



Imperial Academy Bible Lessons



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Jesus Christ came to Earth as a human being 2,000 years ago to announce a special message from God the Father. For delivering this message, He was killed!

Turn on the television on a Sunday morning in the United States, and you will probably find more than one “gospel” program with preachers telling you about Christ. They tell the viewer about how wonderful Christ was and urge you to believe on Him.

Every Sunday morning, millions of viewers assume they are hearing the gospel *of* Jesus Christ. But what they are hearing is a message only *about* Christ. Believing that Jesus existed and preaching *about* Him is *NOT* the same as preaching Christ’s gospel!

Preaching Christ’s gospel means actually teaching the *same* message He taught!

Christ came as a messenger who delivered a message from God to all mankind. That message was the good news about the coming Kingdom of God! (The word *gospel* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *godspel*, which means good news or good message.)

Millions of people believe *in* Christ—but they don’t believe what He said! Why not? Because most of them have never even heard it! They have heard *about* Christ, but they have not heard His message.

What did Jesus Christ teach? Most preachers will tell you that He taught people to believe that He existed, that He came to die for the sins of mankind, and that you can be forgiven for your sins if you accept Him as your Savior.

Jesus Christ did exist. He did die to make it possible to forgive us of our sins. But that is only *part* of His message! His message from God the Father reveals how to live, how to overcome your problems, how to end strife and violence and war, how to conquer Satan, and how to receive eternal life!

The *Imperial Academy Bible Lessons* for Level 8 will teach you who Christ was—before, during and after His life on Earth as a human being. Be sure to get your Bible before you read another word. Look up every scripture as you study the truth about the life of Jesus Christ—and His *real* message!

A FALSE CHRIST

How did Jesus Christ’s message become corrupted? Not long after Christ was crucified, Simon Magus, a pagan sorcerer, began to apply the name of Christ to his religion. Even though his religion was referred to as Christian, it was actually the ancient pagan Babylonian mystery religion.

Meanwhile, God’s true Church continued to preach not only that Christ existed, but also His actual teachings. Simon Magus and the other counterfeit Christians who followed him became bitter enemies of God’s true Church. The false church persecuted and almost destroyed the true Church. Less than a century after Jesus Christ was crucified, Simon Magus and his followers suppressed the message Christ had brought from God the Father and replaced it with their own!

The ancient Babylonian mystery religion of Simon Magus, which was practiced long before Christ, replaced the true gospel Christ brought from God with a false gospel *about* a paganized version of Christ. It proclaimed the Messenger, but it suppressed His message. Instead, this false religion taught that God is a trinity, that human beings have immortal souls, and that God commands His people to keep Sunday holy. These are the same doctrines taught on Sunday “gospel” television today!

The followers of Simon Magus even replaced the facts about what Jesus Christ looked like. The Bible says He looked like a plain, everyday Jewish man. The false

Christians said He looked like the pagan gods that the followers of mystery cults had worshiped for centuries. Serapis was one deity of a religion that had existed for a couple of centuries before Christ came and that fused Egyptian paganism with Greek paganism. Serapis was said to be a combination of the Egyptian god Osiris and the Greek god Zeus. Since there was a popular myth about the death and resurrection of Serapis, followers of Simon Magus were able to convince people that Jesus looked like Serapis.

About 400 years after Jesus Christ's crucifixion, Simon Magus's religion had grown to the point that it became the official religion of the Roman Empire. By this point, this false version of Christianity was known as Catholicism. When Catholicism became the official religion of the Roman Empire, many people who had previously worshiped multiple deities, the universe, animals or objects became Christian. But *they did not give up all of their old beliefs*; they simply fused them with Catholicism.

Throughout the empire, Roman artists, heavily influenced by paganism, began to draw Christ to look like the gods they had worshiped previously (like Osiris, Zeus and Serapis). This is the reason that today, Jesus Christ is portrayed as a frail, pale, sad, effeminate man with long hair.



We learn to become like God by studying the example of Jesus Christ.

DECLARING THE FATHER

Christians believe that Jesus Christ was and is the Son of God. But what was His relationship with God when He came to Earth as a human? Many preachers indicate that God was harsh, but Christ was loving; God had law, but Christ did away with His Father's law.

