

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Apostles' Creed – Week 3*

*I believe in  
God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead and on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, and he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**JESUS IS UNIQUE IN HIS SONSHIP!**

Mt 16:13-16 (NASB)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus is regarded by THREE names:

- The Christ
- The Only Son
- Our Lord

“Christo” is the Greek word meaning King

- When Peter calls Jesus “Christ”, he is calling Him “King” over all earthly powers!
- When used with the word “the”, Peter declares Jesus to be King over all heavenly powers as well.

**Jesus is the King of everything.**

Jesus is unique in His Sonship!

1. He is coeternal with the Father.
  - a. John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. *He was in the beginning with God.* All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

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2. He walks in a distinct authority.
  - a. Mt 8:28-34 (NASB) - When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. *They were* so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way. And they cried out, saying, “What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?” Now there was a herd of many swine feeding at a distance from them. The demons *began* to entreat Him, saying, “If You *are going to* cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.” And He said to them, “Go!” And they came out and went into the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters. The herdsmen ran away, and went to the city and reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they implored Him to leave their region.
3. He is a part of the Godhead.
  - a. Jn 10:30-38 (NASB) - “I and the Father are one.” The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out *to be* God.” Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I SAID, YOU ARE GODS’? “If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”

“Jesus is Lord” appears over 300 times in the New Testament. It is more of the most common renderings of “Yahweh” when the Bible was translated from Hebrew to Greek.

### **When Jesus is called Lord, He is called the Savior of the world.**

- SYMMETRY (Balance): Many of us feel that Jesus can be our Savior with no submission to Him being King, and this is a foreign concept in the Bible.
- CLARITY: If Jesus is who He says He is, we cannot be indifferent to that claim.
- COMMUNITY: God Himself comes and makes peace with the rebellious. The world is broken, and we’ve got good news.
- COUNSEL: You have a King who is the Creator of all things. He designed things to work a specific way for your joy and for the glory of God. There will come a day where Christ returns to judge the living and the dead.