

## Taking a Closer Look

*What does the Bible say?*

In our last study we saw that Jesus was the Son of Man – a fully human person. Because of this, he understands all that we struggle with and is the perfect example for those who follow him. However, the Bible claims he was unlike any other man who ever lived. This week we'll examine the claim that Jesus is the Son of God.

### ***The Son of God***

Take a look at Luke 1.30-35. Why is Jesus called the Son of God? (vv. 32, 35)

No one spent more time with Jesus in the gospels than his disciples. They soon came to recognize that he was no ordinary man.

*Read Matthew 14.22-33.*

- What was the disciples' reaction to Jesus when he got into the boat? (verse 33)
- Do you think this was the response Jesus was looking for?

*Read John 6.67-69.*

- Many of Jesus' disciples had just abandoned him. Why did Peter and the Twelve choose to stay with him?

*Read Matthew 16.13-17.*

- What did Jesus call himself? (verse 13)
- What did Peter call Jesus? (verse 16)
- Who revealed Jesus' true identity to Peter? (verse 17)

In the following verses who claimed that Jesus was the Son of God? How were they connected to him?

Matthew 3.16-17 –

Luke 8.28 –

John 1.49 –

John 11.27 –

## **Thinking it Through**

*What does the Bible mean?*

### **Jesus' Origins**

Read John 1.1-18.

- Who was with God “in the beginning”? (vv. 1-2)
- What did “the Word” eventually do? Who is “the Word”? (v. 14)
- When he came into the world, how did people receive him? (vv. 9-12)
- Who is Jesus and how does he help us? (v. 18)

### **Jesus Today**

What do the following verses claim about where Jesus is and what he is doing?

Romans 8.34 –

Colossians 3.1 –

Read Hebrews 10.12-13.

- Where did Christ go after his earthly life? (v. 12)
- What is he doing today? (v. 13)

## **Making it Count**

*How do I live what I've learned?*

Jesus lived on this earth as a man, but the Bible claims that he existed long before this. It also claims that he lives today and will one day rule all.

- Who do you say Jesus is? On what do you base your opinion?
- Read John 1.9-12 again. What does it mean to receive or not receive Jesus?
- Why is it important that Jesus, the Son of God, came? (1 John 5.20)