But the Bible says that Jesus Christ was no rebel. He was an obedient Son who came to Earth to declare His Father to the disciples and to keep God's law perfectly.

Turn to John 14:6-11 and fill in the blanks below: "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the _____, but by _____. If you had _____ me, you should have _____ my _____ also: and from henceforth you know him, and have seen him. Philip said unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it suffices us. Jesus said unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not _____ me, Philip? he that has seen _____ has seen the _____; and how say you then, Show us the Father? Believe you not that I am in the _____, and the Father in _____? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of _____: but the Father that dwells in me, _____ does the works. Believe me that I am in the _____, and the Father in _____: or else believe me for the very works' sake."

Jesus Christ is the firstborn Son of God the Father. As a human, He was just like His Father, both in physical appearance and in character. True Christians learn to become like God the Father by following the example of Jesus Christ.

Use Philippians 2:5-8 to fill in the blanks: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in _____: Who, being in the form of _____, thought it not robbery to be _____ with _____: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the _____ of a _____, and was made in the _____ of _____: And being found in _____ as a _____, he _____ himself, and became _____ unto death, even the death of the cross."

THE REAL JESUS CHRIST

Another pagan custom that fused itself into false Christianity is the worship of physical objects like statues and images. This is the case in spite of the fact

that God devoted an entire commandment forbidding precisely this practice!

Fill in the blanks using Exodus 20:4-5 to see God's instruction on physical objects of worship: "You shall _____ make unto you any graven _____, or any _____ of _____ that is in _____ above, or that is in the _____ beneath, or that is in the _____ under the _____: You shall _____ bow down yourself to them, nor serve them"

God wants us to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). For this reason, God the Father has not inspired any pictures or paintings of Himself or of Jesus Christ. However, He has inspired a written description of what Christ looked like as a human. He also inspired a written description of what Christ looks like today!

In the Bible, God reveals what true Christians need to know about Christ's character and personality, and just an indication or two about His appearance—nothing that could be used to break the Second Commandment.

To see the Bible's description of what Christ looked like as a human, turn to Isaiah 53:2 and fill in the blanks below: "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he has no _____ nor _____; and when we shall see him, there is no _____ that we should desire him."

The word *form* in this verse means *figure* or *appearance*. Jesus Christ had no unusual physical

appearance that made Him stand out from a crowd. He was neither handsome nor ugly. He did not have long, flowing hair that would have made Him stick out from other Jewish men like a member of a heavy-metal band in a board meeting. He didn't possess any striking physical characteristics to draw people to Him solely based on His appearance; He looked like any other Jewish man. In fact, more than once He evaded people who were trying to kill Him by simply walking into the crowd (Luke 4:28-30).

Read another account that reveals Jesus's normal appearance in Matthew 26:47-50: "And while he yet spoke, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the _____ and _____ of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a _____, saying, _____ I shall _____, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore are you come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him."

Judas Iscariot was Christ's disciple who betrayed Him. He had to signal to the Pharisees and their group which person was Jesus, because He was difficult to tell apart from the other disciples. If Christ had long, flowing hair, a delicate appearance or a halo, it would not be that hard to tell who He was.

JESUS'S HAIR

Images, statues and jewelry depicting Christ almost always show Him with long hair. This would have attracted even more attention in ancient Judea than it would today. But there is another proof that Jesus Christ did not look like this.

Fill in the blanks using 1 Corinthians 11:4-15 to see a specific instruction regarding men's hair. "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head _____, dishonors his head [Christ]. ... For a man indeed ought not to _____ his head Does not even nature itself teach you, that, if a _____ have _____, it is a _____ unto him? But if a _____ have _____, it is a _____ to her: for her hair is given her for a covering."

In this chapter, Paul calls the hair the "covering" of the head. He is specifically describing long hair. The Greek word for long hair refers to ornamental



Jesus Christ would not have stood out in a crowd.

tresses of hair. God—the same God who had lived in Judea just a few years earlier—inspired Paul to write that it is shameful for a man to have hair long enough to form tresses. These long locks of hair are a glory to a woman.

In the time of the Roman Empire, it was common for the pagan gods of the Romans, Greeks and Egyptians to be drawn or sculpted with long tresses of hair. The priests of the pagan Babylonian mystery religion, like the sorcerer Simon Magus, also usually wore long hair and long beards.

