

## Who was Jesus Christ? – The Virgin-Born and Sinless One

### Introduction:

1. The title of our lesson is “Who was Jesus Christ?” If you asked this question to 100 people on the street, you would probably be shocked at the answers.
2. What does the Bible teach about Jesus Christ? Who was Jesus Christ?

### Jesus Christ was God in the flesh.

### Jesus Christ was born of a virgin.

1. The Bible is very clear. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary was simply the vessel that was used to carry and bring forth Jesus into the world. Luke 1:26-35
2. Jesus could have entered the world in a grand and glorious manner, but instead He chose to come into the world by a poor, yet pure young lady in a lowly manger. Luke 2:7
3. Philippians 2:6-7 tells us that Jesus was equal with God, yet He “*made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.*”
4. Jesus emptied Himself of His eternal, heavenly glory and entered into the world being born of a virgin. We have an intrusion of deity into human actuality.
  - “The Wonder of wonders, oh, how could it be, that God became flesh and was given for me. The Almighty came down, and walked among men. The Wonder of wonders; He died for my sin.”
5. Is it important that Jesus was born of a virgin? You’d better believe it! Had Christ not been born of a virgin, He would have inherited the same sin nature that you and I inherited from our parents. Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
  - If a man (like Adam) is a sinner, and he implants his seed in a woman who is a sinner, what do you think those two would produce? A sinner!
  - God had an ingenious plan. God bypassed the seed of the father through the miraculous conception of Christ in the woman by the Holy Spirit. This means that Christ was born into our world and took on our humanity, yet wasn’t contaminated by our sin.
  - Christ was not conceived by a man and a woman. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin.
  - Jesus Christ was a legal human descendant of David. He could be called “*the Son of David,*” yet was conceived in the womb by the Holy Spirit and could also be called “*the Son of God.*” He was perfect humanity, untainted by sin, yet undiminished deity – the God-man, fully divine, and fully human.
6. The death of Christ on the cross for our sins is the very core of the gospel, but if Jesus had not been virgin-born, there would be no meaning to the cross.

7. God's triumph over sin on the cross is inseparably bound to the virgin birth. If Christ was not born of a virgin, it must be said that He inherited the sin of Adam. This would mean that He died on the cross as a result of His own sins. Praise the Lord, He escaped the sin-nature of Adam, and He who knew no sin became our sin-bearer!
8. What about Mary, Jesus' mother? Should she be given special emphasis and worshiped? Of course not! She was simply the vessel that God used to carry and bear Jesus. Carefully examine Luke 8:19-21, 11:27-28.
9. Mary is mentioned in Acts 1:14 and is never mentioned again. She fades into utter obscurity.

### **Jesus Christ was sinless.**

1. Every person that has ever lived on this earth inherited a sin nature from Adam. Romans 5:12, 3:10-12, 23
  - In our human wisdom we think that if we could just change a person's environment or the people around him, maybe he wouldn't sin.
  - We don't sin because of our environment, people, or even Satan; we sin because of our nature. It is in our very essence and being to sin.
2. But there is one glowing, shining exception - the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Because He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, He escaped the sin-nature that we inherited.
3. The Word of God breaks down all sin into three areas: 1 John 2:16
  - The lust of the flesh
  - The lust of the eyes
  - The pride of life
4. Jesus was tempted in every one of these areas by Satan. Matthew 4:1-11
  - Turn these stones into bread (lust of the flesh) – “Be selfish”
  - Look at the kingdoms of this world, I'll give them to you (lust of the eyes) – “Be successful”
  - Cast yourself down from the pinnacle of the temple (pride of life) – “Be spectacular”
5. This is why Hebrews 4:15 declares that Christ was *“in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”* He was absolutely pure from the traces of sin. He lived all His days without the personal sense of sin's guilt and the personal fear of sin's consequences.
6. He knew more about sin than anybody, yet He himself never betrayed the least consciousness of it. Sin in others He saw, He rebuked, He forgave, He grieved over, He suffered for, but He never fell prey to.
7. Those who were closest to and fully acquainted with the details of Christ's life could not record one blemish or failure.
  - John – 1 John 1:8; cf. 1 John 3:5
  - Peter – 1 Peter 1:19, 2:22
  - Other Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15, 7:26

8. Why is this point so important? Because if Christ sinned just once, we are doomed eternally. If Christ is a sinner, He couldn't die for my sin.
9. No miracle of Christ equals the miracle of His sinless life. To be holy in all thought and feeling, never to fail in duty to others, never to transgress the law of perfect love to God or man, never to exceed or to come up short. This is a condition outstripping the power of imagination.
10. Here is the wonderful part. Since Christ overcame the power of sin and temptation, He now lives in the believer to give us daily victory over sin.  
Galatians 2:20
11. Through Him, we too can have victory!