



The Savior Verified

Over the next thirteen weeks, you will discover the truth about Jesus Christ. People are polarized by Jesus because He challenged man's sinful attitudes and religious traditions. But knowing Who Jesus is will be the most important concern of your life. To help you during this study, this student book has been designed to emphasize the important points from each lesson and to encourage you to use God's Word each day.



Time with God

As you work through your Time with God each week, it will be helpful to keep a journal of the insights you uncover. A great way to think through passages and gain insights is to ask yourself simple questions:

Who? (Example: Who wrote this passage and who was it written to?)

What? (Example: What is this passage about?)

When? (Example: When was this passage written?)

Where? (Example: Where was this passage written?)

Why? (Example: Why was this passage written?)

How? (Example: How should I use this passage in my life?)

As you answer these questions in a journal, you will begin to see what each passage means and how God wants you to use it in your life.



How to Go to Heaven

God has promised you eternal life. You can know for sure you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven (1 John 5:13).

1. You must understand that you are a sinner and God won't let any sin into Heaven. God is perfect and will never allow evil to dwell in His presence. We must face reality—we are guilty sinners (Romans 3:23).
2. You can't earn eternal life. We are already guilty, and nothing we do can pay for our sin. Unless God miraculously saves us, we are destined for eternity in Hell. That is a terrifying fact. Thankfully, God has miraculously provided salvation for everyone—including you! (Ephesians 2:8, 9)
3. God sent His Son to earth to become a man and die to pay for our sins. Jesus Christ remained perfect because He remained the Son of God. When Jesus died on the cross, God the Father accepted His sacrifice to fully pay for our sins. Jesus' resurrection from the dead proved that God had accepted Jesus' death. Jesus can now offer us eternal life (Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:20).
4. Jesus did all the work to secure our salvation, but that doesn't make anyone automatically saved. We must accept His payment for our sins by placing our trust in His finished work on the cross. God will not accept anything else. When we place our trust in Jesus, God guarantees us eternal life (John 5:24).

If you aren't sure you are saved, simply place your trust in Jesus Christ right now, and you can know for certain you will spend eternity with Him!

THE CLAIM

Scripture Focus: John 1:1–18

I. Claim #1—Jesus Is _____ (*John 1:1–13*)

The Word is _____.

Jesus Christ is the living _____ of God.

All _____ was made through Christ.

Through Christ, our light, we can see, or understand, the _____ and be _____ from our spiritual _____.

Despite humanity's _____ and Israel's _____, Jesus still extended His offer to any and all who would believe.

When people place their trust in Christ, God _____ their spirits so they will live _____.

II. Claim #2—Jesus Became _____ (*John 1:14–18*)

By becoming human, Jesus Christ became _____ to us _____.

John witnessed Jesus' _____, meaning the unveiling of Jesus' _____.

The _____ points out sin, but God's _____ abounds toward the sinner so that the sinner is made _____.

Jesus _____ God, meaning He revealed the _____ of God.



Time with God

God has given us His Word to know Him personally. Read each passage and answer the questions to spend personal time with God.

MONDAY

Read John 1:1–5.

According to verse 1, Whom does John say is both God and with God?

What was made by Jesus (the Word), and what was made without Him, according to verse 3?

TUESDAY

Read John 1:6–8.

Why did John bear witness about the Light?

Who sent John to be a witness?

Who is the Light?

WEDNESDAY

Read John 1:9–13.

How did Jesus' own people (the Jews) respond to Him?

What is given to those who receive Jesus?

THURSDAY

Read John 1:14–16.

What happened to the Word?

John was born before Jesus, so why does he say Jesus existed before him?

As believers how do we experience Jesus' grace?

FRIDAY

Read John 1:17.

What came by Moses and what came by Jesus?

Use a dictionary to write a definition for each of these words: *law*, *grace*, and *truth*.

SATURDAY

Read John 1:18.

