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Jesus Christ (**Matt 1:21**; 16:18), the only begotten Son of God (**Jn 3:16**), was the eternal Word made flesh (**Jn 1:1,14**), supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit (**Matt 1:18**; **Lk 1:34,35**), born of the Virgin Mary (**Isa 7:14**; **Matt 1:20**; **Lk 1:34,35**). He was perfect in nature, teaching, and obedience (**Rom 5:19**; **Gal 4:4-5**; **Matt 3:15**; **Phil 2:7,8**; **Heb 4:15**). He is fully God (**Isa 9:6**; **Jer 23:6**; **Jn 1:1**; 20:28; **Rom 9:5**; **Col 2:9**) and fully man (**Matt 4:2**; **Lk 2:40,52**; **Jn 11:35**; **Heb 5:7-8**; **1 Jn 1:1-13**). He was always with God and is God (**Jn 1:1-2**). Through him all things came into being and were created (**Jn 1:3**; **Col 1:16**). He was before all things and in him all things hold together by the word of his power (**Col 1:17**). He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation (**Col 1:15**), and in him dwells the fullness of the godhead bodily (**Col 1:19**). He is the only Savior for the sins of the world (**Jn 4:42**; **1 Jn 4:14**), having shed his blood and died a vicarious death (**Jn 15:13**; **1 Jn 3:16**; **2 Cor 5:21**) on Calvary's cross (**Col 1:19-22**, **Phil 2:8**). By his death in our place, he revealed the divine love and upheld divine justice, removing our guilt and reconciling us to God (**Rom 3:26**). Having redeemed us from sin, the third day he rose bodily from the grave (**Matt 28:1-10**; **Mk 16:1-8**; **Lk 24:39**; **Rom 4:25**; **1 Cor 15:20,44-45**; **Col 1:18**; **Rev 1:5**), victorious over death (**1 Cor 15:26**, 55) and the powers of darkness (**Col 2:15**), and for a period of 40 days (**Acts 1:3**) appeared to more than 500 witnesses (**1 Cor 15:6**), performing many convincing proofs of his resurrection (**Matt 28:9-10,16-20**; **Lk 24:13-53**; **Jn 20:11-21:25**; **Acts 1:3**). He ascended into heaven (**Lk 24:51**; **Acts 1:6-11**; **Eph 1:20**, 4:8-10; **1 Tim 3:16**) where, at God's right hand (**Eph 1:20**; **Col 3:1**; **Heb 1:3**, 8:1, 10:12; **1 Pet 3:22**), he intercedes for his people (**Rom 8:34**; **Heb 2:17**, 3:1, 4:14, 6:20, 7:25, 8:1, 9:24; **1 Jn 2:1**) and rules as Lord over all (**Eph 1:21-23**). He is the Head of his body, the Church (**Matt 21:42**, **Eph 1:22**, 5:23; **Col 1:18**), and should be adored (**Lk 14:26**; **Phi 3:7-11**), loved (**Matt 10:37**, 28:19; **Mk 12:29-30**; **Jn 8:42**, 20:21), served, and obeyed (**1 Cor 7:22**; **2 Cor 9:13**; **Eph 6:5-6**; **1 Pet 1:2**) by all.

IMPLICATIONS:

He is both our Saviour and our Lord. When we see Him, we see what God is like. We place our faith in what He did for us on the cross for salvation, and we follow after His example for our sanctification. Through thought, word and deed, we seek to point

both ourselves and others to Christ.