

*sermon notes*

# SIMPLY JESUS

## *Part 6: Jesus is God*

“You’ll remember, friends, that when I first came to you, I didn’t try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did - - Jesus crucified.”

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 MSG

In the seven weeks leading to Easter, we’ll be discussing various attributes of God who became man and dwelt among us in the person of Jesus Christ. Like the Apostle Paul, we’ll resolve to know nothing but Jesus – both who He is and what He did for us on the cross, for all eternity.

## HIS CLAIM

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.”

John 1: 1-4 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.”

John 1: 14 NIV

✓ *Jesus claimed to be*           God           .

“The chief priests...were looking for false evidence against Jesus so they could put Him to death. But they did not find any... Then they said, “Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God.” “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied.”

Matthew 26:59-64 NIV

✓ *Jesus claimed to be* the only way .

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.””

John 14:6 NIV

✓ *Jesus is either:*

1. Liar

2. Lunatic

3. Lord

## JESUS IS GOD

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:9-11 NIV

1. *Experience His* power .

“Finally they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him?” He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!””

John 9:17, 25 NIV

2. *Experience His* presence .

“But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!””

1 Corinthians 14:24-25

### 3. Experience His peace .

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 14:1, 27

### 4. Experience His salvation .

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9 NIV

## Consider and Discuss

- When you think of Jesus, how do you picture Him in your mind? In a scene from Sunday school? In a picture from your Bible or a poster or painting? In a scene from a movie, such as *The Passion of The Christ*? How does this mental image shape your understanding of who He is? In what ways does it distort or contradict or reinforce what you know to be true experientially?
- [Read John 14:6] Before you came to know Christ, how did you react to this verse? Share an experience where you've encountered skeptics of this claim, and how you defend the truth.
- Pastor Roy said that it's the presence of God that draws people to church services, far more than any made-made programs, messages, facilities, refreshments, or advertisements. Describe your experience of first coming to Harvest and your reaction to feeling the powerful presence of God.
- When God is present we experience His peace, and that peace can be an indicator of His will when we're faced with decisions. Share an experience when you stepped out (or else stopped) a course of action according to the peace you experienced (or failed to experience). What were the later results from your obedience? Or, if you lacked God's peace but proceeded on a course anyways, what were those results?

