

“We Beheld His Glory” - Affirming the Deity of Christ

Objectives:

- Increase our worship and praise of Jesus Christ through a deeper understanding of His divine nature and its implication in our lives
- Provide evidence for defending the deity of Christ in Christian Apologetics

Teacher Preparation:

- Study all scripture references listed below
- Research commentary on “Son of Man” references in Daniel and the Gospels
- Research the attributes of God, both incommunicable and communicable, and understand the difference between the two
- Fully study and understand the content from week three of this course *before* delivering week two lesson

Outline:

I) Introduction - setting the tone for why this topic is valuable

<u>Scriptural Evidence</u>	<u>Oral Commentary</u>
Acts 7:51-60	Why is it so important to our faith that Christ is one with the Father—that He is God? The world attacks Christ’s deity. “How can you say Jesus is God?” they charge us. Do you have a response to that? After this class time, you will.  Why does the world try so hard to deny Christ’s deity? If He is who He says He is, then you must believe what He said. Steven told the Jews the convicting truth from Christ. This is the distaste the world has with Christ: to believe requires that we confess our own state of sin. The death sentence didn’t come until Stephen claimed that Christ was God. The Jews could reject a man’s teaching, but God they could not. Nevertheless, as you face the world every day, take comfort knowing that Jesus is God. His sheep know His voice and will follow Him. Remember who presided over Stephen’s death. Saul knew his Shepherd’s voice when he heard it on the Damascus road, and his life was forever changed.

*Transition: “So, how do we know that Jesus is God? Most theologians break it into five categories, first...”*

II) Names of God attributed to Christ

<u>Scriptural Evidence</u>	<u>Prompting Questions</u>	<u>Oral Commentary</u>
John 1:1 John 20:28 Hebrews 1:8	What is the most obvious name of God that was given Jesus? <i>God</i>	We saw this in the text from last week, John 1. Thomas also uses the word after seeing Jesus’ wounds. But Hebrews 1 offers the strongest statement as it attributes the O.T. usage of Elohiym in Ps. 45 to Jesus. In fact, place a star next to any reference from Hebrews 1 in your notes. This is the single most concentrated evidence of Christ’s deity in all of scripture.
Phil. 2:11 1 Corinthians 2:8	There is another name, probably as common as “God,” that I know you all know... guesses? <i>Lord</i>	Now, this can be used in ways other than of deity, such as a title of nobility. But the two references in your notes are clearly affirming the deity of Christ. First, Phil. 2:11, is spoken in praise. Then, 1 Cor. where He is called Lord <i>of Glory</i> .