

THE DIVINE WORKS OF JESUS

(John 1:3-5)

Who really is Jesus? Why is He so revered and renowned by multitudes of men and women but at the same time despised and rejected by the rest of the unbelieving world? The absolute truth concerning the real identity of Jesus is what the Prologue of John's Gospel sets out to answer. In the first two verses of this book, Jesus is presented as the Word who is eternally God in His being, person and majesty. In the next three verses, the Apostle John provides further proofs of Jesus' divinity by underscoring the divine works of our Lord Jesus. These three divine acts of Christ teach us this cardinal lesson: **Since Jesus is truly God and fully divine, we totally depend on Him for our very existence, our eternal life and our ultimate victory.**

1. Jesus is the _____ who made all things.

The fundamental assertion of the Old Testament Scriptures is that the Lord God is the sole Creator and Maker of everything that exists. In fact, the work of creation is the very first divine act of God recorded in the Bible (Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6). Since Jesus is Himself God, the divine act of creation is also ascribed to Him. As the Word, Jesus is the divine executor and divine agent of creation (John 1:3; Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,29). Jesus spoke into existence all that God the Father had ordained to exist (1 Corinthians 8:6; Acts 17:28). Jesus is also the One responsible for sustaining and upholding life and order in the entire created realm (Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:3).

2. Jesus is the _____ who bestows eternal life.

As God, Jesus has life in Himself (John 1:4). He is self-existing and self-sufficient. Since Jesus possesses life in Himself, He is the only source of life in all its scopes – physical, spiritual and eternal life (John 5:24). In our fallen and sinful condition, we are all spiritually dead and are objects of God's wrathful judgment in hell (Ephesians 2:1; John 3:36). The only escape from this hopeless condition is the life-giving work of God through Jesus (John 1:4). It is only when God makes us alive in Christ that we can pass from spiritual death to eternal life (1 John 5:11-12; John 10:28). Jesus alone has the power to set us free from our spiritual blindness and deliver us from the domain of darkness that we may see the light of God glory in Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4; John 8:12; Colossians 1:13).

3. Jesus is the _____ who has overcome the darkness.

There is an ongoing conflict between light and darkness - light referring to Jesus and darkness referring to this fallen world of sinners deceived and blinded by Satan (John 1:5,10-11; 3:19). Even today, billions of people love the darkness instead of light. It is the darkness of sin in the hearts of men and women that cause them to detest Jesus and despise His Word. But in this grand battle between light and darkness, Jesus as the Light has overcome and defeated the darkness (John 1:5; Philippians 2:8-11). If you are truly in Christ, the darkness will not win over you. Because Jesus has won, you are forever victorious in the Lord! (Revelation 9:16-17)
