

The God Who We Worship: Jesus, the Son of God Part 1

Matthew 26: 17-30

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Introduction: * We have been studying the God Who We Worship with particular emphasis on the Tri-unity of God

- Where many things divide in Christendom, the Trinity as a teaching unites all Christian denominations

I. The Person of Jesus Christ in the Trinity

- a. In our Christology we stand on the shoulders of some brilliant thinkers.
- b. Our Christology has actually been honed by heresies – which forced the faithful to dig into the Bible to find God’s truth.
- c. Such was the case in 325 A.D. in Nicea
 - i. Some doubted the full deity of Jesus Christ
 - ii. On the one hand you want to say, “What’s the big deal, live and let live!”
 - iii. But this particular teaching is at the heart of the Christian experience and it is our hope in life and death and so is vitally important
 - iv. If Jesus were not fully human, then his life and complete obedience to the Father would mean nothing.
 - v. And if Jesus were not fully God, then his substitutionary death on the cross would mean nothing to us
 - vi. The Nicene Creed was the outcome (Hymnal # 717)

II. What we do in the Lord’s Supper

- a. Jesus gave us some “things” to help us in worship
 - i. Bread and fruit of the vine
 - ii. They appeal to the senses
 - iii. They remind us of our union with Christ
 - iv. They tell us to look back
 - v. They tell us to look forward

III. How We Do It

- a. No formula for how often
- b. We partake with due solemnity
- c. We examine ourselves
- d. We celebrate
 - i. Luke 15 parables
 1. Lost sheep
 2. Lost coin

IV. Take Away

- a. Communion is a time for commitment