WHO IS THIS JESUS? Lesson Three - THE PRE-INCARNATE

JESUS IS THE WORD! (DEITY) - John 1:1; Revelation 19:13

Intro:
A. Jesus is the “Word” sent by God - As we've discussed in the Last two lessons, Jesus is the Word.
   1. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (Jn. 1:1-3).
   2. The WORD’s PRE-EXISTENCE is confirmed in Scripture beyond a shadow of a doubt - John 6:62 (NKJV) - 62 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 
   3. Genesis 1:26; 3:22; 11:7 ("... us ... our ... our ...);
   4. Micah 5:2 (NKJV) - 2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”
   5. Philippians 2:5,6 (NKJV) - 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
      a. John 6:32-34 (NKJV) - 32 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”
      b. John 6:38 (NKJV) - 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
      c. John 6:41 (NKJV) - 41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.”
      d. John 6:58 (NKJV) - 58 This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”
      e. John 6:62 (NKJV) - 62 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?
      f. John 16:28 (NKJV) - 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”
   7. Hebrews 2:9,14-18; 10:5-7
      a. Hebrews 2:9 (NKJV) - 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.
      b. Hebrews 2:14-18 (NKJV) - 14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.
      c. Hebrews 10:5-7 (NKJV) - 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.’ ”
      a. Revelation 1:8 (NKJV) - 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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b. **Revelation 1:11** (NKJV) - 11 saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

c. **Revelation 1:17** (NKJV) - 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

d. **Revelation 3:14** (NKJV) - 14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

e. **Revelation 22:13** (NKJV) - 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

f. **Revelation 22:16** (NKJV) - 16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

9. **Questions with regards to David** - **Matthew 22:41-46** (NKJV) - 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” 43 He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: 44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool” ’? 45 If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” 46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

a. Cf **Rev 5:5** (NKJV) - 5 But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

b. Cf **Rev 22:16** (NKJV) - 16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

(1) **Root** - Strong's # <G4491> - Original Word: ῥῆζα, rhiza -Usage Notes: is used (a) in the natural sense, Matt. 3:10; Matt. 13:6, 21; Mark 4:6, 17; Mark 11:20; Luke 3:9; Luke 8:13; (b) metaphorically (1) of "cause, origin, source," said of persons, ancestors, Rom. 11:16-18 (twice); of things, evils, 1 Tim. 6:10, RV, of the love of money as a "root" of all "kinds of evil" (marg., "evils;" AV, "evil"); bitterness, Heb. 12:15; (2) of that which springs from a "root," a shoot, said of offspring, Rom. 15:12; Rev. 5:5; Rev. 22:16. - Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words.

(2) “Son of David” was a title often used when He was ministering on earth (see Matt. 1). But He is also the Root of David, which means He brought David (and David’s line) into existence. As far as His humanity is concerned, Jesus had His roots in David (Isa. 11:1, 10); but as far as His deity is concerned, Jesus is the Root of David. This speaks, of course, of our Lord’s eternality; He is indeed the “Ancient of Days.” How the Messiah could both be David’s Lord and David’s son was a problem Jesus presented to the Pharisees, and they could not (or would not) answer Him (Matt. 22:41–46). - Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). The Bible exposition commentary. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

10. **John 8:56-59** (NKJV) 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

11. **John 17:5** (NKJV) And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

II. **Jesus is Creator and Unchanging in the attributes He Shares:**

A. **Eternal / Creator** -
1. Revelation 1:8,11,17; 3:14; 22:13,16
   a. Revelation 1:8 (NKJV) - "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
   b. Revelation 1:11 (NKJV) - 11 saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”
   c. Revelation 1:17 (NKJV) - 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.
   d. Revelation 3:14 (NKJV) - 14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:
   e. Revelation 22:13 (NKJV) - 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.
   f. Revelation 22:16 (NKJV) - 16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

2. “I am the first and the last . . .
   a. Who is, who was, and who is to come,
   b. the Almighty . . . the beginning of the creation of God . . .

3. Colossians 1:16 (NKJV) - “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, . . .”
   a. John 1:1-3; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:15-19; Hebrews 1:2,10-12; 3:3,4
   b. John 1:1-3 (NKJV) - 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
      (1) Romans 11:36 (NKJV) - 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.
      (2) 1 Corinthians 8:6 (NKJV) - 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.
      (3) Ephesians 3:9 (NKJV) - 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;
      (4) Colossians 1:15-19 (NKJV) - 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,
      (5) Hebrews 1:2 (NKJV) - 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
      (6) Hebrews 1:10-12 (NKJV) - 10 And: “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up. And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.”
      (7) Hebrews 3:3 (NKJV) - 3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than
Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

(8) Hebrews 3:4 (NKJV) - 4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.

