

INTRO

- What's up Faith Students! Welcome back after a small break, hope you all have a great Christmas and are having an awesome start to the new year!

SERIES INTRO

- Tonight we're beginning a new series on the Trinity! This is a theological term that points to the reality that God is triune, or 3 in 1.
- Trinity
 - Tri: 3
 - Unity: one
 - 3 equal persons, 1 God
- NOT multiple gods, all 1
- **To think we will ever *fully* understand the Trinity is to make the mistake of thinking God is fully understandable.** God is infinite. He is beyond us.
- Believe it or not, the fact that God is too immense for our finite minds should be comforting, not discouraging!
- *"If God was small enough for my brain to fully understand, He wouldn't be big enough to save me!"*
- The authors of the Bible understood this. That's why they wrote words like we find in **Job 11:7-8...***"Can you fathom the depths of God or discover the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens—what can you do?"*
- **...and Isaiah 55:9...***"For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."*
- Simply put: God is big. While we never will FULLY comprehend + understand Him on this side of eternity, that doesn't mean we can't seek to **know Him better!**

- 3 persons of the trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- Tonight we're going to look at God the Son

WHO IS GOD THE SON/ WHAT IS HIS ROLE:

- **God The Son (John 1:1,14)**
 - **In this scripture we see who God the Son (Jesus) is.**
 - **How it explains who he is.**

John 1:1, 14

- **John 1:1 (NIV):** *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*
 - **Jesus is identified as THE "Word" (Greek; Logos) and this word is both ETERNALLY DIVINE meaning (He was with God and he was God.)**

In verse 14 we see God the Son (Jesus) take on his full nature.

John 1:14 (NIV): *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

- **In John 1:14, it explains that the same (Word) that was fully God took on human flesh, becoming a human being (the Incarnation). This shows that Jesus was fully divine (God) and fully human (became flesh).**

God the Son (Fully Human) we see this in Hebrews

Hebrews 2:14-18

- **Hebrews 2:14-18 (NIV):**
"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 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."

7 KEY things to know about (God the Son)

1. Jesus as the Perfect Mediator Between God and Humanity

- **1 Timothy 2:5 (NIV):** *"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus."***Jesus' Humanity Makes His Sacrifice Effective for Our Redemption**

2. Jesus' Humanity Makes His Sacrifice Effective for Our Redemption

- **Hebrews 2:17 (NIV):** *"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."*

3. Jesus Reveals God's Love and Nature in a Tangible Way

- **Colossians 1:15 (NIV): "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."**

4. Jesus' Humanity Makes Him the Perfect Example for Us

- **1 Peter 2:21 (NIV): "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."**

5. Jesus' Humanity Makes Him the Only One Who Can Understand Our Suffering

- **Isaiah 53:3 (NIV): "He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain."**

6. Jesus' Humanity Makes the Resurrection Possible for Us

- **1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (NIV): "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."**

7. Jesus' Humanity Was Necessary for the Church to Be Formed

- **Matthew 16:18 (NIV): "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."**

God the Son came so we can have life and life more abundantly and to live as us and endure the trials of life like us and to die a perfect sacrifice for you and I. This is who God the Son is. He became flesh and died as flesh for you to have an example of how we should live!

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- God created you and has a plan + purpose for your life
 - His ultimate purpose is for you to have a relationship with Him!
- Salvation- Know Him
- Prayer + Scripture- Know Him deeper
- Became humble enough to become flesh to save us from the sin of this world!