

## “Getting to Know Jesus” *John 6:35-42*

**Open:** *Story about a group of people who were confused about who Jesus was.*

- A group of people, who had been present when Jesus’ feed over 5,000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fishes, came to Jesus and asked Him where He had come from, because they wanted to know how to get food in the quantity that Jesus had given it to the multitude. **John 6:25-27**
  - Jesus had to get them to see what they were looking for (true bread from Heaven) was not what they were looking for (physical bread from man.)
- These people go on to ask Jesus how they might do the works of God, (it is human nature to try to find a way to earn your way to heaven.) Jesus goes on to explain to them that it is not work that God requires but a belief in Jesus Christ. **John 6:28-29**
  - Jesus had to get them to see that they could not earn their way to heaven by doing great works for God; they simply had to trust in the works of the One Whom He has already sent, Jesus Christ.
- These people remained confused about who Jesus was. They were more focused on getting their physical needs met than they were their spiritual needs. **John 6:30-35**
  - So many people never see who Jesus is; because they only seek Him for what He can do for them.
- Jesus wanted these people to see that He was sent from God to earth to be the Everlasting Bread of Life; but the people were confused, because they knew thought that Jesus was the son of Mary and Joseph.

### **John 6:38, 41-42**

- So many people see Jesus as a man on the earth, and never come to the understanding that yes, He was man, but He was also sent by God to give eternal life to all who would accept Him.

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- Just like we learned last week about faith to believe in God, it is important that we realize the same faith required to believe in God is also required to believe in Jesus, Who is the Son of God.
- We need to understand that Jesus is not just of God; He is God. **John 10:30** *“I and my Father are one.”*
  - Jesus put on a robe of flesh so He could die for our sins; and even though Jesus was robed in flesh, He is the sinless Son of God.

## **I. Who is Jesus?**

A. The only begotten Son of God.

- Mary may have been the human vessel by which Jesus was brought to earth, but Jesus was God’s Son long before He was born in Bethlehem’s manger.
- Jesus was born of a woman, but He was God’s Son; not the son of Joseph

1. **John 3:16** *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...”*

2. **Matt. 27:54** *“Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.”*

- B. A Saviour for the Lost. – **Lk. 19:10** “*For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*”
1. As the spotless Lamb of God, Jesus was the only one who could pay the price for the sins of all mankind. – **John 1:29** “*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*”
  2. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one can get to heaven or establish a relationship with the Father without trusting in Jesus. – **John. 14:6** “*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*”
- C. A Shepherd for the saved. – **John 10:11** “*I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*”
1. He provides for our every need. **Ps. 23:1-2** “*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*”
  2. He leads us down a safe path. **Ps. 23:2-3** “*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. [3] He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.*”
  3. He restores my soul and brings security as well as comfort. **Ps. 23:3-5** “*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. [4] Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. [5] Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*”

## II. Why did Jesus come to earth?

- A. Jesus came to fulfil the Law. – **Matt. 5:17** “*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*”
1. God gave us the Law to show us our need of a Saviour; but observing the traditions of the Law could not save anyone. **Gal. 3:24** “*Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*”
  2. The law only told us what was necessary for salvation, Jesus came to do what was necessary for salvation. **Rom. 8:3** “*For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*”
- B. Jesus came to call the sinners to repentance. – **Matt. 9:11-13** “*And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? [12] But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. [13] But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*”

1. Jesus had to come and show man, who had been following the traditions of the law for thousands of years, that the Law was only there to show them their need of a Saviour.  
**Gal. 3:23** *“But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.”*
2. Jesus was sent to the earth by God so He could preach the gospel, live the gospel, and reveal the Gospel; through his life and through his death. **Rom. 8:4** *“That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us...”*

C. To be an example to us.

1. To show us the importance of obeying God. **John 6:38** *“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”*
2. To show us the importance of serving one another. **John 13:12-15** *“So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? [13] Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.”*
3. To show us the importance of caring enough about people to do for them what Jesus has done for us; He gave his life to share the gospel. **Matt. 9:35-37** *“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. [36] But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. [37] Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;”*

**Close:**

- Who is Jesus?
  - The Son of God
  - The Saviour for the lost
  - The Shepherd for the saved
- Why did Jesus come to earth?
  - To fulfil the law
  - To call sinners to repentance
  - To be our example

**Luke 1:35**

*“And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”*