

Who was Jesus Christ? – God in the Flesh

Introduction:

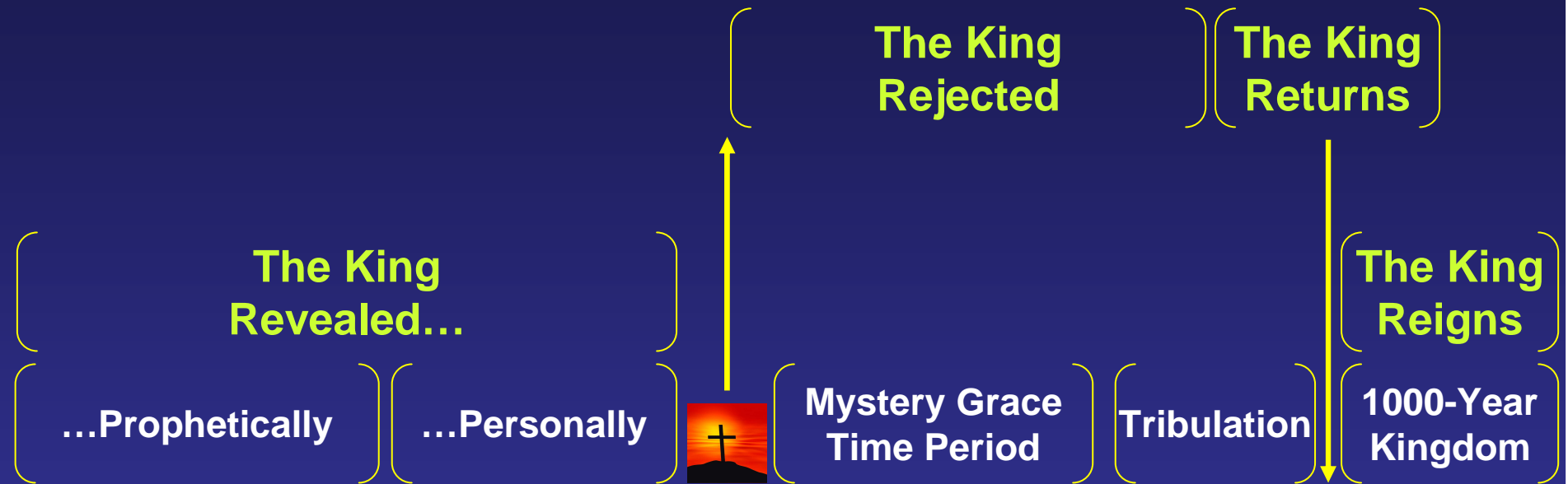
1. The title of our lesson is “Who was Jesus Christ?” If you asked this question to 100 people on the street, you would probably be shocked at the answers.
2. Satan does not want people to know and understand who Jesus Christ was when He walked this earth, nor does He want people to know who Christ is today, or what He is doing today. He wants to blind people from the truth of Jesus Christ.
3. The entire Bible revolves around the person of Jesus Christ. They say that Christ is on every page of the Bible in some way.
 - Genesis through Malachi – These books give us pictures, types, and prophecies about Jesus Christ. They anticipate this Messiah coming to earth, and redeeming Israel, and establishing a kingdom on earth. (The King Revealed Prophetically)
 - Matthew through John – These books reveal to us Jesus Christ when He walked this very earth. He was fully divine, yet fully human. (The King Revealed Personally)
 - Acts through Philemon – These books explain to us where Christ is today and what He is doing today. They explain how He is functioning as Head of a new organism called the church, the body of Christ. (The King Rejected)
 - Hebrews through Revelation – These books explain to us what Christ will do when He begins to make His enemies His footstool, culminating with Christ returning to earth as King of kings. (The King Returning)
4. You must know what you believe about Jesus Christ and where to go in the Bible to prove what you believe. There is no way that you can impact others until you know specifically what you believe about Jesus Christ.
5. Why is this? Because any time you engage in a spiritual conversation with somebody, the discussion will always come back to, and center on, Jesus. The gospel of salvation is Jesus Christ.
6. What a person believes about Jesus Christ is the difference between heaven and hell - eternal life or eternal damnation. Galatians 1: 6-8; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; 1 John 5:10-13; 2 John 7-9
7. When people stand before God, the key questions that will determine their eternal destinies are “What did you believe about my Son?” and “What did you do with my Son?”
8. What does the Bible teach about Jesus Christ? Who was Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ was God in the flesh.

1. Jesus was not just a good man, a prophet, a moral teacher, or a pattern of godlikeness. He was God manifested in a body of flesh. He was the incarnation of the Godhead.
2. There are two very different prophetic anticipations of Christ in the Old Testament:

- One of them pictures Christ in His lowliness as the suffering Servant of Jehovah.
 - The other pictures Christ as the mighty King and Messiah, ruling and reigning over the nations as Lord Jehovah.
3. But how can this be? They are so contrasting! These two lines of prophetic anticipation meet and find their solution in one person – Jesus Christ.
 - He took on our humanity so that He could die for our sins. As the God-Man, He is able to suffer and die, yet also reign in majesty and glory. Philippians 2:5-11
 4. When Christ was born in Bethlehem, it was God coming down and visiting man. Matthew 1:23
 5. Without this great and mysterious truth (1 Timothy 3:16), there is no gospel of salvation. Only God is worthy to atone for and forgive sin.
 - Remember when Jesus told the lame man, “*Son, thy sins be forgiven thee*”? Who alone can forgive sin? God. Either Jesus was deity, or He was the biggest sham and phony who ever lived. There is no middle ground.
 6. Jesus accepted worship, and a person who was simply a “good man” would never do this. **Example:** Thomas after the resurrection. John 20:28-29
 7. The title “Son of God” denotes Christ’s position within the Godhead and His voluntary submission unto the Father. “Son of God” denotes that there was a time in history when the second member of the Godhead became flesh and willingly submitted Himself to the plans and purposes of the Father.
 8. But, “Son of God” reveals that Christ was of the same essence and being as God the Father. This is why Christ declared, “*...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father,*” and also, “*I and my Father are one.*” John 14:9, 10:30
 9. Jesus was the manifestation of God in a flesh and blood body. John 1:1, 14, 18
 10. When Jesus hung on that cross, it was God shedding His blood for our redemption. It was God making atonement for our sins. Acts 20:28
 - We sing that great hymn, “Amazing love, how can it be, that thou my God shouldst die for me?”
 11. We’d better be thankful for that! Anything less than that and we would still be in our sins!

Jesus Christ the King from Genesis to Revelation



Christ Born
in
Bethlehem

(Genesis - Malachi) (Matthew - John) (Acts - Philemon) (Hebrews - Revelation)