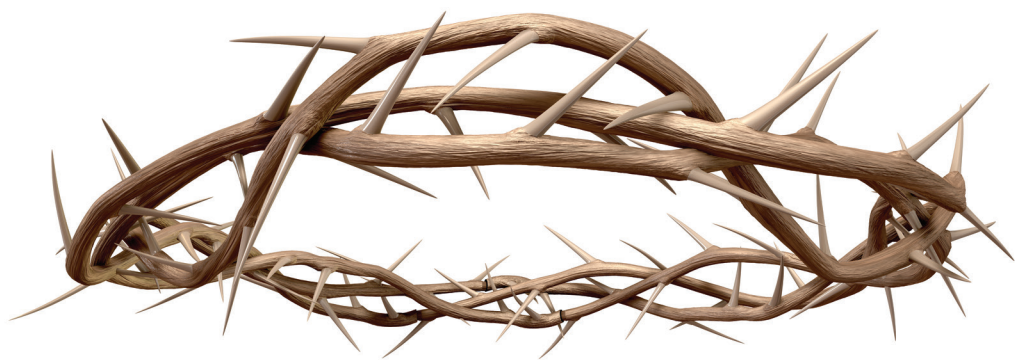


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# DIVINE

## SON OF MAN - SON OF GOD

**J**esus was completely Man and completely God at the same time.

### AS MAN

He hungered  
He was tired  
He cried  
He submitted

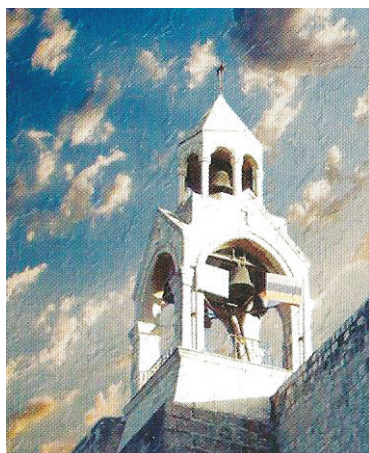
### AS GOD

He fed 5,000  
He invited the weary to rest  
He dries our tears  
He is resurrected

*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and give birth to a son.*

*They shall call his name Emmanuel, which means, God with us.*

—Matthew 1:23



### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, this is one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world.

He is Lamb and Lion at the same time. Jesus came as the Lamb of God. He was born in a shepherd's manger, in the same fields used by David to tend his flock. Years later, John the Baptist said,

*"Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world."*

—John 1:29.

Yet Jesus was also born to the tribe of Judah, and so came as a mighty Lion.

*And one of the elders said unto me [John], "Weep not! Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed! He can open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof And I looked, and saw... a Lamb, once slain, standing before the throne. —Revelation 5:5–6*

What Jesus being Divine means to us...

## 1) JESUS' RECORD REQUIRES A RESPONSE

Herod tried to get rid of Him.

Shepherds rejoiced over the message of God to them.

Magi brought gifts of worship

Simon's wait was over.

Mary and Joseph welcomed Jesus into their lives.

## 2) JESUS' CLAIMS ARE CONFIRMED

He goes to prepare a place for us because He will return.

—John 14:2–3

## 3) JESUS ACCEPTS ADORATION

Angels do not accept worship.

Neither magi, shepherds, nor apostles accepted worship.

Jesus welcomes our worship!

—Revelation 5:12

*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not The Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. – John 3:36*

# SUPERNATURAL

## THE MIRACLE WORKER

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**F**rom the first miracle of His conception to the last miracle of His ascension, **Jesus demonstrated God's supernatural power.**

### MIRACLES REVEAL GOD'S GLORY

#### **NATURAL WONDERS defied the laws of nature.**

Jesus walked on water, called fish into nets, turned water into wine, and instantly calmed the storm.

#### **PHYSICAL HEALINGS defied the laws of anatomy.**

Jesus opened blind eyes, unstopped deaf ears, cleansed leprosy, restored cripples, rebuked fevers, and healed diseases.

#### **LIFE MIRACLES defied the cycle of life.**

Jesus was born of a virgin and was resurrected from the dead. He will return and raise up those who trust in Him.

— **John 3:15–16, 6:54**

— **Romans 6:23**

— **1 Corinthians 15:52**

What Jesus being Supernatural means to us...

## 1) SUPERNATURAL POSSIBILITIES EXIST

With God, all things are possible.

—Matthew 19:26

—Mark 9:23

## 2) SUPERNATURAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE REQUESTED

—Philippians 4:6–7

Peter cries, "Lord, Save Me!"

*Jesus took his hand.*

The disciples shout, "Lord! We Perish!"

*Jesus calms a storm.*

The leper said, "Lord, you can make me whole."

*Jesus heals him.*

## 3) SUPERNATURAL HELP COMES FROM JESUS

— John 14:14

## HOW DO YOU RECEIVE HELP FROM JESUS?

- Believe possibilities exist.
- Ask for assistance.
- Trust in Jesus.



