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**SERIES OVERVIEW:**

- Jesus is: the reason for this season! This is our Christmas series.
- Leading up to Christmas we will be looking at the who, what, when, where, why and how **Jesus is**.
- We will be diving into the truths that Jesus is: God, the fulfillment of prophecy, Messiah and Emmanuel.

**THIS WEEK: JESUS IS: GOD****RLM Doctrinal Statement: The Triune GOD**

We believe God is self-existent, and by nature He is eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere. God has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are in agreement and unified with each other's role in the Godhead. We believe these three are co-equal and are one God.

**RLM Doctrinal Statement: God the Son - JESUS**

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and He is God. He is co-equal with the Father and Holy Spirit, present and participating in creation. Jesus took on human flesh in the fullness of time so that He could live a sinless human life and offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He was raised from the dead, after three days, victorious over the power of sin and death. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead and to make all things new.

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AS WE READ THE BIBLE:**

- Does the Bible teach Jesus is God?
- If so, when was Jesus God, how was Jesus described as God and what has he done as God?
- What is the response of humanity to these truths? What is your response?

**SINCE THE BEGINNING: JESUS IS GOD**

**John 1:1-18 (NIV)** - 1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning. 3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") 16Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

- He was with God and was God and through him all things were made. (Col. 1:15ff)
- In him was (and is) life and light and this light was coming into the world.
- He was in the world and it did not recognize him (even though through him the world was made!)
- His own did not receive him, but those who did believe he gave the right to become children of God!
- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us! (Emmanuel - Born on Christmas Day!)
- Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given!
- **Jesus is** the one and only Son of God, who is himself God

**Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)** – 15The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16For 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. 17He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, **by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

**Colossians 2:9-12 (NIV)** - 9For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

## GOD SAYS JESUS IS GOD

**Hebrews 1:1-3; 6-9 (NIV)** - 1In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2but 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. 3The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. ...6And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, **he says**, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” 7In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.” 8But about the Son **he says**, “**Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.** 9You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

## JESUS SAYS JESUS IS GOD

**John 8:53-59 (NIV)** - 53Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?” 54Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.55Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. 56Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” 57“**You are not yet fifty years old,**” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” 58 “**Very truly I tell you,**” **Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”**59At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

**Exodus 3:13-15 (NIV)** - 13Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” 14God said to Moses, “**I am who I am.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” 15God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ **“This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.**”

## WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS THIS CHRISTMAS?

- Does the Bible teach Jesus is God?
- If so, when was Jesus God, how was Jesus described as God and what has he done as God?
- What is the response of humanity to these truths? What is your response?

## NEXT WEEK: JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF PROHPECY

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What stood out to you from this message about Jesus? Why?
- What is the most personally challenging part of this message? Share.
- How does God’s part, our part and other’s part play into the topic of sharing, discussing and accepting that Jesus is God?
- What is one next step you can take from this message?
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