

WORD

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. **GALATIANS 4:4,5**

The second part of the Apostles' Creed addresses the divinity and humanity of Jesus—that He is God's "only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary." As Christians, we believe that Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is also both our Lord and Savior. People have different ideas about who Jesus is, but, in this lesson, we will look at what the Bible says about who Jesus really is.

1 Jesus is fully God.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily . . .

COLOSSIANS 2:9

Contrary to what others say, Jesus is not just a teacher, a prophet, or a good man. Jesus is 100 percent God. Only God can forgive sins. And if Jesus were not God, then the cross would have no saving power, since it takes a sinless life to save us and pay the penalty for our sins. Can we find salvation in anyone else? (Acts 4:12)

2 Jesus became fully man.

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Jesus became 100 percent man. According to John 1:14, Jesus became flesh and made His dwelling among us. If Jesus did not become man, then He could not have represented us. Jesus took on a human form to save us from our sins (Hebrews 2:14). Although Jesus remained fully God, the Bible says He humbled himself and did not consider equality with God in order to dwell among us (Philippians 2:6). He could have chosen to stay as He is, but instead, He chose to be human like us, so that we could have the precious gift of salvation. How did Christ display His obedience to the Father? (Philippians 2:8)

3 Jesus is Lord and Savior.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father . . . **GALATIANS 1:3,4**

The Bible tells us that Jesus is to be both our Lord and Savior. We don't get to choose which one He should be in our lives. Being a Christian is not about having passive faith, nor is it about a half-hearted surrender. It's about actively running towards God and completely surrendering all areas of our lives to Him. Jesus shouldn't just be a part of our lives; He should be in control of our lives. What should we do, now that we have received Christ? (Colossians 2:6)
