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## The Declaration of God

"No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him" (John 1:18).

It is a stunning fact that God has made Himself known to humankind in His Son Jesus Christ. Having been created in His image, we have a desperate, undeniable need to know the God who is our origin. We may not recognize this need for what it is, but it is there nonetheless. Without the knowledge of our Creator, we die. But sin cuts us off from Him and sets up the direst of predicaments: we must have the knowledge of God or perish, but this is the very knowledge which is impossible for us, in sin and on our own, to acquire.

Yet we were not left in our helpless state; God deigned to move toward us and make Himself known, even in our sinful condition. He has disclosed that which we could never have discovered on our own. "No one could ever have found God; he gave himself away" (Meister Eckhart).

When God disclosed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, that was the completion of a process begun long before. "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son . . . [who is] the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person" (Hebrews 1:1-3). "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Jesus Christ is God "explained" in human terms. He is "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation" (Colossians 1:15). When Philip asked to be shown the Father, Jesus replied, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father?'" (John 14:9). As Augustine of Hippo wrote long ago, "Christ as God is the fatherland where we are going. Christ as man is the way by which we go."

What if we neglect this declaration of Himself that God has made? Then we die. Ultimately, there is no alternative. Jesus could not have said it more clearly: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

"Christ is the aperture through which the immensity and magnificence of God can be seen" (J. B. Phillips).

**Gary Henry**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. **Colossians 1:15-16**

## Jesus Christ: the Way out of Confusion

The current state of religious matters is confusing. Every radio station, television channel, and billboard tells of a different church that claims to be the right church. To make matters worse, other religious people use bumper stickers to advertise choosing the church of our choice. Many people are growing tired of religion because there is no unity concerning doctrine, the church, or conversion. Today, if we wish to help, we must show people Jesus, for only in Christ do we find the way out of confusion.

First, Jesus teaches that all believers must be united in one doctrine. To this end, Jesus prayed for His followers to be united (John 17:21). Jesus also demanded that everyone believe and practice His teachings, and His teaching alone (Matthew 7:24, 2 John 9). Throughout the New Testament, Jesus Christ and His apostles strove to keep unity through the proclamation and practice of one doctrine, while waging the good warfare against all who teach differently (Romans 6:17, Ephesians 4:5, Jude 3, Galatians 1:6, 1 Timothy 1:18). Although religious people today teach various doctrines and creeds and use many books, Jesus is the way out of confusion because He teaches one doctrine, contained within one book.

Secondly, Jesus only teaches of one church. Christ told His disciples that He would build a church (Matthew 16:17). The book of Acts reveals that Christ's church was established on Pentecost and that all believers must belong to that church (Acts 2:1 - 47, Ephesians 4:4). Furthermore, believers must remain a part of the Lord's body by following the practices of Christ's church. One practice is assembling on the first day of the week to worship through singing, partaking of the Lord's Supper, and giving an offering (Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:1 - 2, Ephesians 5:19). Although the world is composed of many churches, Christ is the way out of confusion because He built one church, and we must belong to and follow the pattern of that church.

Finally, Jesus teaches of one conversion. Our Lord revealed that anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved (Mark 16:16). On the day of Pentecost believers were added to the church after repenting and being baptized (Acts 2:38, 47). The Bible only describes one way of conversion; we must believe, repent, confess, and be baptized (Romans 6:1 - 8; 10:9). Religious people tell of many ways to become a Christian, but Jesus is the way out of confusion because He only teaches of one conversion.

The current state of religious affairs is confusing, and the only way out is through Jesus Christ. With Jesus, there is one doctrine, one church, and one conversion. Today, if you are lost, Jesus is the way into truth and out of confusion.

**Jason Schrader**

## *Jesus – Rose of Sharon*

The song leader stands before the congregation and announces the number of the next hymn he wants the audience to sing. As you turn the pages, you quickly realize that the song is a familiar old favorite—“Jesus, Rose of Sharon.” But if you are anything like most of the people who sing this song, you probably do not know what the term “rose of Sharon” means. So, what does it mean?

