, I am coming soon.” (Revelation 22:7, 12)

Maranatha: “Come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20)