

# God's Story, Our Story

## Lesson 24: Who Do You Say I Am?

### *Jesus' Claims and Identity*



1. Jesus is a true man:
  - a. He is born of a woman (Lk 2:6-7, Gal 4:4)
  - b. He grows in strength and wisdom (Lk 2:40)
  - c. He experiences hunger (Lk 4:2) and thirst (Jn 4:7, 19:28); He eats (Jn 21:12-13);
  - d. He gets tired (Jn 4:6); He sleeps (Lk 8:23)
  - e. He has a physical body (Lk 24:39, Jn 20:27)
2. The NT claims that Jesus is the promised Messiah of Israel (Lk 2:11, Jn 1:41, Jn 4:25-26, Mt 16:16, Jn 11:27, Mk 14:61-62, Lk 24:25-26, Ac 2:36, Ac 9:22).
3. Jesus is the hope of Israel: He fulfills all of God's previous covenants with Israel:

Adam	Jesus, the New Adam
Adam was "the son of God" (Mt 1:1), created "in his image and likeness."	Jesus was the only begotten Son of God, the perfect image of the Father (Jn 14:9).
Adam was tempted by the devil in a garden, and fell by disobeying God.	Jesus was tested in the Garden of Gethsemane, but resisted by being perfectly obedient, even to death.
Ate from the wrong tree.	Ate the bitter fruit of death from the "tree" of the cross.
Adam brought Sin and death to all humanity.	Jesus saved all humanity from sin and death.
Adam lost our place in paradise.	Jesus restores our place in paradise.
Eve came forth from his side.	The New Eve, the Church, came forth from his side (Jn 19:26-35)
Eve believed the serpent and by her disobedience brought death.	Mary believed the angel Gabriel, and by her obedience brought life.

Abraham	Jesus, the New Son of Abraham
Abraham was a righteous and faithful father.	God is a righteous and faithful Father.
Abraham offered his only-begotten son Isaac on Mt Moriah.	God offered his only-begotten Son Jesus on Calvary, one of the hills of Moriah.
"My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering" (Gen 22:8).	The Lord himself provided the lamb: Jesus.
Isaac carries the wood to the top of the hill (Gen 22:6).	Jesus carried the wood of the cross to the top of the hill of Calvary.
On the third day, Abraham gets his son back (Gen 22:4).	On the third day, Jesus is raised from the dead.
God swears an oath to bless all nations through Abraham's seed (Gen 22:16-18).	Jesus is the Father's blessing to all nations.

<b>Moses</b>	<b>Jesus, the new Moses</b> (Deut 18:17-19, Jn 6:14)
Born in the reign of the ruthless pharaoh.	Born in the reign of the ruthless Herod.
Escaped when pharaoh ordered all the male children of the Hebrews killed.	Escaped when Herod ordered all the male children of Bethlehem killed.
Comes out of Egypt	Comes out of Egypt (Mt 2:14-15).
Passed through the waters of the Red Sea.	Passed through the Jordan waters in Baptism (Mk 1:9).
Tested in the wilderness 40 years.	Tested in the wilderness 40 days (Mk 1:12-13).
First sign: changed water into blood.	First sign: changed water into wine, later wine into blood.
Brought the law down from the mountain.	Taught the new law from the mountain (Mt 5-7).
Gave Israel manna and water in the wilderness.	Gave all people heavenly food and spiritual drink (Jn 6).
The Exodus: Leads Israel out of bondage in Egypt.	The New Exodus: Leads all people out of bondage of sin and death.
The Exodus begins with the Passover lamb slain in each household.	Jesus is the Lamb of God without blemish, slain for the sins of the world, whose body must be eaten.
Moses fashioned a national people from 12 chiefs of the 12 tribes, along with 70 elders.	Jesus chose 12 disciples to rule over the 12 tribes of Israel, and 70 other disciples to share in his authority.