B. Eternal and Unchanging: Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

1. Hebrews 1:12 - “You are the same . . .”
2. Hebrews 13:8 - “same yesterday, today, and forever.” - (cf. Malachi 3:6 NKJV) - 6 “For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.
3. Revelation 1:4 (NKJV) - 4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne.; Revelation 1:8 (NKJV) - 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

III. The Case for the Deity of Jesus is seen in the Names Shared with Deity - Jeremiah 23:6 (NKJV)- In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

A. Descriptions of Deity

1. The Good Shepherd - Jn 10:2, 11,12, 14,16; Heb 13:20; 1 Pt 2:25; 5:4; cf. Psa 23
   a. John 10:2 (NKJV) - 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
   b. John 10:11 (NKJV) - 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.
   c. John 10:12 (NKJV) - 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.
   d. John 10:14 (NKJV) - 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.
   e. John 10:16 (NKJV) - 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.
   f. Hebrews 13:20 (NKJV) - 20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
   g. 1 Peter 2:25 (NKJV) - 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

2. The True Vine - John 15:1-8
   a. John 15:1-8 (NKJV) - 1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

3. Redeemer - Job 19:25 (NKJV) “For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth”
4. The **Savior** - *John 3:16-17; 4:42; Titus 2:13; Acts 4:12; 1 John 4:14*
   a. *John 3:16-17 (NKJV)* - 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
   b. *John 4:42 (NKJV)* - 42 Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”
   c. *Titus 2:13 (NKJV)* - 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
   d. *Acts 4:12 (NKJV)* - 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
   e. *1 John 4:14 (NKJV)* - 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

B. **Isaiah 9:6** (NKJV) - For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
   2. "Immanuel," meaning "God with us." - *Isa 7:14; Matthew 1:23*
      a. *Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV)* - 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
      b. *Matthew 1:23 (NKJV)* - 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”
   3. The **Almighty** - *Revelation 1:8* (NKJV) - 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
   4. The "I Am." - *John 8:58 ;Ex 3:14*
      a. *John 8:58 (NKJV)* - 58 Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”
      b. *Exodus 3:14 (NKJV)* - 14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”
   5. "My Lord and my God!" - *John 20:28*
      a. *Isaiah 44:6 (NKJV)* - 6 “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.
      b. *Isaiah 48:12 (NKJV)* - 12 “Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.
      c. *Revelation 1:8 (NKJV)* - 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
      d. *Revelation 1:11 (NKJV)* - 11 saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”
      e. *Revelation 1:17 (NKJV)* - 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.
      f. *Revelation 2:8 (NKJV)* - 8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:
      g. *Revelation 21:6 (NKJV)* - 6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who
h. Revelation 22:13 (NKJV) - 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

   a. Matthew 17:5 (NKJV) - 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”
   b. Mark 1:1 (NKJV) - 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
   c. Luke 1:35 (NKJV) - 35 And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.
   d. 1 John 4:15 (NKJV) - 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

C. The “SON OF GOD” is of great importance - Matthew 17:5 (NKJV) - . . . a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"
   1. Called the Son of God by Satan - Matt 4:3,6
      a. Matthew 4:3 (NKJV) - 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”
      b. Matthew 4:6 (NKJV) - 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, In their hands they shall bear you up. Let you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”
   2. Called the Son of God by demons - Matthew 8:29; Mark 5:7
      a. Matthew 8:29 (NKJV) - 29 And suddenly they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”
      b. Mark 5:7 (NKJV) - 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.”
   3. “By His disciples” - Matthew 14:33; 16:16; etc
      a. Matthew 14:33 (NKJV) - 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”
      b. Matthew 16:16 (NKJV) - 16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
   4. Centurion - Matthew 27:54 (NKJV) - 54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”
   5. The Father referred to Jesus as His “beloved Son” - Matthew 17:5 ... Etc . . . . .
      a. John 5:18 (NKJV) - Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.
      b. John 10:30-33 (NKJV) - 30 I and My Father are one.” 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

D. "I am the Good Shepherd" - John 10:11
   1. "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father," - John 10:15
   2. “I give them eternal life” - John 10:28
   3. "I and My Father are one" - John 10:30 The Jews picked up stones to stone Him because they said He blasphemed - “You being a man make yourself God” - John 10:33
      a. Jesus exposes their hypocrisy by quoting Psalm 82:6 - John 10:34
         (1) Psalm 82:6 (NKJV) - 6 I said, “You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.
(2) **John 10:34** (NKJV) - 34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, ‘You are gods’’?

b. How could they deny that the scripture refers to human judges as “gods?” - Therefore, how could they justify their actions seeing that the works of Christ ‘backed up’ His claim to be the Son of God? - **John 10:35-38**

c. “The Father is in Me and I in Him” - **John 10:38**

(1) **John 10:38** (NKJV) - 38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

4. The phrase “The Son of Man” - identified Jesus as an equal partaker of humanity! - (Matt. 8:20 (NKJV) - 20 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” [found 29 times])

a. The phrase “The Son of God” identified Jesus as an equal partaker of Deity - (Phil. 2:6; Heb 1:3; Col 1:15)