John explains why he referred to Jesus as the "Word." What is that reason?

Why is it important for Jesus to tell us about the Father?

Find one person to tell what you've learned about the Word.



Tough Questions Answered



How can Jesus be both God and man?



The Bible sometimes presents facts about God that we cannot fully understand. This is good because it shows that God is supernatural and infinite. If we, being natural and finite, could understand God completely, He would neither be supernatural nor infinite. So give thanks that we can't completely understand Him (Romans 11:33).

We shouldn't be surprised, then, that we can't fully understand Jesus Christ either. Thankfully, God has provided enough information about Jesus for us to have a personal relationship with Him. God has revealed that Jesus is both God (John 1:1) and man (John 1:14). Jesus must be both to qualify to be our Savior.

Our Savior had to be God. Only God could fulfill the requirement that the sacrifice be absolutely perfect (Matthew 5:48; James 2:10). And only God could make an infinite payment for every sin (Hebrews 10:1, 2; 1 John 2:2). No human could be that perfect, and no human sacrifice could extend that far (Romans 3:23).

At the same time, our Savior had to be human. Only a man could die in our place. The Bible teaches that God is spirit (John 4:24). Spirits are immaterial—they don't have physical bodies. Our Savior had to have a physical body to die and shed His blood (Leviticus 17:14; Hebrews 9:22).

Furthermore, only another human could count as our equivalent. In the Old Testament, Israel offered animals as sacrifices for man's sin, but God counted them as only temporary coverings for sin (Hebrews 10:4). So God humbled Himself by taking on human flesh (Philippians 2:6–8) to pay the equivalent price for us—human death (Hebrews 2:14–17).

Only Jesus Christ could be our Savior, because only He is both God and human. Perhaps God will explain this when we go home to be with Him, but for now, we live by faith in what the Bible tells us: Jesus is both God and man.

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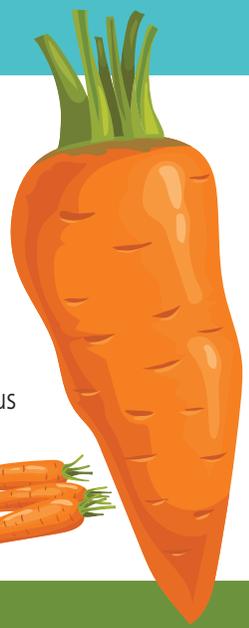
Claim to Fame



In 2017, Christopher Qualley of Otsego, Minnesota, landed himself in the Guinness Book of World Records. His claim to fame is that he grew the heaviest carrot in the world. The carrot weighed more than twenty-two pounds.

That's one big carrot!

While Qualley's claim to fame is insignificant to our lives, there is One Whose claim affects every person: Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the only One Who is both God and man. Now that's a claim that matters!



Memory Verse Activity



Memory Verses: John 1:1–3

The word proclaim combines the prefix pro-, which means "to go forward," with the word claim, meaning "to assert something as fact." A proclamation, then, is the act of sounding forth an assertion as fact.

With your memory verses this week, sound forth the claim of Christ's deity by reciting your verses aloud every night before you go to sleep and each morning when you wake up.

1. Read John 1:1–3. What does "Word" mean?
2. In John 1:15, who bore witness that Jesus is Messiah? Why is this important?
3. Read John 1:18. By becoming human, what did Christ accomplish that had never been done before?

Measuring Growth



The lesson for this week asserted two powerful claims about Jesus: Jesus Christ is God and He became human. Only as God and man could Jesus be the bridge to God, accomplishing everything we need for salvation. You are challenged to make these truths personal.

Look for the following indicators that you understand the importance of Jesus' nature to your own life.

1. You understand and believe Jesus is both God and human.
2. You can identify ways Jesus' identity impacts his or her life.
3. You value Jesus as the revelation of God the Father.

Additional Memory Verses: Isaiah 9:6, 7; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; Hebrews 1:3, 8, 9