

# JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD

(Message Two)

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Today's message is a prequel to last week's message. In that message, we were taken to the end of Jesus' earthly ministry. Today, we go to the beginning.

In this series, we are going to focus on the historical narrative written by Matthew. It is a Gospel written from a uniquely Jewish perspective. Today, we will discover how Matthew presented Jesus as God.

### GOD BY DEFINITION

Genesis 1:1, *In the beginning, God...*

A philosophical definition of God...

God is the **infinite** and **perfect** Spirit in whom all things have their source, support and end.

God is an **eternal**, **uncaused**, **independent**, **necessary** Being that has active power, life, wisdom, goodness in the highest perfection, in and of himself.

A spirit infinite, eternal and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth – The Absolute; The first **cause** and last **end** of all things.

## GOD IN INCARNATION

### Four Indicators of the Divinity of Jesus...

1. His unique **birth**.

*Matthew 1:18-23, This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph...did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

2. His special **name**.

*Matthew 1:21-23, You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."*

3. His unusual **visitors**.

*Matthew 2:9-11, The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.*

4. His extraordinary **baptism**.

Matthew 3:16-17, *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

## GOD ON MISSION

His message and his works pointed to one thing: **The Kingdom of God** had come.

Matthew 4:23, *Jesus went everywhere in Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the Good News about the kingdom of heaven, and healing all the people's diseases and sicknesses.*

John later wrote about Jesus his way...

1 John 1:1-3, *From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen...The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us. We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. (Msg)*