

# Exploring Christianity Study 1

## Who is Jesus Christ?

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### Introduction

This study is the first of a short series in which we shall consider the basic facts of the Christian faith. This is why we begin with this topic — “Who is Jesus Christ?” You will need a copy of the Bible to do this study. These studies are based on using the King James Version of the Bible, and the words to be filled in the blanks are from this translation. Thus it is desirable (though not absolutely essential) that you use this translation. The references are given as chapter and verse. Initially, you may wish to use the index at the front to locate the books. However, you will soon get used to locating the verses. Fill in the blanks or indicate the correct answer as requested below. Please pray first to ask God to help you to understand His Word.

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### Section 1 — The claim of Jesus Christ. **Open John’s Gospel at chapter 5 and read verses 18-19.**

**1a** According to verse 18, what did the Jews think that Jesus Christ was claiming?

They thought that He was making himself to be \_\_\_\_\_ with God the Father.

**1b** Did Jesus Christ tell them they were wrong in thinking that He was claiming this?

Yes or No (circle your answer).

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### Section 2 — How much is Jesus Christ to be honoured?

**2a** Read **John 5:22-23** and then decide which one of the three statements below that you consider to be correct.

Put a line through the two incorrect statements.

(i) Jesus Christ is to be honoured less than the Father.

(ii) Jesus Christ is to be honoured the same as the Father.

(iii) Jesus Christ is to be honoured more than the Father.

**2b** If Jesus Christ is not honoured as He should be, then who is also dishonoured (insulted)?

The \_\_\_\_\_ is not honoured when Jesus Christ is not honoured (v23).

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### Section 3 — The Testimony of Thomas concerning Jesus Christ. Look at **John 20:26-29**.

**3a** What did Thomas say to Jesus Christ (v28)?

“My \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_.”

**3b** How did Jesus Christ respond to this statement of Thomas (v29)?

Did Jesus Christ tell Thomas that he was wrong? Yes or no (circle your answer).

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#### Section 4 — Who is this person known as the “Word?”

Open **John’s Gospel** at the beginning of the first chapter.

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**4a** According to verse 1, who was the “Word?” The Word was \_\_\_\_\_.

**4b** According to verse 3, what did the “Word” make? The Word made \_\_\_\_\_.

**4c** According to verse 14, what happened to the “Word?” The Word was made \_\_\_\_\_.

**4d** Optional Question—if you have difficulty with it, then leave it until later. Review the information you have learned already in this section. Look at verse 14 again, and consider who is this person called the “Word.” Can you suggest a more familiar name for the “Word?” Another name for the “Word” is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Don’t worry if you don’t get this immediately. Just finish the rest of the study and then come back to it. The answer will become clearer as you do the rest of the study).

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#### Section 5 — God is a Trinity (i.e. three in one) Just Like Man. Read Genesis 1:26 (given below).

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26)*

**5a** In whose image was man made (v27)? Man was made in \_\_\_\_\_ image.

**5b** Read **1 Thessalonians 5:23** (given below).

*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)*

How many parts are there that make up man?

There are \_\_\_\_\_ parts that make up man.

What are the parts that make up man?

They are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**5c** Read **Matthews 28:18-19** (given below).

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Spirit).*

How much power (authority) does Jesus Christ have — none, some, or all (circle your answer)?

Who are the members of the Trinity of God?

They are the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### Conclusion

There is a great gulf between the Creator and the creation, between God and his creatures. The vital question is which one is the Lord Jesus Christ? Is Jesus Christ the creator of all things, or a created being?

Delete the two incorrect statements below:

(i) Jesus Christ was a great man but that’s all.

(ii) Jesus Christ is just an angel (i.e. a created being).

(iii) Jesus Christ is God.

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