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STUDY GUIDE SIX – FROM SERMON ON MAR 8/26

Throughout history people have wrestled with one central question: Who is Jesus? Is He merely a great teacher, a moral example, or something more? The early church carefully examined Scripture and came to a bold conclusion that was later expressed in the Nicene Creed: Jesus is “true God from true God.” This study explores what the Bible says about the identity of Jesus and why it matters deeply for our worship, our salvation, and our suffering. As we reflect together, we are invited to see Jesus more clearly—not only as Savior, but as the God who entered our world and understands our pain.

LET’S GET STARTED!

If someone asked you in a sentence or two, “Who is Jesus?”, how would you answer?

What is one way your understanding of Jesus has grown or changed over time?

JESUS IS EXPLICITLY CALLED GOD

In **John 1:1**, John writes that “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” What do these three statements reveal about Jesus’ relationship to God the Father?

Read **John 20:28**. Why is it significant that Jesus does not correct Thomas but instead affirms his belief?

Paul refers to Jesus as “our great God and Savior” in **Titus 2:13**. What does this tell us about how the earliest Christians understood Jesus’ identity?

JESUS DOES THINGS ONLY GOD CAN DO

Read **Colossians 1:16**. What does this say about His authority and role in creation?

How does **Hebrews 1:3** shape your view of Jesus’ power and presence right now?

Read **Mark 2:1-7**. When the religious leaders ask “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” what were they recognizing about Jesus’ claim?

JESUS SHARES GOD’S DIVINE NAME

In **Philippians 2:10-11**, Paul says that one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. How does this connect with God’s declaration in **Isaiah 45:23** that every knee will bow to Him alone?

When Jesus says in **John 8:58**, “Before Abraham was born, I am,” He echoes the divine name revealed by God in **Exodus 3:14**. Why do you think the crowd reacted so strongly to this statement?

Why does it matter for your faith that Jesus fully shares the authority, identity, and glory of God?

JESUS RECEIVES WORSHIP

In **Matthew 14:33**, after Jesus calms the storm and the disciples see what He has done, how do they respond to Him? What does their reaction suggest about who they believed Jesus to be?

In **Revelation 5:11-14**, John describes a scene where every creature in heaven and on earth worships “the Lamb.” What do you notice about the kind of worship Jesus receives in this passage?

What does it mean that He accepts worship while affirming that God alone is to be worshiped?

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Read **Isaiah 53:3**. How does it encourage you to know that God entered human suffering personally?

The sermon described Jesus as “the God who has scars.” How does that image give you confidence to approach Him with your pain or doubts?

What is one truth about Jesus’ identity that stood out to you most in this discussion?

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