

The Uniqueness of Christ
(John 3:14-18)

Introduction:

1. This morning we showed from the Scriptures that "obeying the Gospel involves belief."
2. Jesus made this very clear in John 3:14-18.
3. In these verses Jesus also showed that He is unique when He described Himself as God's "*only begotten Son*."
4. In this lesson we are examining passages which show that Jesus was and continues to be unique in many ways.

Discussion:

- I. THE EXISTENCE OF CHRIST IS UNIQUE
 - A. He is a member of the eternal Godhead (John 1:1-3).
 - B. However, He became flesh (John 1:14).
- II. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WAS UNIQUE
 - A. Jesus' virgin birth was prophesied in Isaiah 7:14.
 - B. Jesus' birth is recorded in Matthew 1:18-25.
 - C. Jesus is God's "*only begotten Son*" (John 3:16).
- III. THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST WAS UNIQUE (Matthew 3:13-17)
- IV. THE POWER OF CHRIST WAS UNIQUE
 - A. He demonstrated His power by forgiving a man's sins (Matthew 9:6).
 - B. He demonstrated His power through His miracles (John 3:2).
- V. THE ROLE OF CHRIST AS SAVIOR IS UNIQUE
 - A. He is "*the author of eternal salvation*" (Hebrews 5:8-9).
 - B. He is the only way to the Father (John 14:6).
 - C. Salvation is only found in His name (Acts 4:12).
- VI. THE ROLE OF CHRIST AS HIGH PRIEST IS UNIQUE
 - A. He is able to empathize with His followers because He came to earth in the flesh (Hebrews 2:17-18).
 - B. While He was tempted in all ways, He did not sin (Hebrews 4:15).
 - C. Jesus came from the tribe of Judah, not Levi (Hebrews 7:11-17).
- VII. THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST IS UNIQUE
 - A. He offered Himself once (Hebrews 7:26-27).
 - B. The animal sacrifices of the old covenant could not take away sin (Hebrews 10:1-4).
- VIII. THE COVENANT OF CHRIST IS UNIQUE
 - A. Jeremiah prophesied that a better covenant would replace the one given through Moses (Jeremiah 31:31-34).
 - B. Jesus' covenant fulfilled this prophecy (Hebrews 8:6-12).
 - C. Jesus' covenant is unique in that it provides the removal of sins.

Conclusion:

1. The passages we have examined certainly teach that Jesus was and is unique in many ways.
2. Let us conclude with Peter's words in John 6:68.