

Great Truths of the Faith
Week 4: The Person and Work of Christ

“The truth concerning the Lord Jesus Christ is the central and most stupendous fact in the history of redemption. It stands out as the unique event in all history. The truth concerning him is the biggest and most astounding event of all.” – Martyn Lloyd-Jones

1. Who is Jesus and what did he do? Culture’s answer.

2. Who is Jesus? The Bible’s answer.

“Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.” (Chalcedon)

3. What did Jesus do? The Bible’s answer.

“It is not enough to say, ‘I believe in Jesus Christ.’ The New Testament asks you questions when you say that. It asks, ‘What do you believe about him? Is he man only? Is he God only? ... What did he do? What is the meaning of his death? ... There is nothing further removed from [the teaching of the New Testament] than to say, ‘It’s all right; so long as you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ it does not matter very much what you say in detail.’ The detail is absolutely vital” Lloyd-Jones