

**Truth Applied – Week #2 – Jesus is God**

**I. Review** – Method: Using the “\_\_\_\_\_”

Drama –

—> Doctrine –

—> —> Doxology –

—> —> —> Discipleship –

\*Must know it, to understand it, to be gripped/moved by it, to join in it!

**II. Who is Jesus?** –

• Conversing with a friend ...

• Different (common) views of Jesus: 1 Cor. 1:22-25

\*Why does it matter if/how we view Jesus as God? Horton quote.

**III. Drama** – THE Story —> greater personal relationship with Jesus!

• Together: **Mark 2:1-12** –

- What does Jesus do for this man?

- Why are the leaders surprised?

- Who can forgive sins?

- In this, what has Jesus revealed about himself?

\*How does the Drama show us Jesus is God? Let's look at the Bible ...

- Jesus died and was a buried — Mark 15:44-45; Matt. 27:57-60; Mark 15:43-46; Luke 23:50-53; John 19:38-42
- Tomb was empty / Jesus had been resurrected — Matt. 27:62-66; Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:10-11; John 20:1-2; Luke 24; John 21; 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Acts (and entire NT)
- Jesus acted as only God can — Matt. 9:2-8; Luke 8:43-48; John 4:43-54; Mark 5:21-43; John 11:38-44; Luke 8; Mark 8:1-9; Matt. 9:6; Luke 7:49; Mark 2:7; Heb. 4:15; John 8:46; 2 Cor. 5:21
- Jesus was worshipped as God — Matt. 14:33, 16:16, 28:19; John 20:28-29; Phil. 2:9-11; Col. 1:15-18; John 1:1-14; Rev. 22:13
- Jesus claimed he was God — Matt. 12:6-8; Luke 6:5; Matt 23:10; John 4:25; John 1:1, 5:39, 8:58, 14-17; John 5:18-24, 10:31-39; Matt. 26:57-65

\*Jesus was charged, tried and executed for ... *blasphemy*.

**IV. *Doctrine*** — Implications and meaning of “Jesus is God”

- Drama leads to rethinking the (Jewish) worldview —
- Other views don't fit with the Drama —

✳Trilemma — Lord, Liar or Lunatic?

- Let's play: “Why is it heresy?” —
  - Jesus was a prophet and moral teacher who guides us toward obeying God for salvation.
  - Jesus was the first created being of all things.
  - Jesus is God, who had the appearance of humanity.
  - Jesus is two persons: one divine and one human.
  - Jesus had a human nature at birth, but his divine nature overtook it in his life.
- “Hypostatic Union” —

✳God becomes fully human, and yet remains fully God!

**V. *Doxology*** — Truth leads to praise! — 2 Cor. 5:21; John 20:28

✳Jesus is not of the past, but worshipped in the present!

**VI. *Discipleship*** — Our life is changed! — 2 Cor. 5:17-20

- **JOY** —

- **CONFIDENCE** —

- **HOPE** —

\*We are ambassadors — called to introduce people to the true Jesus: the God-man who gives us joy, confidence and hope!

**VII. For next time** —

- Questions and Actions —

- What stands out to you about Jesus's interactions with other people in the gospels?

- What new things did you learn about the historical evidence for who Jesus is?

- In what way does this information move you to praise and worship Jesus more?

- Thinking about the "conversation with a friend," what are you now excited to share with such a person?

- Pray. Ask God to show you what needs to change in your life now that you understand more who Jesus really is.

- Read — **John 17:1-26**