**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. Jesus was on trial before Pilate.
		1. He stood before Pilate.
			1. One of these days, Pilate will stand before Jesus.
		2. Pilate had Jesus on his hands.
			1. Should he allow Jesus to be exonerated or executed, commended or crucified?
		3. Pilate asked a question.
			1. “*What shall I do with Jesus, which is called Christ*?”
				1. Matthew 27:22
	2. We are asked the same question.
		1. Just as Jesus Christ was before Pilate, Jesus Christ is before you today.
		2. What are you going to do with Jesus?
			1. It is a personal question.
				1. It is not asking what somebody else will do with Jesus.
			2. It is a present question.
				1. It is not asking what you will do later on or what you may have done, but presently, what will you do with Jesus.
			3. It is a pressing question.
				1. You will do something with Him.

You will accept Him or reject Him.

You will crown Him or crucify Him.

You will hear Him or ignore Him.

But you will do something with Jesus Christ.

* + - 1. It is a pertinent question.
				1. This is not asking what you are going to do with some social event, some political personality, or some idea.

But what will you do with Jesus who is called Christ?

* 1. Who is this Jesus?
		1. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is God.
			1. If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is an imposter.
			2. If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is an impersonator.
			3. If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is an imitator.
			4. If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is a pretender.
		2. Jesus Christ Himself claimed to be God the Son and the Son of God.
	2. You cannot just tip your hat to Jesus and say that He was a good man or that He was a prophet.
	3. If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is a fake, He is an imposter, He has deceived countless millions, blasphemed the Almighty, desecrated all that is sacred, falsely represented God the Father, scandalized the truth of God, and invalidated the writings of the prophets.
	4. Either you accept Him and bow the knee, or you reject Him.
		1. What will you do with Jesus?
	5. Jesus Christ is one of three things:
		1. Lord
		2. Liar
		3. Lunatic
			1. He is either deity, deceiver, or demented.
			2. You will have to take your pick of those three.
				1. What will you do with Jesus Christ?
	6. In today’s message, we will look at four lines of evidence that show the deity of Jesus Christ.
		1. This is not incidental.
		2. It is the fundamental doctrine of our faith.
			1. The deity, the Godhood of Jesus Christ.
1. all of the attributes of god the father are found in the lord jesus (isaiah 40:3)
	1. Jesus is Jehovah.
	2. Jehovah is the name for God in the Old Testament.
		1. It is used some seven thousand times.
		2. In the King James Version of the Scripture, the word “Jehovah” is translated “LORD.”
		3. When devout Jews were transcribing the Scriptures, they would never pronounce that name audibly.
			1. When they came to that name, they would bow their head, shut their eyes, and worship.
			2. When they would write that name in the Scripture, they would lay aside the old pen and get a brand-new pen just to write the name “Jehovah.”
		4. This was the personal name God used when He dealt with His people.
		5. It speaks of a covenant-keeping God whose name is Jehovah.
	3. The Jehovah of the Old Testament and the Jesus of the New Testament are one and the same.
		1. Isaiah 40:3
			1. This is a prophecy concerning our Lord.
			2. The word “LORD” is the word “Jehovah”.
			3. This is speaking of Jehovah our God.
			4. This was fulfilled in the New Testament in Matthew 3:3.
				1. John the Baptist spoke of Jesus.
				2. Isaiah spoke of Jehovah.
				3. The Bible says that Jesus fulfilled this Scripture.
		2. Isaiah 43:11
			1. In this verse, God speaks of Himself.
			2. The word “LORD” is the word “Jehovah.”
			3. There is no Savior other than Jehovah.
			4. This was fulfilled in the New Testament in Titus 2:13.
				1. In Isaiah, God said that He is Jehovah, and there is no other Savior.
				2. Then, we read in Titus that we are to be looking for the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Jesus of the New Testament is the Jehovah of the Old Testament.

