

SERMON NOTES



Series: Who Is Jesus? Title: Jesus – The Man Who Is God

1. Why It Matters to Know Who Jesus Is (recap)

- In the end times, **Jesus will be at the center of world conflict.**
- When pressure comes, if we don't know Him, we will be tempted to doubt:
 - His promises
 - His goodness
 - His love
 - His plan

The disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:15–21)

They were sad because they thought Jesus had failed.

“But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.” (Luke 24:21)

Key idea: If we don't really know who Jesus is, when life gets hard, we'll feel like He failed us too.

2. Jesus Is 100% God and 100% Man

A. Jesus, the eternal Word (before becoming a man)

John 1:1–3 (NKJV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:14 (NKJV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- Jesus is **God from eternity**, the One through whom all things were created.
- That same eternal Word **became flesh** and lived among us.

B. Jesus was active in creation (the Trinity at work)

- *“Let Us make man in Our image”* – Genesis 1:26
- Jesus is the One **by whom and for whom** all things were created (Colossians 1:15–17).

Key idea: We are the only faith / Religion that proclaims a God who **became human**, with flesh and blood, and lived among us.

3. Why Did God Have to Become a Man?

A. Sin entered through one man

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

- That man is **Adam**.
- Sin = **disobedience to God**.
- The wages of sin is **death** (Romans 6:23).

B. Through one man (Adam) all fell; through one Man (Jesus) we can be justified

Romans 5:18–19 (NKJV)

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Key idea:

- *Because of one man, we all fell.*
- *Because of one Man, we can be made righteous.*
- That obedient Man is **Jesus**.

4. Was Jesus Always Obedient, or Did He Learn Obedience?

A. Jesus was obedient by nature

- He had **no sin**, no fallen nature, no inner rebellion.
- Conceived by the Holy Spirit, not by a sinful man (Luke 1:35; Matthew 1:20–21).
- His will was always aligned with the Father.

John 4:34 (NKJV)

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

Key phrase: "His nature was obedience. He was born to do the Father's will."

B. But the Bible also says He learned obedience

Hebrews 5:7–9 (NKJV)

7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,
8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.
9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

This does **not** mean:

- He was disobedient before, or
- He had to “stop sinning”.

It means His obedience was:

- **Tested**
- **Exercised**
- **Perfected in suffering**

Key phrase: “Jesus didn’t learn what obedience is—He already knew. He learned **how to obey as a man**, with cost and with human suffering.”

5. How Did Jesus Learn Obedience?

A. He emptied Himself and chose the path of suffering

Philippians 2:6–8 (NKJV)

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and **became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**

- He laid aside His privileges.
- He chose to be mistreated, rejected, beaten, and crucified—**out of obedience.**

B. He obeyed when it hurt

Luke 22:42 (NKJV)

saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**”

Key phrase: “Jesus learned obedience not because He was imperfect, but because His obedience was perfected through suffering. Obedience cost Him tears.”

6. Jesus Lived Real Humanity

- He was **tired** (John 4:6).
- He was **hungry** (Matthew 4:2).
- He **wept** (John 11:35).
- He felt **deep anguish** and even asked His friends to **pray for Him** (Matthew 26:38–41).
- He came **not to be served, but to serve** (Mark 10:45).

Key phrase: “Jesus didn’t act human—He lived real humanity.”

7. Jesus Understands Our Struggle to Obey

A. Tempted in all things, yet without sin

Hebrews 4:15–16 (NKJV)

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was **in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin**.

16 Let us therefore **come boldly to the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Jesus knows what pressure feels like.
- He knows what it is to obey when everything in you wants a way out—yet He **never sinned**.
- Because of that, we can **come boldly** to Him for mercy and help.

B. He is our example in suffering

1 Peter 2:21 (NKJV)

For to this you were called, because **Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps**.

Key phrase: “He came to say: ‘I will show you how this is done—follow My steps.’”

8. How Do We Respond?

1. **Don’t run from Him when it’s hard** – Run **to** the throne of grace.
2. **Bring Him your struggle to obey** – He understands and helps.
3. **Follow His example** – gentle, humble, surrendered to the Father’s will.

Matthew 11:28–29 (NKJV)

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and **learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls.

Closing Key Lines (for the notes)

- “Jesus is the only God who **demands obedience**, but also **understands us in our obedience** and **models it**.”
- “Jesus **learned obedience with tears**, to walk with you while you **learn obedience with tears**.”
- “There is no disadvantage. We can’t say, ‘He was God, He doesn’t understand me.’ He left His glory, became a man, submitted Himself, and showed us how to live obeying the Father.”