

I am a Christian.

Acts 11:22-26

Learning Objectives

1. Understand what it means to be a Christian.
2. Understand who Jesus said he was.
3. Consider how we can be like Jesus today.
4. Consider who we are now and what we want to be tomorrow.

What is a Christian?

- Christianity is a religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, as described in the New Testament.
- Its adherents, are known as Christians.

Who does Jesus say He is?

- I am the bread of life.
- I am the light of the world.
- I am the door of the sheep and the good shepherd.
- I am the resurrection and the life.
- I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Who is Jesus of Nazareth?

- The Audience: Jewish people and believers of God.
- **Exodus 3:13-15 New King James Version (NKJV)**
- ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”
- ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’”

I am the bread of life.

John 6:32-40 New King James Version (NKJV)

- **32** Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.**33** For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
- **34** Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”
- **35** And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. **36** But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. **37** All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. **38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.**39** This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. **40** And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Learning Objectives

1. Understand what it means to be a Christian.
 - Believe in Jesus as a Christian
2. Understand who Jesus said he was.
 - Jesus provides our needs and everlasting life.
3. Consider how we can be like Jesus today.
4. Consider who we are now and what we want to be tomorrow.

I am the light of the world.

John 8:10-12 New King James Version (NKJV)

- ¹⁰ When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”
- ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.”
- And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”
- ¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Learning Objectives

1. Understand what it means to be a Christian.
 - Walk in the light.
2. Understand who Jesus said he was.
 - Jesus was an example of goodness.
3. Consider how we can be like Jesus today.
 - How can we be an example of goodness?
 - We need to be accepting of any who seek Jesus.
4. Consider who we are now and what we want to be tomorrow.

I am the door of the sheep and the good shepherd.

John 10:7-18 New King James Version (NKJV)

- 7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.
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- 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, *he who is not* the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.
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Learning Objectives

1. Understand what it means to be a Christian.
2. Understand who Jesus said he was.
 - Jesus is our guardian and protector.
 - Even to the point of his own detriment or harm.
3. Consider how we can be like Jesus today.
 - We can help serve our flock.
4. Consider who we are now and what we want to be tomorrow.
 - Many areas of effort currently ongoing led by the deacons and elders.
 - Jesus calls us to serve by his example.

I am the resurrection and the life.

John 11:1-27 New King James Version (NKJV)

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- ²⁰ Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”
- ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”
- ²⁴ Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”
- ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”
- ²⁷ She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

Learning Objectives

1. Understand what it means to be a Christian.
2. Understand who Jesus said he was.
 - Jesus is Lord of all life and possesses the power to raise the dead.
3. Consider how we can be like Jesus today.
4. Consider who we are now and what we want to be tomorrow.
 - Death is not the final word, for all who are in Christ will live forever.
 - Christ provides a new life after this one.

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

John 14:5-14 New King James Version (NKJV)

- ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”
- ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”
- ⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”
- ⁹ Jesus said to him, “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’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.
- ¹² “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

Learning Objectives

1. Understand what it means to be a Christian.
2. Understand who Jesus said he was.
 - Jesus is the one and only way to the Father.
 - He offers spiritually dead people the very life of God.
3. Consider how we can be like Jesus today.
 - He who believes will also take action and do his works.
4. Consider who we are now and what we want to be tomorrow.
 - To be saved and have life eternal, one must be a Christian.

Acts 2:38 New King James Version (NKJV)

38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.