THE SEA OF GALILEE

Most of Jesus' ministry took place on the banks of this lake

# LORD

## MASTER, OWNER

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### JEHOVAH:

Hebrew – cherished name for God

### ELOHIM:

Hebrew – title for Lord of Hosts

### KURIOS:

Greek – title for Emperor, owner, or supreme authority

Jesus was and is supreme in authority over every realm including the realm of fallen angels or demons.

— **Mark 1:23–27, 3:11, 5:1–20**

— **Luke 4:41, 11:15–20**

But He wants to be Lord over your life. After He cast a legion of demons out of a man, Jesus said, “Go home and tell everyone what the Lord has done for you.” The man obeyed and “All the people in that country were amazed.”



#### BYZANTINE MONASTERY AT KURSI

Located in the Gadarenes on the east coast of the lake, this is where Jesus cast out a legion of devils.



What Jesus being Lord means to us...

## 1) LIBERATED BY HIS LORDSHIP

From the power of the enemy: worry, hate, and strife

## 2) LIMITED BY HIS LORDSHIP

"Conversion is a complete surrender to Jesus. It is a willingness to do what he wants you to do." — **Billy Sunday**

## 3) LOVED BY HIS LORDSHIP

He calls us friends

*From now on, I call you not servants; for the  
servant knoweth not what his lord doeth:  
but I call you friends  
— John 15:15a*

*Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
— Matthew 16:16*

From a Cathedral in Labecky, Germany

*Thus speaketh Christ our Lord to us:  
You call me Master and obey me not,  
You call me light and see me not,  
You call me the Way and walk me not,  
You call me life and live me not,  
You call me fair and love me not,  
You call me rich and ask me not,  
You call me eternal and seek me not,  
If I condemn you, blame me not.*

# HEAD

## OF THE CHURCH

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*“The Gates of Hell Will Not Prevail”*

Jesus brought his disciples to Caesarea Philippi to ask them an important question: **“Who do you say that I am?”**

That region was a center of pagan worship to the Greek god Pan; the goat-footed god of music, hunting, and sexuality was considered the god of the underworld. **From Pan we get the word “panic,”** referring to the effect his presence has on his enemies. The very entrance to the underworld was reputed to be in the region.

It was against this backdrop that **Jesus was revealed as the Son of God**, saying, “Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:13–19).

The term Church (ekklesia) means the called-out ones. Without a clear revelation of who Jesus is, our foundation will crumble!

*“And God has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.*

**— Ephesians 1:22**

What Jesus being Head means to us...

## 1) THE CHURCH IS CONNECTED TO JESUS

He is the vine and we are the branches.

— John 15

## 2) THE CHURCH IS CONSTRUCTED BY JESUS

— MATTHEW 16:18

## 3) THE CHURCH IS CONTROLLED BY JESUS

*"For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver,  
the LORD is our king; he will save us."*

— Isaiah 33:22

## 4) THE CHURCH IS CONQUEROR THROUGH JESUS

The gates of Hell shall not prevail against the church.

The church will not panic!



### THE GROTTA OF PAN

In Jesus' day, this cave was thought to be an entrance to Hell; the domain of the god Pan. An impressive temple stood in front of the cave and idols to Pan's family were placed in the niches to the right.

# PROPHET

## "HEAR YE HIM!"

**F**rom the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to the woman of Samaria, to the man healed of blindness, people knew of Jesus as the voice sent from God.

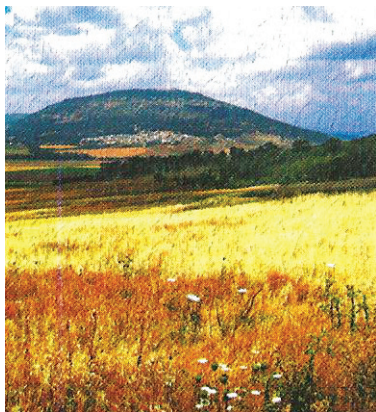
*Many of the people said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.*

— John 7:40

In Matthew, chapter 17, Jesus is transfigured – “shining from the inside out” – and talks with Moses and Elijah. Then God speaks from the heaven saying “This is my beloved son. Hear him!” In this moment, the Father established Jesus as THE voice to be heard; even above the voice of Moses and Elijah.

Jesus’ prophetic message re-defined man’s understanding of God’s law.

Paul wrote, in times past, God spoke by the prophets, but in these last days He speaks unto us by his Son; whom God made heir of all things, and by whom He forged the universe.” (Hebrews 1:1–2)



### THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus took His disciples to a mountain where He met Moses where He met Moses and Elijah.

What Jesus being the Prophet means to us...

## 1) JESUS MUST BE HEARD – HIS WORDS ABOUT LIFE DEFINE LIFE

— Luke 8:18

— Mark 4:23–24

## 2) JESUS MUST BE HEEDED

His words are a firm foundation.

— Matthew 7:24–27

## 3) JESUS MUST BE HELD HIGH

His words are above all other prophets.