Jesus did not grow His hair to a length that was shameful; He cut it in a way that was common among the Jewish men of that time period.

There was nothing physically outstanding about Jesus to make Him stand out. The only thing outstanding and recognizable about Christ was His character and the message He brought from God!

JESUS'S PHYSICAL STRENGTH

God chose a carpenter named Joseph to be the legal father of Jesus Christ. Throughout Jesus's childhood and teenage years, He helped Joseph with his business. In time, He became a carpenter in His own right (Mark 6:3). Working outside as a builder made Jesus a strong, muscular man. He had the kind of strength that comes from hard work, not the kind that comes from vain bodybuilding.

Turn to John 2:13-16 to get a better idea of the type of strength Jesus had: “And the Jews’ passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he _____ them all [the money changers and sellers] out of the temple, and the _____, and the _____; and _____ out the changers’ money, and _____ the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father’s house an house of merchandise.”

Christ drove these moneychangers out of His Father’s temple early in His ministry, before His fame grew from performing public miracles. So these profiteers were not running from Him because they knew He was the Son of God. They ran from Him because He was a strong man full of righteous indignation!

The horrific beating Christ was able to endure



As a young man, Jesus Christ worked as a carpenter.

in the time between His arrest and crucifixion also shows just how strong and vigorous a man He was.

Turn to Matthew 26:67 and 27:29-31 and notice the abuse He sustained: “Then did they spit in his face, and _____ [punched] him; and others _____ [struck] him with the palms of their hands. ... And when they had platted a _____ of _____, they put it upon his _____, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the _____, and _____ him on the _____. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment [clothes] on him, and led him away to _____ him.”

Christ also had the spiritual strength of God helping Him through His beating, His scourging and His crucifixion. Still, most people would have died during such a beating and never made it to be crucified.

Compare all these facts to the idea that Jesus Christ was frail and effeminate, and that lie becomes completely absurd!

SON OF DAVID

Jesus Christ was a Jew who was descended from the royal lineage of King David. Luke recorded His genealogy back to King David through His mother, Mary. Luke 3:23-38 list this lineage back to David and then to Judah, the father of the Jews.

As a Jew, his skin would have been white, possibly quite tanned from working and spending time outside. His hair could have been black, brown or another common color. His eyes could have been any common color. The Bible doesn't give us further details about Jesus's physical appearance while on Earth.

We have enough detail to know that Christ was a strong, robust, masculine man with a normal appearance and short hair. He was not the effeminate-looking figure usually portrayed on "gospel" television. The details we have are scant enough to prevent us from making and worshiping pictures of Christ, but detailed enough to help reveal what He was like, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

MEMORY TEST

Circle the letter next to the correct answer.

1. The true gospel that Jesus Christ brought from God the Father is:
 - a. the truth that Osiris and Zeus were really the same god.
 - b. the story of all the miracles Jesus performed while on Earth.
 - c. the good news of the coming Kingdom of God.
2. Jesus told His disciples that they could know what God the Father was like by:
 - a. looking deep within themselves.
 - b. asking the chief priests and Pharisees.
 - c. knowing what Jesus Christ said and did.
3. The most accurate description of Jesus Christ when He was a human being is found:
 - a. in ancient Roman artwork.
 - b. in the pictures in your Bible.
 - c. in the words of your Bible.

A YOUNG MAN OF CHARACTER

Because He worked hard to never sin, Jesus Christ was the most balanced person to ever live. Even as a child, He developed perfectly—physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Turn to Luke 2:52 and fill in the blanks: "And Jesus increased in _____ and _____, and in favor with _____ and _____."

Jesus placed the right emphasis on physical activities, mental activities, social activities and spiritual activities. He had perfect balance in the time He spent playing sports, the time He spent doing homework, the time He spent socializing with friends, and the time He spent praying and studying scriptures.

His mental and spiritual understanding benefited both His relationship with God and His relationships with other people! Even as a 12-year-old child, Jesus strove to grow in grace and in physical and spiritual knowledge. He respectfully listened to His teachers and asked them questions. God gave Jesus a full measure of His Holy Spirit from birth. Combined with His teachable attitude, the power of the Holy Spirit gave Jesus such a deep understanding of the Holy Scriptures that His teachers marveled.

