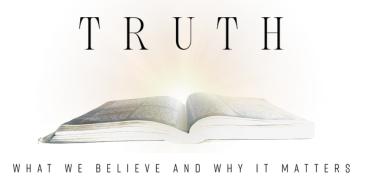
THE CHAPEL
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WEEK 3: THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST'S IDENTITY

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KEY SCRIPTURES

Luke 2:6-7 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Romans 5:19: For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Hebrews 2:17-18: For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 4:15: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

1 John 2:6: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Colossians 2:9: For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

Luke 1:35: The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Titus 2:13: ...while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:22: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

John 8:58: "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

Revelation 22:13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Mark 5:20-21: 20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." 21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Revelation 5:12: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

KREAD & REFLECT on the above Scriptures using these questions:

- What do you notice about God in these passages?
- What does this teach us about "truth?"
- Is there a word, phrase, or verse that stood out to you? Why?
- How do these verses challenge or encourage you right now?

SERMON QUESTIONS

- 1. **Proverbs 18:2** says fools delight in airing opinions rather than seeking understanding. How do you see this play out in our culture today (social media, news, etc.)? What helps you stay grounded in truth instead of getting lost in the noise?
- 2. Becky Pippert's story about the ants paints a vivid picture of the incarnation. What strikes you most about God becoming human in Jesus? How does that shape the way you relate to Him?
- 3. Jesus is fully human. Therefore, we can trust in him as our substitute; run to him as our helper; and imitate him as our example.
 - a) **Romans 5:19** says Jesus' obedience makes us righteous. Practically, what does it look like for you to stop trusting in your own "resume" and instead rest in Christ's perfect life and sacrificial death?
 - b) **Hebrews 4:15** reminds us that Jesus understands our temptations. When you face temptation or weakness, what helps (or hinders) you from running to Him for help instead of hiding from Him?
 - c) **1 John 2:6** says we should live as Jesus did. Where do you sense God calling you to follow Jesus' example more closely right now—in relationships, handling stress, money, forgiveness, or something else?

RESET

• If Jesus is truly both fully human and fully God, what difference does that make in your daily life and in your worship? What step of faith or obedience might He be inviting you to take in light of who He is?

CLOSING PRAYER

- Thank God for Jesus, fully God and fully present with us.
- **Invite group to pray** that we would follow Him as Lord in every area of life. Confess where we fall short and ask for help, where needed.
- Ask God to help your group submit to Jesus' authority with courage and humility.