

# GETTING UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH JESUS

## "Following Jesus" Series

Luke 9:18-22

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### Bottom Line:

Jesus Christ questions his disciples about what the world believes and what they believe. Defending what we believe to a world that believes differently is a vital task of each believer.

1. **Be aware of what our \_\_\_\_\_ thinks and says about Jesus.** Luke 9:18-19; Acts 17

**QUESTIONS TO IDENTIFY WHAT PEOPLE/GROUPS BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS**

1. IS JESUS GOD? EQUAL TO GOD THE FATHER?
2. DID JESUS COME IN THE FLESH?
3. DO YOU HAVE OTHER WRITINGS THAT ARE EQUAL TO OR SUPERCEDE THE BIBLE?
4. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD?
5. DOES SALVATION DEPEND ON WORKS?
6. ARE ALL OTHER GROUPS WRONG?

2. **Be able to communicate what the \_\_\_\_\_ teaches about the person and work of Jesus.** Luke 9:20



### A. John 1:1-3 "and the Word was God."

An example of this doctrine being attacked is Jehovah's Witnesses translate John 1:1 "and the word was a god."

Your response should be:

- 1) That translation is \_\_\_\_\_ - Verses 6,12, 13, and 18 of John chapter 1 have the same grammatical structure as verse 1 yet, the J.W.'s translate it differently.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ rule of Greek grammar "definite predicate nominative (THEOS - "God") does not take an article when it precedes the verb ("was") as in John 1:1.

### B. John 5:18 "[Jesus] making himself equal with God."

### C. John 8:58 "before Abraham was, I AM."



### D. John 10:30-33 "I and the Father are one."

- The meaning of the above phrase is clear when the context is examined

### E. John 20:27-28 "my Lord and my God."

#### Remember:

1. We should be motivated and mobilized by the fact that the identify of Jesus is under attack.
2. We should as followers of Jesus clearly defend His Deity and His Gospel.
3. We should remember that the identity of Christ and His message is what unites us as a church.