

TheoTalk

Engaging Theology that Matters

Who is Jesus?

Part 7: The one-and-only God-man — Fully God (according to his deeds)

In this lesson, we will see how Jesus ushered in God's restored Kingdom by the things He did, some of which revealed His Divine nature.

Key Takeaway: God became our Savior-King, in the person of Jesus Christ, to re-establish God's righteous reign upon the earth.

Discussion

Read Matthew 1:18-25

According to Matthew 1:21, what did Jesus come to do?

Read Luke 4:15-21

According to Luke 4:15-19, how, exactly, does Jesus save his people from their sins? What is included in this salvation? Is it merely forgiveness of sins or something more?

How did Jesus's miracles demonstrate that God's restored Kingdom had finally broken into our fallen world as God promised?

According to the video associated with this lesson, in addition to affirming He is God's Messiah (the bringer of Kingdom renewal) Jesus showed Himself to be God through at least some of his miracles; reminding us that God became our Savior-King, in the person of Jesus Christ, to make us and all things new.

Read Mark 2:1-12

Why did the paralytic's friends bring him to Jesus?

What did Jesus do for the paralytic?

What does the fact that Jesus claimed to have the authority to forgive sins imply about who He claimed to be? Why?

*What is the connection between forgiving sin and healing the effects of sin?
Which is more difficult?*

Jesus claimed authority over sin by demonstrating His power over the effects of sin. But as the Jewish leaders point out, forgiveness can only be granted by the one who is sinned against. By claiming the authority to forgive sins, Jesus claimed to be the one, against whom, this man and all men had sinned. In other words, Jesus was claiming equality with God and, therefore, to be God by nature.

Note: Jesus is not implying this man was paralyzed because of his specific sins. Instead, He is affirming that at the Fall, sin and, therefore, brokenness and death entered the world of man. Even so, this man's paralysis was a physical picture of his spiritual need to be set free from the curse of sin, so that he could "walk" (live) spiritually.

Read John 11:1-44; Deuteronomy 32:39; Acts 17:28

What did Jesus do for Lazarus?

According to John 11:25-26, where does Jesus claim the power of life resides?

Where does Yahweh (Deut. 32:39) claim the power of life resides?

What is He claiming about Himself when He claims to be the source of life?

Re-Read Matthew 1:18-23

In light of what Jesus claims about Himself, according to verse 23, who, exactly, is our Savior-King?

Jesus is Immanuel — God Himself with us! *How does this shape or deepen your understanding of the Gospel? God's intentions Toward you?*

Additional Study

To think more about the Deity of Christ, see:

- [How We Can Know the New Testament Teaches that Jesus Is God](#)
- [The Deity of Christ](#)

To think about how Christ's miracles relate to His Deity, see, [The Miracles of Christ](#)

To think about how Christ's miracles relate to His Kingdom mission, see, [How Did Jesus Do Miracles—His Divine Nature or the Holy Spirit?](#)