

## THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

### Matthew 16:13-20

**Introduction:** Understanding the how's, why's and where's of one's vocation is essential for success. Understanding about Jesus Church is essential for a Christian's witness. Our effectiveness in reaching our community and world for Jesus Christ depends upon our having knowledge about our Lord's life. Jesus left the responsibility of witnessing to the Church. That's US! Let's take a look at some of the essential facts about Jesus' life and ministry.

### I. HIS CHARACTER

1. Jesus was fully human. (*John 8:40*)
  - His form was like ours. (*Matthew 27:26, 38*)
  - He hungered and thirsted. (*Matthew 4:2*)
  - He slept during a storm. (*Matthew 8:24*)
  - He developed physically. (*Luke 2:40*)
2. Jesus was also fully divine. (*John 5:37*)
  - He was conceived of the Holy Spirit. (*Luke 1:35*)
  - He was equal with God. (*John 14:11; 17:20-23*)

### II. HIS ETERNALNESS

1. He was at the earth's creation. (*Genesis 1:26-27*)
2. He was responsible for all creation. (*Colossians 1:15*)
3. He was to die from the beginning. (*Revelation 13:8*)

### III. HIS INCARNATION

1. The Word (existence, thought, idea) became Flesh. (*John 1:14*)
2. God in Christ reconciled (made right) the world. (*2 Corinthians 5:19*)
3. According to God's timetable. (*Galatians 4:4*)

### IV. HIS ATONEMENT

1. Jesus came to atone (to seek and to save). (*Luke 19:10*)
2. He came (only purpose) as a human being to die. (*Philippians 2:5-8*)
3. He was pure (sinless) but became sin (took on the sin of man). (*2 Corinthians 5:21*)

4. He demonstrated God's love (by acts of love and compassion). (*Romans 5:8-10*)
5. He overcame death (has a new body). (*Acts 2:24*)

## **V. HIS ASCENTION**

1. Jesus went back into heaven (as God and as man). (*Mark 16:19-20*)
2. He commissioned His disciples (bless and gave instructions). (*Acts 1:8-9*)

## **VI. HIS RETURN**

1. Jesus is coming back (for His Church, then in Judgment). (*John 14:1-3*)
2. Jesus is coming back (as He left) in clouds. (*Acts 1:11*)
3. Jesus' return will be unexpected (by the world). (*1 Corinthians 15:51-58*)
4. Jesus will call for His Church (dead first, then change the living). (*1 Thessalonians 4:13- 18*)

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. To believe this with all your heart makes you a child of God and a part of His family.
2. To believe this with all your heart makes you responsible to witness, to share the good news.
3. To believe this with all your heart gives you all the things you need to know to witness.
4. Do you believe this with all your heart?