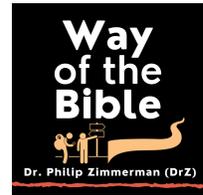


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Episode #004 – Person and Work of Jesus Christ



### Welcome

As believers in Jesus Christ and trying the best we can to walk in faith, there are many things we carry with-us about what we believe. If in a conversation someone were to ask us who Jesus was?; how would we respond caught off-guard? The possibility of this happening is not something many of us would walk into voluntarily. But if pushed into a corner, we could likely come-up with most if not all of the following descriptions of the Person and Work of Jesus.

### Person of Jesus Christ

- One and only Son-of-God
- Second Person of the trinity [Father, Son, Holy Spirit]
- Born of a virgin, thru the power of the Holy Spirit
- Crucified for our sins, died, buried, and raised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day

### Work of Jesus Christ

- Lived a sinless life
- Voluntarily gave up His own life and suffered for our sins on the cross
- Provided the means for us to enter into a relationship with God the Father
- Thru believing in Jesus' finished work on the cross we receive salvation
- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon his glorification
- When we die, Jesus will take us to where He is, forever

And for a spur of the moment – top of the head response, what I've just mentioned would be a pretty good list. And aided by the guidance of the Holy Spirit and use of memorized scripture we may be surprised where the conversation goes.

Who is Jesus – Big Topic

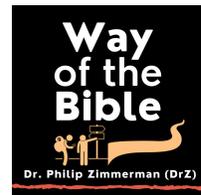
For our kick-off into the topic of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ we'll begin with three New Testament passages.

**John 1:1-3, 18 (NIV)** – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

**Colossian 1:15-17 (NIV)** – The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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**Hebrews 1-2 (NIV)** – In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

From the very beginning, you will see a Way of the Bible path has been God [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] rescuing people from this dark world to bring them to Himself for the purpose of dwelling into eternity in a new Kingdom of light. When it is all said and done, God's inheritance are those He has rescued off this planet. The rescue is and has always been and will always be based upon faith, believing God.

**God the Father and God the Son have always been working together.**

**John 5:19 (NIV)** – Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

**What were they doing?**

**John 10:3 (NIV)** – The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

**John 10:9 (NIV)** – I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture.

**John 10:11 (NIV)** – I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

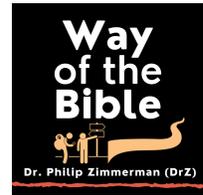
**John 10:16 (NIV)** – I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

**John 10:27 (NIV)** – My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

**John 17:1 (NIV)** – After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. **4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.** 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. **6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.** 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. **8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.** 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the

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name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. 13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. 20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. 25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Tying this all together. From the beginning of Creation, Jesus has been working within the Godhead to secure for God a people unto Himself. Jesus calls his sheep by name, they listen, and follow him. How we live in unity as followers of Jesus lets the world know that God the Father in heaven sent Jesus to earth and that God the Father loves us as much as he loves his Son Jesus.

We will see in our next Episode on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit (3<sup>rd</sup> person of the Trinity) how the Holy Spirit works in perfect unity with the Father and the Son to enable believers to test and approve of what God's will is, his good pleasing and perfect will.

Simply Believe God and Follow Jesus

Live as a child of light overflowing with living water in the will of God

- Joyful always, Praying Continually, and Thankful in all circumstances

Be blessed my brothers and sisters