

CHRISTIANITY 101

SESSION 1

BUILDING ON THE ROCK

What is "Christianity"?

How does the world answer this question?

How do the Scriptures answer this question?

John 14:6

Context: Jesus spoke these words of comfort to His disciples on the night He was betrayed . . .

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:10-12

Context: Peter has healed a man at one of the gates into the Temple in Jerusalem. The leaders demand to know HOW he did that . . .

"let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, Whom God raised from the dead — by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 John 5:11-12

Context: John declares that anyone who rejects Jesus is also rejecting the testimony of God and calling Him a liar . . .

this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

How many religions are there in the world?

What is the **BIG** difference between these religions?

Who is Jesus?

How does the world answer this question?

How do the Scriptures answer this question?

1. He is truly True . . .
2. He is truly True . . .

Regarding #1, the Scriptures . . .

Call Jesus a _____

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

Tell us Jesus has a Human _____

Luke 24:39

“See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

Say that Jesus has a Human _____

Matthew 26:38

He said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.”

Speak of His human emotions/feelings:

Matthew 4:2

After fasting forty days and forty nights, he [Jesus] was hungry

John 11:35

Jesus wept.

John 19:28

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Why is it necessary for our salvation that Jesus be true MAN/HUMAN?

He had to be fully human in order to . . .

He had to be fully human so that He could . . .

Regarding #2, the Scriptures . . .

Call Jesus a

John 20:28

Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Ascribe to Jesus Divine Attributes:

_____ **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

_____ **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

_____ **Matthew 28:18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

_____ **John 21:17** [Peter said,] "Lord, you know all things"

_____ **Matthew 28:20** [Jesus said,] "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Describe Jesus' Divine Works:

_____ **Matthew 9:6** But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . ." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home."

_____ **John 1:3** Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

_____ **John 5:27** And He has given Him authority to judge because He is the Son of Man.

_____ **Hebrews 1:3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word.

Why is it necessary for our salvation that Jesus be true GOD?

He had to be fully Divine in order to . . .

He had to be fully Divine so that He could . . .

Come up with **THREE QUESTIONS** you would like to have answered before these classes are finished. . .

You can have MORE than 3, less than 3, or none!

It's just an opportunity to ask what's on your mind regarding theology, social issues, church stuff, etc. Some of your questions will be answered in the normal course of the class. Other questions can be answered privately or publicly depending on the nature of the question . . .

1.

2.

3.

Things to chew on until our next class . . .

Christianity stands or falls on the resurrection of the Jesus.

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead . . .

Because Jesus has risen from the dead . . .