

With Apologies...

This Is the Faith

Lesson 20: Jesus is YHWH in the Flesh



The Painting You Are Viewing As You Enter:

The Nativity by Jean-Léon Gérôme

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pierre-Louis_Cretey_-_The_Nativity_-_89.15_-_Detroit_Institute_of_Arts.jpg

The Music : **Welcome All Wonders** by J.A.C. Redford

<https://youtu.be/H4t0GLnKgrM?si=mb1R2PZJ8aRonhA3>

Life Together Moment: **SHARE**

Share a personal high and low from the last week.

Pray for each other and the class ahead.



Bible Verses of the Day: **Colossians 1:19-20**

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

What is your first thought about these verses?

Jesus vs. Yahweh? Or... Jesus IS Yahweh?

<https://youtu.be/HE3bl9k32EM?si=RT9R8HxaM9ccqP86>

- Read Exodus 3:1-14
 - God gets Moses's attention with a _____ that burns but is not _____.
 - In verse 5, God says that the place He connects with a human being like Moses is _____ ground.
 - In verse 7, God explains to Moses why He is revealing Himself; He says that He has _____ the affliction (difficulty) or His people, _____ their cries because of their _____ and knows about their _____.
- Read Matthew 1:18-21
 - The angel of the Lord tells Joseph to name Mary's son _____ because He will _____ His people from their sins.
 - Because it causes suffering, death, and even eternal separation from God, _____ afflicts humanity the same way the taskmasters of _____ did.
- Read John 8:48-59
 - In John 8:58, Jesus is saying that He was alive _____ Abraham.



Catechist Time: The First Use of God's Law



- Instead of saying “Before Abraham was, I was,” Jesus says, “Before Abraham was, *I am*.” Jesus says it this way because “I am” is the _____ name, revealed by God to _____.
- Jesus uses the divine name “I am” _____ more times in the Gospel of John, each time attaching it to something _____ names as true about Himself in the _____ Testament.
- Read Mark 2:1-12
 - In verse 5, Jesus tells the paralyzed man that his _____ are forgiven.
 - In verse 7, the onlookers ask, “Who can forgive sins but _____ alone?”
 - In verse 8, Jesus perceives their question in his _____, demonstrating _____ power.
 - According to the video, Jesus isn’t offering comfort, He is acting as _____.
- Read Isaiah 44:6 and Revelation 1:8 , then complete the following:
 - “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.” (Isaiah 44:6, ESV)
 - ““I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”” (Revelation 1:8, ESV)
 - Alpha and Omega are the _____ and _____ letters of the Greek alphabet, the language in which the book of Revelation was written. Therefore, Jesus is paraphrasing _____.
- Read John 5:22-24
 - Although only God can forgive sins and judge a human soul, Jesus says here that the Father has given all _____ to the Son, and that if we wish to honor the Father, we must honor the _____.
 - In verse 24, Jesus says that if we _____ in Him, we have passed from _____ to life.
- Read Daniel 7:13-14 and Mark 14:61-64
 - In the Daniel passage, the “Son of Man” is given _____ over all the nations of the earth. Dominion means to _____ over them.
 - In the Mark passage, the high priest _____ his garments to show his outrage and accuses Jesus of _____, which means dishonoring God, because Jesus was claiming to be _____.



Liturgy Connection

In both the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds, the Church confesses about Jesus that “He will come again to judge the living and the dead.” The Church is acknowledging that Jesus is YHWH in the flesh because only the true God (YHWH) has the power and authority to judge humanity for all eternity.

The Big Idea:

In all four Gospels, in different ways, Jesus both claims to be YHWH (“I am”), the God who revealed Himself to Moses and demonstrates His power as YHWH in the flesh.

