

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST: "Confession of Others"

2 Corinthians 13:1 "Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."

The first lesson on "Who Jesus is" based on His own confessions. The Bible says, every matter must be established by two or three witnesses. These testimonies are to confirm that the claim is true and it is the truth. This lesson covers not just three but myriads of witnesses to confirm that Christ's personal confession is the truth.

I. CONFESSION OF THE FATHER – "This is My Son"

Matthew 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 17:1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2**There he was transfigured before **3**Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. **4**Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." **5**While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" 16

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2 Peter 1:6 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17**For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." **18**We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

II. CONFESSION OF ANGELS

Matthew 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Luke 2:8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Revelation 5:11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. **12**In a loud voice they

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sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" **13**Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

III. CONFESSION OF THE ELDERS AT THE THRONE: "Lion of Judah"

Revelation 5:1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. **2**And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" **3**But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. **4** I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. **5**Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

IV. CONFESSION OF DEMONS: "Son of God"

Matthew 8: 28 When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. 29"What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"

Mark 3:11 Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." **12**But he gave them strict orders not to tell who he was.

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V. CONFESSION OF ISAIAH: "The LORD, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"

Revelation 5:1 1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2** Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. **3** And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah 9:6 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

John 12:39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: 40"He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them." 41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

John 1:35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36Whe he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

VI. CONFESSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: Source of grace and truth" "The Lamb of God"

John 1:15 John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' "16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. 17 For

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the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18**No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

John1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30**This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' **31**I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

VII. CONFESSION OF PETER: The Christ of the Living God"

Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"16Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

NOTE: The binding and loosing in this passage is not made Available to everyone, but to him who received revelation knowledge from God because is the basis for the execution of this truth. Acts 10: 34Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. 36You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

VIII. CONFESSION OF NATHANIEL: "Son of God, King of Israel"

John 1: **43** The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." ⁴⁸"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

IX. CONFESSION OF THE CENTURION: Son of God"

Matthew 27:50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. ⁵²The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and

all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

X. CONFESSION OF THOMAS: My Lord and my God"

John 20:24-29 **24**Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. **25**So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." **26**A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **27**Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." **28**Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" **29**Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

XI. CONFESSION OF PAUL: Great God and Savior"

Titus 2:11For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

XII. CONFESSION OF JOHN THE APOSTLE:

John 1:1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He was with God in the beginning.

John 1: 18 No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2**The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

I John 4:9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

1 John 5:20 We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 111 saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. 12His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

CONCLUSION

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Saul encountered Jesus Christ on His way to Damascus to persecute the Christians. In this encounter Saul asked Jesus two important questions. Two questions in which answers changed his life forever:

- 1. Who are You Lord? Acts 9:5"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."
- 2. What shall I d Lord? Acts 22:10"'What shall I do, Lord?' I asked."'Get up,' the Lord said, 'and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.'

It is my prayer that this lesson will help us continue to grown in the knowledge of Christ.