

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR ADULTS

LESSON 4



A SUPERNATURAL SAVIOR

Scripture Texts: John 14:1-11; Luke 3:21-22; Luke 4:1, Luke 4:14

Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. He is the Son of God from Heaven. The Holy Spirit filled Him. Only a supernatural One can save us. Only One Who is God can give life.

Before we can have faith, we must have belief. The disciples already believed in God; "believe also in me," Jesus said. It is comforting to have the assurance that in the church are many abiding places. He spoke of preparing a place for them that they could have access to these abiding places. We have a part in these also.

Jesus said, "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." Thomas answered, "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?" The Lord answered, "I am the way." This was a reasonable question. If the disciples did not know where Jesus was going, how could they follow Him? We often ask the same questions today. Our Lord's answer to Thomas and to us is the same: Jesus Himself. When we accept Jesus as the divine Son of God, then we find ourselves walking in the right pathway, the pathway of Truth.

MEMORY VERSE: *For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.*

—*Hebrews 7:27*

DAILY READINGS:

Mon.—**Isaiah 11:1-12** Jesus Christ foretold.

Tue.—**Isaiah 61** The office of Christ foretold.

Wed.—**Luke 4:16-24** Jesus claimed to fulfill Isaiah's words.

Thu.—**John 7:14-46** Jesus came from the Father.

Fri.—**Philippians 2:1-11** Jesus' name above every name.

Devotional Reading: Hebrews 7:14-28 Jesus is our High Priest.

The Great Claims of Jesus

John 14:1-6 Jesus stated to His disciples some of His reasons for leaving them. But they could not understand. Thomas let this be known by his question. He asked Jesus how they could know the way to Him when they did not know where He was going. Then Jesus made this supernatural statement, **I am the way . . . truth . . . life.** All that man most wants and needs, Jesus is. The way to God and Heaven; the way to all good living; the Truth among the many false theories of man; life itself, good and useful and happy and everlasting. All these, Jesus IS. No one can have these without having Jesus. He is the only way to God, though many teach otherwise. Only of One Who Himself is God could such claims be true. It takes supernatural power and authority and life to be and do these things. Jesus said He had this power. He said He had power to both lay down His life and take it up again. He said He could quicken the dead and give one eternal life. He said all power in Heaven and Earth was given to Him. One making such a claim is either a liar or the Almighty God. Jesus was no braggart. His works backed up His claims in manifestation of supernatural power.

Jesus' Connection With the Father

John 14:7-11 To know Christ is to know the Father. To see Christ is to see the Father. Christ is in the Father, and the Father is in Him. Christ's Words and acts were done by the Father working through Him. By these statements, Jesus testified of His deity. He came from God and is Himself God in the flesh, of the same

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substance as the Father. His claims are true. But if doubt dims the picture, look at His works—healings, raising the dead, stilling the storm, and multiplying food. Let works which no other could do prove His deity. Yet the Jews asked for signs after seeing His great works.

When Jesus said, **He that hath seen me hath seen the Father . . . I am in the Father, and the Father in me**, did He mean They are one and the same Person? No. There is a teaching commonly known as "Jesus only teaching." If Jesus was the only one, why did He speak at all of His Father? Why did He pray to Him? Why did He say He was going to Him? God is three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How are They three and yet in each other? Jesus is in His saints, yet both a saint and Christ each keep his separate, individual personality. The Father living in and working through Jesus was supernatural power in Him.

Nothing Less Than Beloved Son Will Suffice

Luke 3:21-22 When Jesus was thirty years old, He was baptized in water by John the Baptist. His Father answered by opening Heaven and in audible voice claimed Jesus as His **beloved Son**. This was no ordinary happening. It was supernatural—all three Persons of God acting in a way to be manifest to the people. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit from His birth. God only witnessed the presence of the Holy Spirit in Jesus by giving Him **bodily shape like a dove**. He wanted the people to know that none of the three work separately, but always in harmony together. John was convinced that Jesus **is the Son of God (John 1:29-34)**.

One of the great songs of Zion begins, "Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior." This is the deep cry of the heart of each of us. Where can we find this great Savior? Not in man, for **all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)**. All men are lost and away from God, facing eternal damnation. All must be cleansed and made alive. What can we do? Where can we go? Who can save? No striving, no education, no scientific discovery can do it. No power on earth can do it. It must be a sinless, ever living, almighty, supernatural, divine One. Jesus Christ is the only One, the only **name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12)**. If we do not believe in Him as the only supernatural Savior, we have no other hope, but will die in our sins (**John 8:24**). Nothing less than being made a son of God will get one into Heaven.

The Power of the Spirit

Luke 4:1 Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost . . . was led by the Spirit . . . The Holy Spirit led Jesus in His work. Jesus yielded to Him and followed His leadership.

Luke 4:14 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit . . . and there went out a fame . . . The power of the Spirit joined with the power of the Son overcame all things. Supernatural power was so evident that people saw and wondered and told it everywhere. This is the power that saved men from sin and death.

The Memory Verse speaks of Jesus our High Priest. He is chosen of God, is set apart to God, He offers gifts to God, and has access to God to receive gifts and favors from Him. He represents man before God. He is **holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens**. What a High Priest! He offered Himself as the greatest sacrifice to God. This is the One Who is our supernatural Savior. No other could be.

JUST A THOUGHT

**To remove the supernatural from Christianity
is to destroy Christianity itself.**

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