

Lesson 4 Questions

Who Is Jesus Christ?

Review/ What did we learn from the last lesson about the result of sin?

1. **John 20:30-31** Why did John write about Jesus?
2. **14:1-11** List and summarize the things Jesus said about who he is.
3. **6:33-40** List and summarize the other claims Jesus made about himself.
4. **5:16-18** Why did the Jews try to kill Jesus in this situation?
5. **5:24** What response to his claims did Jesus say he expects from us?
6. What will be the result of responding as Jesus desires?

Lesson 4 Summary

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The ability of God to pardon our sin and yet remain just is based on Jesus Christ - who he is and what he did. The apostle John wrote a book to let people know who Jesus is. He wrote, *“Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name”* (John 20:30-31).

The account John wrote of Jesus’ life includes many of the claims he made for himself. In chapter fourteen he records Jesus saying that we should believe the same things about him that we believe about God. He claimed to be *“the way, and the truth, and the life,”* the only one by whom we can come to God. He called God his Father and claimed that if a person knew him, he knew God. Jesus said, *“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father,”* and he claimed that his words and his works had divine authority.

John chapter six records that Jesus said he could satisfy the spiritual hunger and thirst of those who believe in him. He claimed that he came from heaven and that everything he did while on earth was according to the will of God. Jesus said belief in him determines who has eternal life. All of these statements are clear claims to equality with God.

In chapter five we find an incident in which Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath (the official day of rest), an act that was unlawful according to the religious leaders of that time. By claiming authority over the Sabbath and by calling God his Father, Jesus again made himself equal with God. The Jews recognized his claim immediately and sought to kill him, the punishment for blasphemy (false claims of equality with God).

Later in chapter five (vs 21-23) John gives an account of Jesus’ claim that he can give life, as only God can do. He also said that God had given him the authority to judge all people. In response to his claims, Jesus expects us to honor him even as we honor God. He even stated that if we don't honor him, we don't honor God.

The clear conclusion is that Jesus claimed equality with God; he claimed to be God. To know Jesus is to know God. In the next lesson we will consider what Jesus did to make it possible for sinful man to know the holy God.