<b>David</b>	<b>Jesus, the New Son of David</b>
<b>Primary Characteristics</b>	
1) David is called "Son of God" (2 Sam 7:9-16, Ps 2:7)	Jesus is called "Son of God" and "Son of David" (Mt 1:1; Lk 1:31-35)
2) David rose and went to the hill country and exclaimed: "How can the Ark of the Lord come to me?" He danced before the Ark, which stayed 3 months in the hill country. (2 Sam 6:2, 9-16)	Mary rose and went to the hill country. Elizabeth exclaimed: "How is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" The babe in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy. Mary stayed with Elizabeth for 3 months. (Lk 1:39, 43, 44, 56)
3) Davidic king is the anointed one	Jesus is the Lord's anointed one. (Lk 2:11, 2:26, 9:20)
4) Davidic kingdom is centered in Jerusalem (2 Sam 5:7)	Jesus' public ministry, passion, death and resurrection are centered in Jerusalem
5) The Temple is the house of worship. (2 Sam 7:11-13, 1 Ki 6)	The Temple is central to Jesus' teaching and life.
6) Davidic king ruled all 12 tribes. (2 Sam 5:1-5)	Jesus appoints 12 apostles which shows he is restoring the unity of the 12 tribes of Israel. (Lk 6:12-16, 22:30)
7) Davidic king rules an international empire including the gentiles (Ps 2, Ps 22:27, 1 Ki 10:1,5,9)	Jesus' kingship extends to all nations. (Lk 2:32, 13:29, 24:47)
8) Davidic kingdom is everlasting (2 Sam 7:16, 2 Sam 23:5, Ps 89:35-36;)	Jesus rules over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (Lk 1:33)
<b>Secondary Characteristics</b>	
1) Queen Mother (gvirah) (1 Kgs 2:19)	1) Mary reigns by the side of Jesus, the King. (Rev 12:1)
2) Prime minister holds the key to the house of David. (Isa 22)	2) Jesus gives Peter (and his successors) the keys to the kingdom of heaven. (Mt 16:18)
3) Todah offering of bread and wine celebrates God's deliverance. (Ps 22, 40, 50, 69)	3) The Eucharist is the new sacrifice of thanksgiving for God's act of deliverance. (Mt 26:26-30)

4. Jesus called himself "Son of Man" (Mt 9:6, Mt 20:18, Mt 24:27, 30, Mk 14:61-62; cf. Dan 7:13-14).
5. Jesus called himself "Son of God" (Mk 1:1, Lk 1:35, Mt 3:17, Jn 1:49, Mt 16:16, Lk 22:70, Jn 20:31).
6. Jesus saw himself as Lord and God (Jn 8:24, 58, Jn 10:30-31, Jn 20:28).
7. Jesus is presented as having divine attributes. He is:
  - a. Self-existent and possessing eternal life: *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.* (Jn 1:4, also 14:6, 1 Jn 5:11)
  - b. Omnipresent: *"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them"* (Mt 18:20). *I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*" (Mt 28:20)
  - c. Omniscient: *"Lord, You know all things."* (Jn 21:17, also Jn 4:16, 6:64, Mt 16:22-27))
  - d. Omnipotent: *"All authority is given to Me in heaven and on earth"* (Mt 28:18, also Jn 5:19). Raising the dead (Lk 7:14-15). Calming the wind and sea (Mt 8:26-27).
  - e. Receiving worship as God: *Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God"* (Mt 14:33, also 28:9).
8. The NT Authors affirm Jesus' divinity:
  - a. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word **was God.**" (Jn 1:1)
  - b. "Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He...also said that God was His Father, making Himself **equal with God.**" (Jn 5:18)
  - c. "Therefore take heed... to shepherd the church **of God** which He purchased with **His own blood.**" (Ac 20:28)
  - d. "...according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the **eternally blessed God.**" (Rom 9:5)
  - e. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being **in the form [morphé] of God**, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God." (Phil 2:5-6)
  - f. "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth...All things were created through Him and for Him. And he is before all things, and in Him all things consist." (Col 1:16-17)
  - g. "For in [Christ] dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Col 2:9)
  - h. "God was manifested in the flesh." (1 Tim 3:16)
  - i. "...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of **our great God** and Savior Jesus Christ." (Tit 2:13)
  - j. "But to the Son, [God] says: Your throne, **O God**, is forever and ever." (Heb 1:8, cf. Ps. 45:6)
  - k. "To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of **our God** and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Pet 1:1)
  - l. "And we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is **the true God** and eternal life." (1 Jn 5:20)
  - m. "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev 5:12)