

Lesson Guide: Christology – The Study of Jesus Christ

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Summary

This second lesson in our Trinitarian theology series focused on Christology—the study of Jesus Christ. Dr. Mike Lawson explored both traditional doctrines and practical realities surrounding the person and work of Jesus, showing how Christ is the center of Scripture, theology, and human history. Drawing from Charles Ryrie’s condensed theology outlines, Dr. Lawson walked the group through key concepts such as Jesus’ deity, humanity, incarnation, death, resurrection, and future return.

Through personal stories, humor, and real-life testimonies from global missions, the lesson emphasized how belief in the resurrection of Christ changes lives and drives the global spread of the gospel. Dr. Lawson urged us not just to understand Christ theologically, but to treasure Him personally, knowing that our faith and future rest entirely on His life, death, and resurrection.

Key Takeaways

- **Christology is central to Christian theology.** Jesus is the centerpiece of history, faith, and salvation.
 - **Jesus is fully God and fully man.** This mystery—the incarnation—is foundational to our understanding of redemption.
 - **The kenosis** (Philippians 2) describes Jesus humbling Himself, veiling His glory, and becoming obedient to death on a cross.
 - **The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith.** Without it, Christianity collapses; with it, we have hope and eternal life.
 - **The reality of the resurrection is affirmed** by the empty tomb, eyewitness accounts, the transformation of the disciples, the planting and growth of the global church, and the spread of the gospel across cultures and continents.
 - **Jesus’ return is promised.** Just as He came once, He will come again—and believers live in hopeful expectation.
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Discussing and Applying the Lesson

- What part of Jesus’ life or nature—His deity, humanity, incarnation, resurrection—most strengthens your faith?
- How does the doctrine of the kenosis challenge your understanding of humility and obedience?
- Why is the resurrection so central to our faith, and how would you explain its importance to someone else?
- Have you ever experienced Jesus’ Lordship personally—not just as Savior, but as one who leads your life daily?
- What real-life stories or examples (from the lesson or your own experience) demonstrate the impact of belief in the resurrection?

- How can you grow in your awe and worship of Jesus this Easter season?
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Additional Resources

- **Read:** Philippians 2:5–11; John 1:1–18; 1 Corinthians 15; Acts 2
 - **Explore:** Basic apologetics on the resurrection and its historical credibility
 - **Reflect:** How can I live in daily response to the risen Christ?
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About This Study

This lesson is the second in a three-part exploration of foundational Christian theology centered on the Triune God. Each session focuses on one member of the Trinity:

1. God the Father (Theology Proper)
2. God the Son (Christology)
3. God the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)

The goal of this study is not merely intellectual growth, but deeper worship and relationship with the God who has revealed Himself through Scripture and through His Son.