This may come as something of a shock, but the term is used only once in the entire Bible, and in that instance it does not refer to Jesus. In Song of Solomon 2:1, Solomon’s beloved Shulamite bride referred to herself as the “rose of Sharon.” From her description, we can conclude that it is a complimentary term intended to express a certain beauty that the people of Solomon’s day would have recognized.

The word “Sharon” (sometimes spelled Saron) means a level place or plain. The Bible uses the term to describe one of the largest valley plains in all of Palestine. The term is found in numerous verses, including Acts 9:35, 1 Chronicles 5:16, and 1 Chronicles 27:29. If you were to examine a map of Palestine (the maps in the backs of most Bibles should suffice), you could locate this valley by finding the city of Joppa on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Joppa, and the Aijalon section to its southwest, were the approximate southern borders of the valley. It extended east from the Mediterranean Sea for about 10-15 miles, and north for about 30 miles. Topographical maps distinctly show this region to be a low valley bordered by higher mountains.

From all indications, the Sharon valley was a wild, fertile plain that was the home to a host of beautiful flowers. Isaiah 35:2 lists Sharon in a context discussing blooming vegetation, and describes the valley as “excellent” (NKJV). Sharon was renowned for its majesty and beauty. But what about its “rose”?

A true rose, like the one sweethearts exchange on Valentine’s Day, probably is not a good candidate for the flower described as the “rose of Sharon,” the primary reason being that these flowers are uncommon in Palestine. In fact, although no one can say for certain which flower is the actual “rose of Sharon,” many scholars think the best guess is the cistus or rock-rose. The cistus blooms in various parts of Palestine, and is well known for its soothing aroma and pain-relieving qualities.

When and why the title “Rose of Sharon” was given to Jesus is rather vague. But at least two reasons as to why it might have been assigned to our Lord seem fairly clear. First, Jesus Christ is the pinnacle of beauty and splendor. Of course, His earthly body could not boast of such attributes (Isaiah 53:2), but His spiritual beauty and majesty remain unsurpassed by any created being in Heaven or on Earth (2 Peter 1:16). Second, Christ’s healing powers and pain-relieving actions find a definite point of comparison with those of the rock-rose. Is it any wonder that the “Great Physician,” Who came to heal those who were physically ill as well as those who were spiritually sick, should be given the name of a flower known for its sweet aroma and soothing medicinal qualities?

Although the Holy Spirit never chose to inspire the Bible writers to refer to Jesus as the “Rose of Sharon,” it nevertheless is a name we can employ to speak of the majesty, beauty, and healing power of our Lord.

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## **Messiah - Christ**

Christ is one of the titles used most often in the New Testament to refer to Jesus. Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew title Messiah which means “anointed one”. Anointing was used in the times of the Old Testament to set apart people for service as prophets, priests, and kings. When God appeared to Elijah at Mt. Horeb after Elijah fled from Jezebel, God instructed Elijah to anoint Hazael as king over Aram, Jehu as king over Israel, and Elisha as prophet in his place (1 Kings 19:15 – 16). Aaron and his sons were anointed in order to consecrate them to minister as priests before God (Exodus 28:40 – 29:9).

These anointings in the Old Testament foreshadowed the coming of God’s special Messiah or Christ who would serve God in all three roles: prophet, priest, and king. During Peter’s sermon in Solomon’s portico, he mentioned that Jesus was the prophet like Moses that God promised to raise up (Acts 3:22 – 23, Deuteronomy 18:18 – 19). Jesus provided the complete revelation of God to man (John 1:14 – 18, Hebrews 1:1 – 4). Jesus was appointed as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 6:19 – 7:28). Our high priest can provide the mercy and grace that we need because He felt the power of temptation, but He never gave in to it. Therefore, He was able to be a perfect sacrifice and to make propitiation for our sins (Hebrews 2:17 – 18, 4:14 – 16). God promised to establish the throne of the kingdom of one of David’s descendants forever (2 Samuel 7:12 – 13). Peter affirms that Jesus is the One Whom God appointed to sit on this eternal throne (Acts 2:29 – 36). The revelation given to the apostle John reminds us that Jesus is the Kings of kings (Revelation 17:14, 19:16). Jesus Christ, our Messiah, the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53), the Lamb Who was slain, is worthy to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Revelation 5:12). Let us give Him the praise that is due Him with our words and our lives.

