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The Gospel of Christ: Covering Jesus' Life From Birth to 33 Years Old

Lesson Text: John 1:1 & I John 1:1-3

1) Greek Philosophy Was A Type Of Gnosticism

- a) They had gods that they named like Zeus or Poseidon
- b) These Greek gods existed during the time of Jesus on earth
- c) The Gospel of Christ started in the holy land of Israel 4:23 Matt
- d) Paul warned that a new form of Christianity would take place, 11:4 II Cor
an example today are the Greek Orthodox Churches
- e) Then Catholicism started forming

2) The Gospel Was Combating Against Gnosticism

- a) Gospel of God is also called the Gospel of Christ 1:1, 1:16 Rom
- b) Some people have different opinions on who Jesus is 16:13-15 Matt
- c) The Gnostic faith desires knowledge in Christ rather than faith
- d) John writes the gospel & epistles to show Christ is not a theory 1:1 I John
- e) Which we have heard refers to knowing Jesus from age 30-33 1:3 I John
- f) John writes his books in the Bible about 90AD
- g) John says Jesus existed before he became a baby in Mary's arm 1:1 John
- h) In the beginning in I John 1:1 & John 1:1 refers to beginning of time 1:1 I John
- i) The Jews had a problem with Jesus because they saw Him 6:2-4 Mark
grow up from birth to 30 years old, then He claims to be God's Son
- j) They knew Jesus as a man, prophet, and a carpenter 6:2-4 Mark
- k) People in 2017 say Jesus is God

3) What We Believe About Jesus Life On Earth

- a) What you know about His life 0-30 years old, will determine what you believe about Him from 30-33 years old
- b) Jesus knew who His Father was at an early age 2:49 Luke



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| c) Jesus had friends who saw Him grow up
3:21 | Mark |
| d) Jesus had brothers & sisters who saw Him grow up | Mark 3:31 |
| e) James (The Lord's half brother) is one of many evidences
that Jesus existed before age 30
13:55-56 | Gal 1:19
Matt |
| f) After the resurrection, James becomes the head of the church
15:1-29 | Acts |
| g) James had the same mother (Mary) that Jesus had | Matt 13:55-56 |
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| 4) <u>The Life Of Jesus Shows Us That He Was Like Us (Flesh & Blood)</u> | |
| a) Jesus was sleepy everyday like us, he would rise to pray
1:35 | Mark |
| b) Jesus was sleeping through the stormy sea | Mark 4:38 |
| c) Jesus was hungry at times, so he ate
4:31 | John |
| d) Jesus wept | John 11:35 |
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| 5) <u>Jesus & John The Baptist Lived Two Different Life Styles</u> | |
| a) John the Baptist wore camel raiment & ate locust | Matt 3:4 |
| b) Jesus dressed & ate like most Galileans
11:11-19 | Matt |
| c) They both knew each other | |
| d) They didn't know each other much, because they lived different
1:36
life styles, but they were the same age | Luke |
| e) John the Baptist's mother and the mother of Jesus
were "countrymen," not cousins in the sense we use it
Elisabeth was from the tribe of Levi, and Joseph and Mary
from the tribe of Judah through David | Luke 1:35-36
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| 6) <u>John The Baptist Knows Jesus By The Spirit</u> | |
| a) Because of their different lifestyles this gave John the
1:33-34
ability to know Jesus by the Spirit | John |
| b) John says, "Behold the Lamb of God"
1:29 | John |
| c) He baptized Jesus to fulfil all righteousness | Matt 3:15 |
| d) Parents need to know their children by the Spirit | I Cor 12:10 |
| e) Then the parents will be able to read & discern whether
or not their child is telling the truth | Pro 7:7 |
| f) Some children can fool their parents | I Sam 13:4-17 |



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- g) Some parents are still in denial even after their child gets in trouble, they say their child was falsely accused
- 7) When Jesus Was On Earth He Was Not Divine Yet**
- a) Some theologians say he was human & divine (God & man)
 - b) Divine means immortal, which Jesus wasn't till 28:18 after the resurrection Matt
 - c) When we become divine or immortal we will live forever John 10:10
 - d) Jesus was human on his mother's side, but His Father's side 8:3 Rom
He is God's Son and He knew no sin II Cor 5:21
 - e) Sin is always passed down from the fathers Rom 5:12-14
- 8) Eye Witness Accounts Of Seeing Jesus After The Resurrection**
- a) Jesus is the only one we know who was risen from the grave 15:20 I Cor
and who walked upon the earth, and the Gnostics refute this fact
 - b) John writes to prove that Jesus' resurrection actually happened 1:1-3 I John
 - c) Jesus says, "A spirit has not flesh and bones" 24:39 Luke
 - d) Jesus tells Thomas to touch and believe 20:25-29 John
 - e) Some saw Jesus on the road to Emmaus & in the room the next day 24:13-36 Luke
 - f) Jesus blessed the food at the dinner table and vanished from them 24:31 Luke
 - g) Jesus ate at the dinner table with family and friends oftentimes 14:22 Mark
 - h) Today some families don't eat together at home
 - i) Families should continue eating together at home because it unifies them, and gives them a strong foundation at home