## 4) JESUS MUST BE OUR HOPE

*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased;  
hear ye him.*

— Matthew 17:5

## WHEN I AM...

**SEARCHING** ..... He speaks wisdom

**SICK** ..... He speaks Healing

**LONELY** ..... He speaks Comfort

**OVERWHELMED** ..... He speaks Courage

**UNDER PRESSURE** ..... He speaks Peace

**CONFUSED** ..... He speaks Truth

**EXHAUSTED** ..... He speaks Rest

**HUNGRY** ..... His word is Bread

**LOST** ..... He calls out to me

# MEDIATOR

## ETERNAL INTERCESSOR

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Pictures of the priesthood of Jesus

After the **order of Melchizedek**

(**Hebrews 7:1–3**)

- Priest of Salem (peace)
- Has no beginning, no ending of days
- Bringer of bread and wine
- Acceptor of tithe

High Priest after the **Priesthood of Aaron**

(**Hebrews 2:17, 4:14–15**)

- Specifically selected to stand before God
- Makes atonement for sins of the people

Representing God to man and man to God, Jesus is the intercessor.

He stood between us and destruction. Before he was crucified Jesus cried, “Father! If you are willing, let me skip this sacrifice: yet, not my will but yours, be done.” (**Luke 22:42 abbr.**)

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*

– Acts 4:12 NIV

What Jesus being Mediator means to us...

## 1) JESUS FEELS YOUR PAIN

He is touched by the feeling or emotion of your infirmity.

He is moved with compassion toward you.

He took his scars to the throne.

— **Hebrews 4:14–15**

## 2) JESUS HEARS YOUR CRY

He knows what it means to cry.

He invites you to cry out to Him.

— **Hebrews 2:14–15, 5:7**

## 3) JESUS RESPONDS TO YOUR FAITH

Persistent, consistent faith still moves God.

— **James 5:15**

## 4) JESUS CONTINUES TO BE YOUR ONLY WAY TO GOD

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me."

— **John 14:6**



WESTERN WALL OF  
TEMPLE MOUNT

This wall is a place of prayer visited  
by Jew and Christian.

# SAVIOR

## OUR HOPE

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### 6 REACTIONS TO THE CROSS

— Luke 23:33–47

**The Soldiers** cast lots for His garments.

Some still seek personal gain

**The People** stood beholding Him.

Cold hearts see without being touched.

**The Rulers** derided Him.

Religious rulers resist the power of the cross.

**The Malefactor** railed on Him

Some accuse and blame God for what happens.

**The Repentant Thief** called out to Him.

Where others see a man, some see Jesus as savior.

**The Centurion** recognized Him.

“Truly this man was the Son of God.”



What Jesus being Savior means to us...

## 1) YOU CAN BE SAVED FROM SATAN'S SCHEMES

Satan seeks to devour us, to trap us, to contain and destroy us.

— Luke 22:31–32

— John 10:10

## 2) YOU CAN BE SAVED FROM YOUR SINS

Forgiven of sin but also delivered from the power of Sin.

— John 1:29

## 3) YOU CAN BE SAVED FROM CEASELESS SUFFERING

“Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!”

— John 3:36

— Romans 5:8–9

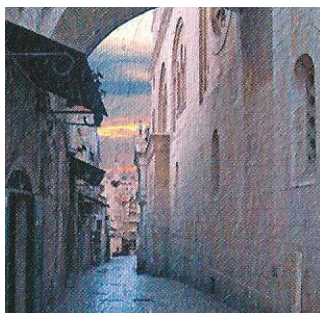
The reality of Hell calls for the reality of a Savior.

— Revelation 20:15

## 4) YOU CAN BE SAVED TO SERVE

The woman who washed Jesus’ feet was forgiven her sins.

— Luke 7:47–50



### VIA DOLOROSA

Jesus walked narrow streets like these carrying His cross

# ALIVE

## VICTORIOUS OVER DEATH

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### JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF AS THE RESURRECTION AND LIFE

by raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11–12). Yet Jesus came to destroy death for all of us (Hebrews 2:14–15).

### JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF AS VICTOR OVER DEATH

by leaving the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. Now the keys of Death and Hell are in His hands.

— 2 Timothy 1:10

— Revelation 1:18

### HE HAS GIVEN US VICTORY OVER DEATH

— 1 Corinthians 15:54–55

*Death, where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy victory?*

— 1 Corinthians 15:54–55

*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:  
and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life;  
but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

– John 3:36

What Jesus being Alive means to us...

## 1) OUR FOE HAS BEEN FOUGHT AND WE TOO WILL BE RAISED UP.

“And this is the will of God, that every one which sees the Son, and believes on Him, may have everlasting life: and Jesus will raise him up at the last day.”

— John 6:40

— Romans 6:8

## 2) OUR FAITH HAS BEEN FREED

Jesus' tomb is empty. He said He would rise and, in so doing, He proved our faith and trust solid.

— Matthew 28:6

## 3) OUR FUTURE HAS BEEN INFORMED

The day will come when we will all rise from death to be forever in Heaven or Hell.

— John 5:28-29

## 4) OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED

“To live is Christ and to die is gain.”

— Philippians 1:21



### THE GARDEN TOMB

Unearthed in 1883, the tomb is hewn in the side of a skull-shaped hill just outside the Damascus Gate of Jerusalem.

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