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### I believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord.

#### **I Believe in Jesus:**

Read Mtt. 1:20-21 & Luke 1:30-33 - The name Jesus means “God saves,” what do these “naming” passages tell us about who Jesus is?

The core of our faith is a *person* (Jesus of Nazareth), not a set of principles, ideas, or abstract beliefs. What does this mean? Why does it matter? How does it distinguish Christianity from other religions, philosophies, worldviews, and beliefs?

#### **The Christ:**

Christ is the Greek word for Messiah; both titles mean “anointed one” and refer to the heir of King David whom YHWH would use to rescue Israel. Read Acts 2:14-39. How does Peter locate Jesus within the story of David and Israel? Why does this matter? What are the implications of Jesus being the Messiah?

#### **God’s Only Son:**

“Son of God” was originally a title for Israel (Ex 4:22), and then for the Davidic king (Ps 2:7), and occasionally for heavenly beings (Gen 6:2). By the New Testament time it came to be associated with the Messiah (Mtt 16:16), and by the time of Paul it took on the idea of divinity (Gal 4:4-6). How does Jesus contain each one of these meanings within himself?

We believe we are sons and daughters of God through Christ. But how is our sonship different from that of Jesus? (Read Rom 8:23, 9:4; Eph 1:5)

#### **Our Lord:**

Read Acts 2:36; Romans 10:8-11; 1 Cor 12:3; 2Cor 4:5; Col 2:6-7; Phil 2:9-11

The earliest Christian confession was the declaration “Jesus is Lord.”

What does this simple statement mean?

How is this statement a summary of the Gospel?

Read Luke 6:46-49 & Matthew 7:21-23:

Is it enough to simply call Jesus Lord?

Is it enough to mentally believe (intellectually assent) that Jesus is Lord?

What is required to truly confess Jesus as Lord?

Is there a specific area in your life where you need to obey Jesus?

Are there other people, forces, ideas, or loyalties which are keeping you from full submission to Jesus as Lord? What steps do you need to take to come fully under the reign and rule of King Jesus?

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