* + 1. Isaiah 44:6
			1. Jehovah the King of Israel says that He is the first and the last.
			2. Revelation 1:17
				1. The apostle John had a vision of Jesus.
			3. In the Old Testament, Jehovah says, “I am the first and the last.”
			4. In the New Testament, Jesus says, “I am the first and the last.”
		2. David, under divine inspiration, wrote Psalm 23:1, where he used the word “Jehovah”.
			1. “*Jehovah is my shepherd*.”
			2. Jesus said that He is the Good Shepherd.
				1. John 10:11
				2. Jesus is the Jehovah of the Old Testament.
			3. The Shepherd God of the Old Testament is the Shepherd Savior of the New Testament.
		3. Psalm 24:10
			1. The Jehovah of Hosts is the King of Glory.
			2. 1 Corinthians 2:8
				1. The apostle Paul speaks of the deity of our Lord.
				2. Jesus is the Lord of Glory.
		4. Exodus 20:10-11
			1. This passage speaks of the Sabbath.
				1. It is the Sabbath of Jehovah.
			2. Matthew 12:8 says that the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath day.
		5. The Jehovah of the Old Testament and the Jesus of the New Testament are one.
	1. We need to understand the pre-existence of Jesus.
		1. Jesus did not have His beginning at Bethlehem.
			1. There never was a time when the Lord Jesus was not.
			2. John 1:1
				1. Jesus is called “the Word of God”.
			3. When He was born at Bethlehem, He was as old as His Father and older than His mother.
		2. Jesus has always been.
		3. We may not understand this, but we cannot understand God.
			1. Can the finite understand the infinite?
			2. We cannot understand the pre-existence of Jesus, but we believe it.
	2. The absolute holiness of Jesus Christ is taught; and there is only one who is absolutely holy, and that is God Himself.
		1. Hosea 11:9
			1. There is no man who is inherently holy.
				1. Only God, Jesus Christ.
		2. John 8:46
		3. Acts 3:14
		4. His absolute, pristine holiness set Him apart from all other individuals.
		5. Jesus never once prayed for forgiveness.
			1. He taught us to pray for forgiveness.
				1. Matthew 6:12
			2. He was absolutely holy.
1. the adoration that he received shows him to be god (matthew 28:9)
	1. Jesus received adoration.
	2. Jesus allowed Himself to be worshipped.
		1. Idolatry is the ultimate sin; to worship any god other than Yahweh Jehovah.
			1. Yet, Jesus allowed Himself to be worshipped.
		2. Jesus knew that only God is to be worshipped.
			1. Satan tried to get Jesus to worship him.
				1. Luke 4:7
			2. Luke 4:8
				1. Jesus answered that worship is reserved for God Almighty only.
		3. Matthew 28:9
			1. The same one who said that God and only God is to be worshipped allowed His disciples to worship Him.
	3. Revelation 22:8-9
		1. John was on the island of Patmos and received a vision from an angel.
		2. John was overwhelmed and fell down to worship the angel.
			1. The angel stopped him and told him to worship God.
	4. If Jesus allowed Himself to be worshipped when He said that God alone was to be worshiped, then either He is guilty of ultimate arrogance and inculcating the most despicable sin of idolatry or else He is God.
	5. The adoration that Jesus has received shows Him to be God.
2. jesus is shown to be god by his own admission (john 8:56-59)
	1. The Pharisees could not accept the fact that Jesus was God in the flesh.
		1. John 8:56-57
			1. Abraham had been dead for centuries, yet Jesus said that Abraham rejoiced to see His day.
		2. John 8:58
			1. When Jesus says, “Verily, verily,” we need to pay attention.
				1. He says it for emphasis.
			2. Jesus did not say, “Before Abraham was, I was.”
				1. He did not say that He got here first.
			3. Jesus said, “Before Abraham was, I AM.”
		3. John 8:59
			1. The Pharisees were ready to stone Jesus because He said, “Before Abraham was, I AM.”
	2. Why did the Pharisees want to stone Jesus?
		1. Because Jesus said He was, “I AM.”
		2. When God called Moses to lead the Jewish people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land, Moses asked whom he should say it was that sent him.
			1. The Egyptians worshipped many different gods, and Moses had to go and say who the true God is.
			2. Exodus 3:13-14
				1. The I AM sent him.

Not I was, not I will be, but I AM.

There never was a time when He was not; there never will be a time when He will not be.

He is the great, pre-existent, eternal God.

* + 1. The sacred name for God is I AM.
		2. Jesus said to the Pharisees that before Abraham ever got here, I AM.
	1. The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New Testament.
		1. He Himself claimed to be.
			1. John 14:8-9
				1. Jesus tells Philip, “*He that hath seen me hath seen the Father*.”

Not someone like the Father, but “You have seen the Father.”

1. Jesus is shown to be god by his abilities (isaiAh 43:11, hebrews 7:25)
	1. Because He is God, He is able to save.
		1. Isaiah 43:11
		2. Hebrews 7:25
		3. He is able to save you.
			1. There is no one that He is not able to save.
			2. Anyone who wants to be saved can be saved.
		4. What about the unpardonable sin?
			1. If you want to be saved, you can be saved.
			2. Anyone who wants to be saved has not committed the unpardonable sin.
		5. Who are the elect?
			1. The elect are the “whosoever wills.”
				1. Whosoever will may come.
				2. Hebrews 7:25
				3. Romans 10:13
	2. Because He is God, He is able to subdue.
		1. Philippians 3:21
			1. He is going to make us like Himself.
		2. He is able to subdue all things.
			1. Every speck of dust, every mountain, every celestial body must obey His will.
	3. Because He is God, He is able to secure.
		1. He is able to keep us saved.
		2. 2 Timothy 1:12
			1. Paul had been beaten and put into prison when he said this.
		3. Every need that you have, He is able to supply.
		4. There never comes to the child of God a time where he does not have a Savior whom he can come to and cling to; He is able.
2. CONCLUSION
	1. What a mighty God we serve.
		1. To explain Him is impossible.
		2. To ignore Him is disastrous.
		3. To reject Him is fatal.
		4. Human speech is too limited to describe Him.
		5. The human mind is too finite to comprehend Him.
		6. The human heart is too small to contain Him.
	2. Jesus Christ is God!
	3. What will you do with Jesus?
		1. You can crown Him or crucify Him.
			1. Matthew 27:22
		2. You can accept Him or reject Him.
		3. You can love Him or despise Him.
		4. You can believe Him or ignore Him.
		5. But you cannot be neutral.
			1. Pilate tried, but he could not be neutral.
	4. Jesus is in your hands today.
		1. You must do the right thing because you need Him in life.
			1. If there were no Heaven and no Hell, then you would still need Jesus.
			2. He is like blood to your body and air to your lungs.
		2. You need Him in death.
			1. You are going to die.
		3. You will need Him at the judgment.
			1. You will stand before God one day to be judged.
				1. What will you say then?

Every excuse that you have will falter and fail.

* + - * 1. Right now, Jesus is in your hands; but at the judgment you will be in His hands.
	1. What will you do with Jesus?
		1. Would you accept Him as your Lord and Savior?
			1. If you will, then He will forgive every sin.
				1. He will come into you to give you strength and power.
				2. He will use you as His instrument to live His life through you.
				3. When you die or when He comes, He will take you straight to Heaven.
	2. Acts 16:31
		1. The word “believe” means “trust.”
	3. Romans 10:10
	4. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	5. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. John 3:16