

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you were mistaken for someone else, or someone mistook you for someone else. How was the confusion resolved?

2. What are some of the opinions you have heard about Jesus?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about the identity of Jesus:
 - a) Isaiah 53:2
 - b) Matthew 11:29
 - c) Matthew 16:16
 - d) John 6:48
 - e) John 14:6
 - f) Philippians 2:7-8
 - g) Revelation 19:12-13

4. How does this passage refute the doctrine of “modalism” which denies the biblical teaching that God exists eternally in three persons as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to ask someone their opinion about the identity of Jesus this week and use it as an opportunity to share my faith.
 - I am going to pray with or for another believer who is struggling in their faith.
 - I am going to memorize John 14:6.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 3:21-22

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Study Series #012

The Identity of the Messiah Confirmed

I. Introduction

A. A Case of Mistaken Identity

B. The Identity of Jesus

(See Luke 3:16; John 1:19-23; Acts 13:24-25; Matthew 3:14; Matthew 11:3; Mark 8:27-28; Matthew 16:13-14; Mark 6:14; Matthew 14:1-2; Luke 9:7; John 10:41; Luke 9:18-19; I Kings 17:1-24; I Kings 18:20-46; I Kings 19:8; 21:17-24; II Kings 1:10-12; 2:8-11; 9:30-37; II Chronicles 21:12-15; Matthew 21:46; Luke 24:19; John 4:19; John 9:17; Mark 3:21; John 7:3-5; Matthew 13:54-57; Mark 6:1-6; John 8:48; John 10:20; John 7:20)

“You must make your choice: either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

C. S. Lewis (2014). “God in the Dock”, p.289, Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub.

II. The Identity of the Messiah Confirmed

A. The Baptism of the Son

(See Luke 3:21; Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:4-7; John 1:33; Matthew 17:24-27; II Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:20-21; John 1:32-34)

B. The Anointing of the Holy Spirit

(See Luke 3:21; Ezekiel 1:1; Acts 7:55-56; Luke 22:69; Ephesians 1:20; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 3:1; Revelation 19:11; Luke 3:21-22; Acts 16:7; Romans 8:9; Galatians 4:6; Philippians 1:19; I Peter 1:11; Philippians 2:6-7)

C. The Testimony of the Heavenly Father

(See Luke 3:22; Habakkuk 1:13; Matthew 17:1-5; Psalm 2:7)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

Passage of Study

Luke 3:21-22

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”

Parallel Passage

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him. ¹⁶ After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him, ¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

Parallel Passage

Mark 1:9-11

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; ¹¹ and a voice came out of the heavens: “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”

Parallel Passage

John 1:32-34

³² John testified saying, “I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. ³³ I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.

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