

I. Opinions of Christ: The Famous and Infamous

Mark Driscoll's Vintage Jesus: no one is more loved and hated than Jesus Christ

- a. Jehovah's Witnesses: Jesus was merely Michael the archangel, a created being that became a man
- b. Mormons: Jesus was not God, but was a man who became one of many gods and was the half brother of Lucifer.
- c. Unitarian Universalists: Jesus was a great man to be respected for his teaching, love, justice, and healing
- d. Baha'is: Jesus was a manifestation of God and a prophet, but inferior to Muhammad and Bahauallah
- e. Buddhists: Jesus was not God but an enlightened man like the Buddha
- f. Mahatma Gandhi: "I cannot ascribe exclusive divinity to Jesus. He is as divine as Krishna or Rama or Muhammad or Zoroaster."
- g. Mikhail Gorbachev: "Jesus was the first socialist, the first to seek a better life for mankind."
- h. Malcolm X: "Christ wasn't white. Christ was black."

II. Fully God and Fully Man

- a. AD 451, Council of Chalcedon: Chalcedonion Creed – Jesus is one person with two natures: human and Divine Bonheoffer: Chalcedonion Creed is an objective but living statement held by all Christendom
- b. Hippostatic union
- c. Augustine – Christ added to himself that which he was not; he did not lose what he was.

When Jesus became man, he didn't change his identity as God, but instead his role.

III. Christ's character from the Scriptures: John 7:10-8:11

- a. vs. 10-12 – Jesus was **popular**
- b. vs. 14 – Jesus **wasn't a pushover**
- c. vs. 19-24 – Jesus **confronts the Pharisees with TRUTH**
- d. vs. 37 – Jesus **stands up for who He is**
- e. 8:1 – even Jesus **had to get away to pray**
- f. vs. 6b – Jesus is **compassionate**

IV. So what?!

- a. If Jesus isn't fully human, then... _____
- b. If Jesus isn't fully God, you... _____
- c. A challenge