

**WHAT WE BELIEVE**  
*JESUS CHRIST, SAVIOR AND LORD*

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We BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is the final and fullest revelation of God and that he is both fully human and fully divine.

We BELIEVE that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners and that having conquered death he now reigns as Lord of all

Jesus, Common Ground Among Christians, Muslims and Jews

Jesus as Righteous/holy man (Example)

Jesus as Great Teacher (Explanation)

Jesus as Prophet of God (Enlightenment)

Jesus as Might Miracle Worker (Extraordinary)

Jesus Christ: The Christian Perspective

Believing in Jesus has never been an issue, what we believe about Jesus Christ is what separates Christians from others who believe in Jesus

A. Jesus Christ as Kenosis

Philippians 2: 5-7, Kenosis (misinterpretation of Mark 4: 35-41)

Implications for temptation (Hebrews 4:14-15)

Meaning of temptation -Achilles heel; that which has the potential to move us to fall or fail; more than an attraction or curiosity or passing thought; what we really have to fight against

Meaning of all points for Christ— (Matthew 4: 1-11); envy; loathing; physical attraction

Meaning of sin by thought as distinct from temptation (Matthew 5: 27-28)

Jesus faced and fought temptation without the protective Godly power of divinity, but in the same ways that we must---prayer; word of God; rebuking the devil; and preparing for the next assault

Temptation by something is a lifelong struggle

B. Cultural and political implications of the incarnation

Distance between Bethlehem and Cairo, Egypt (260 miles)

Distance between Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia. (248 miles)

Distance between Atlanta and Nashville (249 miles)

Distance between Atlanta and Florence, South Carolina, (292 miles)

Distance between Atlanta and Jacksonville, Florida (345 miles)

Distance between Atlanta and Tallahassee, Florida (260 miles)

Jesus' earliest years were spent on the African continent

He probably was familiar with the Nubian people

He may have even been familiar with the Cushite's (Ethiopians)

Jesus was shaped in a multicultural context

He was familiar with issues of political oppression and the collusion and cooperation of compromised religious leadership

As a Nazarene from Galilee he was familiar with issues of cultural bias and exclusion among his own people (Matthew 26: 73; Acts 2:5-11)

- C. Jesus as Sin Offering
- D. The Resurrected Jesus as Lord over Life and Death  
(Acts 17: 22-33; I Corinthians 15)
- E. The Second Coming of Jesus as Rewarder and Judge  
(John 14: 1-3; Acts 1: 11; I Thessalonians 4: 15-5: 4; Jude 1: 14-15; Revelation 1: 7-8)

What “Jesus the Christ” means:

Jesus Christ as final and fullest revelation of God

Jesus Christ is final and fullest revelation of truth (John 14: 6-11)

Jesus Christ is final and fullest revelation of love (John 3: 16; 15: 13)

Jesus Christ is final and fullest revelation of righteousness (Hebrews 4: 15)

Jesus Christ is the final and fullest revelation of sacrificial giving (II Corinthians 8: 9)

Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine (Hebrews 1: 1-3; John 1: 1-5; 10-18; 10:30)

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (Luke 19: 10; Mark 10: 45; I Timothy 1: 15)

Having conquered death Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord (I Corinthians 15: 20-29

Philippians 2: 5-11; Ephesians 4: 7-10; I Peter 3: 18-20; Revelation 1: 17-18; 11: 15)

Meaning of Christ Lordship (Jude 24: 25)

Lordship is the condition of salvation

The Lord Jesus Christ is not simply to be learned from but lived for

The Lord Jesus Christ is not simply to be liked but loved as He loved

Jesus Christ as Lord is not simply to be believed but followed

Jesus Christ as Lord is not simply to be sought after but served and sacrificed for

Jesus Christ as Lord is not simply to be prayed to but obeyed

Jesus Christ as Lord is not simply to be worshipped but worked for

A Word of Warning: (Matthew 24: 11; 23-26; Galatians 1: 6-9)

