

Discipleship #3

Accountability

Since we last met...

1. Have you involved yourself in any activity which is disobedient to God?
2. Have you faithfully maintained your personal walk with God?
- 3.
- 4.

Solo Time With God

From your personal time with God...

1. What is one new idea that you have learned?
2. What is one area of your life where God has been growing you?

Topical Study: Jesus

In order to begin to understand Jesus Christ, it is necessary to explore His deity and His humanity.

1. Read Hebrews 1:1-14.
 - What is one fact about Jesus that enables Him to reveal God (verse 3)? There are more than one.
 - What is Jesus' relationship to the angels (verses 4-6,13,14)?
 - How does God address Jesus (verses 8,10)?
 - How is Jesus described as God (verses 8-12)?
2. What did Jesus claim for Himself? John 10:28-30
3. Jesus Himself claimed that He was God. If this claim were not true, He could not be called even a good man, but would be an imposter and a liar. While on earth, Jesus performed many miracles which clearly demonstrated His divine power. For examples of these miracles read Matthew 8. What did Jesus do in John 11:39-44 that revealed His unique divine power?

Fulfilled prophecy helps verify the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Looking at the prophecies which preceded Jesus by hundreds of years and seeing how Jesus fulfilled them in every detail reveals the authenticity of His claims. The chart below is a brief list of some of the prophecies made concerning the Christ and how Jesus fulfills them.

| TOPIC | PROPHECY | FULFILLMENT |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Place of birth | Micah 5:2 (700 B.C.) | Matthew 2:1 |
| Born of a virgin | Isaiah 7:14 (700 B.C.) | Matthew 1:18 |
| His triumphal entry | Zechariah 9:9 (500 B.C.) | John 12:13,14 |
| Betrayal by a friend | Psalms 41:9 (1000 B.C.) | Mark 14:10 |
| His rejection | Isaiah 53:3 (700 B.C.) | John 1:11 |
| Crucified with sinners | Isaiah 53:12 (700 B.C.) | Matthew 27:38 |
| Hands and feet pierced | Psalms 22:16 (1000 B.C.) | John 20:27 |
| His resurrection | Psalms 16:10 (1000 B.C.) | Acts 3:15 |
| His ascension | Psalms 68:18 (1000 B.C.) | Acts 1:9 |

To be the complete expression of God, Jesus had to be God. To be seen and understood by us, more so, to be our Savior, He had to be human. Jesus Christ has a dual nature - He is the God-man.

4. How is Jesus' humanity seen in the following situations?

- John 4:6,7
- John 11:35

5. In Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus faced a series of temptations. Which of these temptations, if not all, can you relate to? How can the example of Jesus facing temptation be an encouragement to you?

6. What are some of the results of Jesus becoming man? Hebrews 2:14,15

The death and resurrection of Jesus provide the only means of redemption for mankind (John 14:6; Romans 3:21-26; Hebrews 10:10-14, 19-22). He remains the only mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5).