

Supplemental Texts John 11:4; 11:27; 19:7; 20:31; Acts 8:37; 9:20; Rom 1:4; 5:10; 1 Cor 1:9; Heb 4:14; 1 John 3-

5 Focus Verse "And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." – John

6:69 Introduction Out of love, God the Father sent God the Son into the world to redeem the world. God the Son, Jesus Christ, became human in order to lead us to God and that by believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Though he took our form, yet He was fully God and fully man. He had both divine nature and human nature! The two natures, however, perfectly united in Him. Jesus is unique in that He was sinless. He was a perfect representative of human race. He tells us what God is like: loving, merciful and gracious. What a wonderful Savior He is!

Deeper Look

Baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:13-17 Before His earthly ministry, Jesus went to John the Baptist to be baptized of him. Jesus was revealed as the Son of God. As soon as Jesus came out of the water, the heavens opened and a voice from heaven was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt 3:17). The Transfiguration – Mark 9:1-7 Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him to a high mountain where they could be alone together. On that mountain, Jesus was transformed in the presence of these disciples. His disciples saw how His clothes became gloriously white. In addition to this glorious sight, they saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. What a sight! No wonder they were terribly afraid. Their ultimate experience was being covered by a cloud and hearing a declaration from heaven. As Jesus was revealed at His baptism, He was also revealed to Peter, James, and John. A voice from heaven declared Him as the beloved Son of God (Matt 3:17; Mark 9:7). The Son of God – John 3:16-18 Jesus is the Son of God. He told Nicodemus God's plan of redemption for the world He created. Jesus was from heaven, came to fulfil the will of God, and to show us the way to God. Because He was from God, He taught us many things about what the kingdom of God is like.

Questions

Why did Jesus go to be baptized by John? Matthew 3:14 says “But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?” Why did John try to stop Jesus from getting baptized by him? What quality is displayed in John the Baptist? Whose voice declared Matthew 3:17 and Mark 9:7? On the Mount of Transfiguration, why did Moses and Elijah come to Jesus (Luke 9:31)? What did each man represent? Peter said “Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.” Why did Peter say this? What impact do you think the transfiguration of Jesus would have had on His disciples? What did Jesus say that provoked the Jews to the point of wanting to stone Him (see John 10:27-33)? How did Jesus know about the love of God for the world and God’s plan of redemption? John 3:16

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. When He came to earth, He became one of us and provided the way to be saved. Because of Him, we are beneficiaries of His divine nature, and we can call God our Father. What a privilege! Jesus in His humanity is with God in heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the throne of God — a place of honor (Heb 12:2). We read that the first Adam was from the earth; the last Adam, Jesus, from heaven (1 Cor 15:45-47). This is why Jesus could reveal to Nicodemus, a Pharisee, the mind of God and His plan for humanity in John 3:16. In the discourse of Jesus with the Jews in John 10:22-38, Jesus called Himself the Son of God. He added that He and God are one. This assertion enraged the Jews as they considered that Jesus committed a blasphemy. Another attempt was made to stone Him. The Jews believed that Jesus, being a Man, could never be the Son of God or be one with God because their ideology strongly supported one God. And for all His works, they believed not. Who is Jesus to you? Personal Meditation Faith Portal Church Frisco, TX www.faithportal.org | info@faithportal.org | (469) 000-0000 DAILY STUDY Monday Matt 3:13-17 Tuesday Mark 9:1-4 Wednesday Mark 9:5-7 Thursday John 3:16-18 Friday John 10:22-28 Saturday John 10:29-38