(1) **Philippians 2:6** (NKJV) - 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

(2) **Hebrews 1:3** (NKJV) - 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

(3) **Colossians 1:15** (NKJV) - 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

b. Neither phrase has reference to Jesus’ age, birth or genesis - but rather the extent of the relationship He had with both humanity & Deity - cf. **John 8:44**

(1) **John 8:44** (NKJV) - 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

5. **John 19:7** (NKJV) - 7 The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”

E. The GREAT GOD - **Titus 2:13** (NKJV) - looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, cf - Hebrews 1:10 (NKJV) - And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

1. **Titus 2:13** - “We have Granville Sharp’s rule here, which says that when there are two nouns in the same case connected by kai (?a?) (and), the first noun having the article, the second noun not having the article, the second noun refers to the same thing the first noun does and is a further description of it. . . “the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” Both expressions refer to the same individual. The deity of the Lord Jesus is brought out here by a rule of Greek syntax. The pronoun “our” is polemic. . . . the Christian’s God and Saviour is Jesus Christ. — Wuest, K. S. (1997). - Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament: For the English reader. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

2. “The great God and our Saviour Jesus”—There is but one Greek article to “God” and “Saviour,” which shows that both are predicated of one and the same Being. “Of Him who is at once the great God and our Saviour.” Also (2) “appearing” (epiphaneia) is never by Paul predicated of God the Father (Jn 1:18; 1Ti 6:16), or even of “His glory” (as Alford explains it): . . . the expression “great God,” as applied to Christ, . . . just as “the true God” is predicated of Christ, 1Jn 5:20. . . .----- Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997). Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

a. **1 John 5:20** (NKJV) - And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His
Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

b. **John 1:22–23** (NKJV) - 22 Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” 23 He said: “I am ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the Lord,” ’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

c. **Hebrews 1:8-10** (NKJV) - 8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." [quoting Psa. 45:6.7]

(1) “Thou in the beginning, O Lord,” which throws the “Lord” into emphasis. “Christ is preached even in passages where many might contend that the Father was principally intended” [Bengel].

(2) **Hebrews 1:8-10** (NKJV) - 10 And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. [quote from Psalm 102:25-27]

(3) **Acts 2:21** (NKJV) - 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD [????yhwh] Shall be saved.” [quote from Joel 2:32] - (cf Acts 22:16; Rom 10:12,13; 1 Cor. 1:2)

### IV. **In Conclusion:**

A. In face of such evidence as we have examined from the inspired testimony, we must conclude that Jesus Christ is co-existent, co-eternal, and of the same nature as the Father.

1. Jesus could truly say, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father.” **John 14:9**
2. And, “I and the Father are one” (**John 10:30**), because “in Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily” (**Col. 2:9**) “who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person” (**Heb. 1:3**)

B. Shall we believe a lie and be damned, or shall we exclaim with Thomas, “My Lord and my God”?  

1. Honor: Jesus shares the honors due to God, (Deity).
2. Attributes: Jesus shares the attributes of God.
3. Names: Jesus shares the names / descriptions of God.
4. Deeds: Jesus shares in the deeds that God does.
5. Seat: Jesus shares the right hand seat of God's throne.

C. When Considered - The ATTRIBUTES Shared: **IF JESUS is NOT DEITY Then:**

1. There was No real atonement made for man!
2. Jesus could not be the one and only mediator between God and Man.
3. And - Jesus is not the only way to the Father -

D. BUT---- When Considered - The ATTRIBUTES Shared: **IF JESUS IS DEITY Then:**

1. Real atonement / A sacrifice demonstrating both the love & justice of God - A sacrifice worthy of taking away the sins of the world - **Rom 5:8-10; 1 John 2:1,2**
   a. **Romans 5:8-10** (NKJV) - 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
   b. **1 John 2:1** (NKJV) - 1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
   c. **1 John 2:2** (NKJV) - 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

2. Jesus is qualified to be our one and only mediator / capable of equally representing both parties
1. **1 Timothy 2:5 (NKJV)** - 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

2. **Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV)** - 6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

3. **Hebrews 9:15 (NKJV)** - 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

4. **Hebrews 12:24 (NKJV)** - 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

3. Jesus is the only way to the Father - “Except you believe that I am He you will die in your sins”  
   - **John 14:6; 8:24; 10:9; Acts 4:12**
   a. **John 14:6 (NKJV)** - 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
   b. **John 8:24 (NKJV)** - 24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”
   c. **John 10:9 (NKJV)** - 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
   d. **Acts 4:12 (NKJV)** - 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

E. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?
1. Are you willing to confess that faith just as Peter & Thomas did?
2. Will you turn from your sins and yield your heart and life to the teaching of Jesus and honor Him?
3. Will you be buried with Him in baptism and be raised to walk in newness of life?