

11 October

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Jesus – week 1

 Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member that Jesus Christ is the only God – was it difficult?
2. According to John 6:38 – 69; what does Jesus; from where did He come down from? (**He came down from heaven**).
3. According to Mark 10:17 – 18; who did Jesus say is the one and only Person who's good (without sin)? (**God**).
4. According to Daniel 7:13 – 14; what is the title Jesus uses to define Himself? (**Son of man**).

 Let's go deeper

5. According to Mark 14:61 – 64 and John 8:58; what is the eternal name Jesus calls Himself to confirm that He is the only God? (**I AM**).
6. What does John 8:46; tell us about Jesus? (**Jesus is sinless**).
7. What does Jesus encourage us to do in John 14:13 – 14 and John 15:7? (**To pray to Him as God**)
8. According to Matthew 28:18; what has been given to Jesus? (**All authority in heaven and earth**).

 Let's apply this

9. Jesus was worshiped by people and he didn't rebuke them saying, "Oh, I'm sorry. You misunderstood. I'm not God." He received their worship. This includes a man he healed who worshiped him as God and he received it; women who worshiped him as God, doubting Thomas, Jesus' own two brothers worshiped Him. Jesus' closest friends worshiped Him. Jesus' own mother, Mary, worshiped Him; his enemies – men like Saul worshiped Him.

As a church family we want to know Jesus and make Him known to our city and beyond. This week, set aside time to read and reflect on the message and study two new points every day and share what you learn to others and allow Holy Spirit to reveal more and more of Jesus as God to you.

SUMMARY:

- **Is Jesus the only God?**

1. Jesus said that He came down from heaven – (John 6:38 – 69)

Other religions are about people ascending up to God through good works, karma, moral or spiritual progress. Christianity is not about us ascending up to God. It's about Jesus Christ, descending down to us as a man in human history in love.

2. Jesus is more than just a good man – (Mark 10:17 – 18)

Jesus says, "There's only one person who's good and that is God alone." We've all sinned in our words, deeds, motives, thoughts and actions. There's only one person that is sinless and good, and that is God.

3. Jesus said He was the Son of man – (Daniel 7:13 – 14)

This is a title about God the Son coming into human history as a man. God the Son literally means "God who became a human being." And in so doing, Jesus says, "I have all authority, glory, sovereign power. I am eternal. I have dominion.

4. Jesus performed miracles – (John 10:36 – 39)

Jesus says, "If you don't believe my words, look at my deeds. They align with what I am saying. I am God and have authority over all things." Jesus' greatest miracle was his resurrection from death and has never been duplicated by anyone.

5. Jesus said He was God – (Mark 14:61 - 64; John 8:58; John 10:30 – 33)

Jesus says, "I Am." A statement that He is God. He existed before and spoke to Moses and delivered God's people from Egypt. He says, "I'm the eternal God, the God of Abraham and Moses. Jesus stated His total equality with God the Father.

6. Not only did Jesus say He was God, but they came to double-check

Jesus says he's God. He said it repeatedly, even when questioned to clarify, he said it again. (see Matthew 26:63 – 65).

7. Jesus said He was sinless – (John 8:46)

John 8:46; "Can any of you" – he opens it up to the world, including his family, friends and enemies. No one came forward.

8. Jesus said He would forgive sin – (Mark 2:5)

In Jesus Christ declaring "I forgive you of sin," He is saying, "All the sins you've ever committed were against me. I'm the one true eternal God, I'm here to forgive you."

9. Jesus told people to pray to Him as God – (John 14:13 – 14; John 15:7)

Only God is eternal so that past, present and future people can pray to him. God is all-knowing, He can hear all our prayers, and God is all-powerful to answer them.

10. Jesus promised to judge all people as God – (John 5:22 – 24)

Other religious leaders that founded other religions, they don't tell you that they will judge you in the end. They say that God will, and Jesus says, "I am that God."

11. Jesus said He is the only way to heaven – (John 14:6)

12. Jesus claims authority and supremacy over all people – (Matthew 28:18)

Jesus says; "All authority has been given to me in heaven and earth."