

Discipleship: Lesson 2

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Objectives

- ☐ To understand some very basic Scripture references that explain the work of Christ: Romans 5:8, Philippians 2:5-11
- ☐ To develop an understanding of the gospel -- that Jesus Christ is God, He died for our sins willingly, He was resurrected, and He returned to heaven
- ☐ To memorize Romans 5:8

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Key Questions

- ☐ Why did Jesus come to earth?
 - ☐ Matthew 1:21, Luke 1:31-33
- ☐ How was He able to predict He would die?
 - ☐ Matthew 16:21-23
- ☐ Why is it important that He died voluntarily?
 - ☐ John 10:11,17-18; 15:13
- ☐ What is the essence of the gospel message?
 - ☐ 1 Corinthians 15:1-5
- ☐ Why is it important that He rose from the dead? 1 Corinthians 15:20-25

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Major Concepts

- ☐ Jesus is God
 - ☐ John 10:25-30, Philippians 2:6, John 1:1-4
- ☐ God Becomes Man
 - ☐ Philippians 2:7, John 1:14
- ☐ Jesus Pays the Penalty for our Sins
 - ☐ Philippians 2:8, Romans 5:8, Colossians 1:20, John 1:29, Hebrews 9:22
- ☐ God Exalts Jesus as Lord
 - ☐ Philippians 2:9-11, Mark 16:19, 1 Corinthians 5:22-25

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Jesus is God

- ☐ What does Jesus say about His relation to the Father in John 10:30?
- ☐ In Philippians 2:5-6 (KJV), what does Paul say about Jesus' relationship to God?
- ☐ What else does Paul say about Jesus in Colossians 1:15-19?
- ☐ Who is the Word in John 1:1-4? How can you tell?

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God Becomes Man

- ☐ What 3 ways does Paul describe the form or nature that Jesus took on in Philippians 2:7?
- ☐ In John 1:14:
 - ☐ How is Jesus described?
 - ☐ Who did He come from?
 - ☐ What did He have in Him?

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- Jesus Pays the Penalty for our Sins
 - Summarize the purpose of Christ's coming from John 1:29 and Colossians 1:20.
 - Why did He have to die (see Hebrews 9:22)?
 - In Philippians 2:8, what 2 things did Jesus do that brought Him to death on a cross?
 - Who's will was it for Him to die?
Matthew 26:39, John 10:17-18
 - From Romans 5:8, what was God's part, Christ's part, and our part?

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- God Exalts Jesus as Lord
 - From Philippians 2:9-11, list 4 things God did in response to Christ's obedience?
 - Where is Jesus now: Mark 16:19?
 - What is the significance of Christ's resurrection?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:17 & 22
 - What does 1 Corinthians 15:24-26 have to say about Christ's reign, the kingdom, and what still has to be done?

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- What is the essence of the gospel message?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-5
 - You are saved by it, if you hold firmly to the word.
 - Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.
 - He was buried
 - He was raised on the 3rd day according to the Scriptures.
 - He appeared to the disciples, and to 500+.

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- Why is it important that Jesus rose from the dead?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:20-25
 - He is the first of those raised from the dead.
 - Death came to all by one man (Adam), so resurrection (life) comes to all by one man (Christ).
 - The order is Christ first; then those who belong to Him, when He comes; then the end will come.
 - He destroys *all* dominion, authority and power, then turns over the kingdom to God the Father.
 - He rose so that we too would rise and live with Him.