"CHRISTMAS SERIES: JESUS CHRIST REVEALED IN THE GOSPELS" "JESUS CHRIST REVEALED IN JOHN'S GOSPEL"

"JESUS CHRIST IS FULLY GOD" JOHN 1:1-18

INTRO: There are many reasons why CHRISTMAS IS A FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR for many people...Family gatherings. Exchanging of gifts. Church programs. Time off from school..Etc. But the NUMBER ONE REASON why Christmas SHOULD BE OUR FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR is because of the reality that GOD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG MANKIND, AND WENT TO THE CROSS TO PURCHASE OUR REDEMPTION SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A PERSONAL **RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.** And yet, many times that reality gets LOST in the hustle and bustle of the season. That is why during our CHRISTMAS SERIES this year we have been observing how Jesus Christ is revealed in the four Gospels. So far we have observed that:

- In Matthew, Jesus Christ is revealed as THE KING OF THE JEWS
- In Mark, Jesus Christ is revealed as THE SERVANT OF GOD AND MANKIND.
- In Luke, Jesus Christ is revealed as FULLY MAN

Today, as we wrap up our study, we are going to note that in the Gospel of John, JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED AS FULLY GOD! I am convinced that as we understand these FOUR REVELATIONS OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR WORSHIP, WITNESS, JOY AND PRIORITIES AT CHRISTMAS TIME WILL BE MORE ALIGNED WITH THE BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW OF THE SEASON.

NOTE: FOR THE CHRISTIAN WHO UNDERSTANDS HOW JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED IN THE GOSPELS, CHRISTMAS WILL BECOME MORE SPIRITUAL AND LESS SECULAR.

HOW IS JESUS CHRIST REVEALED AS FULLY GOD IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN?

I. JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED AS FULLY GOD THROUGH DIRECT STATEMENT – JOHN 1:1-18

- A. Evidenced in the Beginning (Of Time) Vss. 1,2
- 1. The term "WORD" is "LOGOS" and is very significant. "LOGOS" means "the expression of that which is true." We know that "LOGOS" in this text is referring to Christ because of verse 14. In reference to Christ "LOGOS" portrays Him as THE COMPLETE EXPRESSION OF WHO GOD IS.
 - -Example: John 14:9-11
 - 2. The "WORD" (Jesus) was in the BEGINNING with God AS GOD!
 - B. Evidenced in the Creation Vss. 3-5
- -The fact that Jesus Christ is the CREATOR OF ALL THINGS reveals that He is FULLY GOD. Cp. Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:15-17
 - C. Evidenced in the Incarnation Vss. 14-18
 - -God's Glory, Grace and Truth were clearly seen in Jesus Christ

THE DIRECT STATEMENT OF SCRIPTURE REVEALS CHRISTS DEITY

II. JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED AS FULLY GOD THROUGH DEFINITE SURVEILENCE -JOHN 20:24-28

- A. The Doubting Thomas Reacts to Christ's Deity Vss. 24,25
- B. The Believing Thomas Responds to Christ's Deity Vss. 26-28

THE DEFINITE SURVEILLENCE OF THOMAS REVEALS CHRIST'S DEITY

III. JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED AS FULLY GOD THROUGH DIVINE SIGNS – JOHN 20:30,31 NOTE: The word "SIGN" in verse 30 speaks of Christ's miracles in the Gospel of John. It is the Greek word "SEMEIA." In the Gospel of John there are three other words that can be translated as "SIGN" or "MIRACLE:"

- PARADOXON That which is contrary to expectation Luke. 5:26
- TERAS That which is outside the usual Acts 2:19
- DUNAMIS That which reveals great power Matthew 11:20-23

<u>SEMEIA</u>, when used of a miracle, implies that the deed is an indication of some power or meaning behind it to which there is a major importance...In this case the meaning is <u>TO SHOW THE DIVINE NATURE</u> <u>OF JESUS CHRIST</u>.

- A. The Amount of Christ's Miracles Performed is Innumerable Cp. 21:25
- B. The Amount of Christ's Miracles in the Gospel of John Reveal His Deity
 - 1. The Changing of the Water into Wine -2:1-11
 - 2. The Healing of the Nobleman's Son 4:46-54
 - 3. The Healing of the Impotent Man -5:1-9
 - 4. The Feeding of the 5000 6:1-14
 - 5. The Walking on the Water -6:16-21
 - 6. The Healing of the Man Born Blind 9:1-12
 - 7. The Raising of Lazarus 11:1-46

THE DIVINE SIGNS (MIRACLES) OF CHRIST REVEAL CHRIST'S DEITY

<u>LESSONS AND APPLICATION</u>

During the Christmas Season we have the opportunity to enhance our worship and service to Jesus Christ as God. LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY: HOW?

- 1) By Trusting Christ as Savior
- 2) By Studying the Gospel Accounts of Christ's Incarnation to see how God worked.
- 3) By exalting Christ in our Lives as God has Exalted Him Philippians 2:5-11