**Gilbert Booher**

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Hebrews 4:14 - 16**

# Jesus Is Lord

1. “What do you think about the Christ? Whose \_\_\_\_\_ is He?” They said to Him, “*The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.*” He said to them, “How then does \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit call Him ‘*Lord,*’ saying: “*The LORD said to my Lord, “\_\_\_\_\_ at My \_\_\_\_\_ hand, Till I make Your \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_”*”? If \_\_\_\_\_ then calls Him ‘*Lord,*’ how is He his \_\_\_\_\_?” (Matthew 22:42 – 45 NKJV)

2. For there is born to you this day in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ a Savior, who is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 2:11 NKJV)

3. Whom God \_\_\_\_\_ up, having loosed the \_\_\_\_\_ of death, because it was not possible that He should be \_\_\_\_\_ by it. For \_\_\_\_\_ says concerning Him: ‘*I foresaw the LORD always before my face, for He is at my \_\_\_\_\_, that I may not be \_\_\_\_\_.*’ (Acts 2:24 – 25 NKJV)

4. “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you \_\_\_\_\_, both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.” (Acts 2:36 NKJV)

5. But put on the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, and make no provision for the \_\_\_\_\_, to *fulfill its \_\_\_\_\_.* (Romans 13:14 NKJV)

6. God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Son, \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 1:9 NKJV)

7. Yet for us *there is* one \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one \_\_\_\_\_, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live.* (1 Corinthians 8:6 NKJV)

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the \_\_\_\_\_. But thanks *be* to \_\_\_\_\_, who gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:56 – 57 NKJV)

9. But God forbid that I should boast except in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_ to me, and I to the \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 6:14 NKJV)

10. Therefore God also has \_\_\_\_\_ Him and given Him the \_\_\_\_\_ which is above every \_\_\_\_\_, that at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ knee should \_\_\_\_\_, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* \_\_\_\_\_, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9 – 11 NKJV)

11. “\_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” (Revelation 5:12 NKJV)

12. These will make war with the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ them, for He is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful. (Revelation 17:14 NKJV)

**Selected by Adam Booher**

# Titles of Jesus

1. Jesus – Matthew 1:21, Luke 1:32, Philippians 2:9-11
2. Jesus of Nazareth – Mark 14:67, 16:6, John 19:19, Acts 2:22
3. Son of Joseph – Matthew 13:55, Luke 3:23, 4:22, John 1:45
4. Son of Man – Matthew 9:6, 12:8, 40, Luke 19:9-10
5. Son of David – Matthew 21:9, Mark 10:46-48, Luke 18:38-39
6. Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David – Revelation 5:5
7. Messiah – John 1:41, 4:25-26
8. Savior – Luke 2:11, Acts 5:31, Philippians 3:20, 1 John 4:14
9. Immanuel – Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23
10. Lamb – Isaiah 53:7, John 1:29, Revelation 5:6-14
11. The Way, the Truth, and the Life – John 14:6
12. Light of the World – John 8:12, 9:5, 12:35-36
13. Bread of Life – John 6:33-41, 48-58
14. Faithful and True, the Word of God – Revelation 19:11-13
15. Son of God – Matthew 14:33, 16:16, Mark 15:39, Luke 22:70
16. Lord – Mark 9:24, Acts 2:36, Revelation 19:16
17. God – John 20:28
18. Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6
19. Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End – Revelation 1:8, 11, 22:13

**Evan Booher**

### Times of Service

Sunday Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	9:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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### Puzzle 1

Hidden Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture: John 1:1-14

BEGINNING	WORD	LIGHT
DARKNESS	JOHN	WITNESS
MADE	FLESH	DWELT
GLORY	ONLY	BEGOTTEN
FULL	GRACE	TRUTH

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

**John 1:1 – 5**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 1:14**

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

**John 1:18**