Read verses 46-47 and fill in the blanks: "And it came to pass, that after three days they [His parents] found him [Jesus] in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors [teachers], both _____ them, and _____ them questions. And all that heard him were _____ at his _____ and _____."

As a result of this humble and teachable attitude, Christ relied on God to give Him both the desire and the power to keep the law perfectly!

PERFECT LAW KEEPER

Jesus Christ didn't come to Earth to do away with God's Law. He came to teach mankind how to live by it so that each of us could learn to be happy and to become part of the God Family!

Fill in the blanks using Matthew 5:17-18 to see what Christ specifically said about law: "Think not that I [Christ] am come to destroy the _____, or the _____: I am not come to _____, but to _____. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one _____ or one _____ shall in no wise pass from the _____, till all be fulfilled."

"The law" and "the prophets" refer to the Old Testament Scriptures. The word *fulfill* means to "fill up," "complete" or "perfect."

Read all of Matthew 5 to see what Christ said about God's law. He focused not only on keeping the details, but on expanding law-keeping to honor the full spiritual intent of the law.



Jesus Christ may have taught in this very synagogue in Capernaum, Israel.

Since the vast majority of the ancient Israelites didn't have God's Holy Spirit, God only required that they obey His law in a *literal sense*. Jesus Christ came to Earth to teach people how to obey the *spirit of God's law*.

For example, we keep the Sixth Commandment in its *literal sense* by not murdering. But Christ shows us that we must keep the *spirit* of the Sixth Commandment by not even *hating* someone, since hatred is the *attitude* of murder!

Fill in the blanks below using Matthew 5:27-28 to record Christ's instructions about the spiritual intent of the Seventh Commandment: "You have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever _____ on a woman to _____ after her has committed _____ with her already in his _____."

Fill in the blanks using verses 34-37 to record Christ's instruction on swearing oaths: "But I say unto you, _____ not at all; neither by _____; for it is God's _____. Nor by the _____; for it is his _____. neither by _____; for it is the city of the _____. ... But let your _____ be, _____, _____;

_____, _____: for whatsoever is more than these comes of _____."

Just as hatred is the attitude that leads to murder, lust is the attitude that leads to adultery. Christ lived a perfect life. He never hated. He never lusted. He never swore.

Learn more about Christ's character by filling in the blanks using Luke 4:16: "And he [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as _____, he went into the synagogue on the _____, and stood up for to read."

Jesus Christ not only kept the Fourth Commandment in its *literal sense* by not working on the seventh-day Sabbath, He kept it in its spiritual intent by attending Sabbath services. We follow the example He set by doing the same today.

EMOTIONAL BALANCE

Jesus Christ was a man of strong emotion, yet He never let His emotions control Him. He perfectly controlled His emotions and never used them in a selfish way.

You have already read about the courage and righteous indignation Christ showed when He drove the moneychangers from the temple. These businessmen obviously resented this. They probably

hated Him and wanted to hurt Him. Yet Christ didn't fear them nor let that deter Him from doing what was right.

The moneychangers were disrespecting God by conducting their business inside the temple. They were hurting themselves and others by taking a casual, greedy attitude toward the place where people came to worship God. Christ did not become angry because they were hurting Him personally. He became angry with righteous indignation because they were disrespecting God, His Father.

Jesus also had great compassion. He felt deep empathy for the physical and spiritual suffering of others. This was a godly attitude, enhanced by godly emotion.

See Matthew 9:35-36: "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the _____ of the _____, and _____ every sickness and every disease among the _____. But when he saw the multitudes [of people], he was moved with _____ on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as _____ having no _____."

Another example of Christ's compassion is in Matthew 15:32-38. These verses recount how Christ performed a miracle to feed more than 4,000 people with seven loaves of bread and a few fishes.

Fill in the blanks using verse 32: "Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have _____ on the _____, because they continue with me now three days, and have _____ to _____.: and I will not send them away _____, lest they faint in the way."

In addition to compassion, courage and righteous indignation, Jesus also felt grief and godly sorrow!

Turn to Isaiah 53:3 and fill in the blanks below: "He is _____ and _____ of men; a man of _____, and acquainted with _____.: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was _____, and we _____ him not."

The word *sorrows* means "anguish" or "pain." *Grief* refers to intense emotional suffering. Jesus did not selfishly go around feeling sorry for Himself. Just as He sometimes became filled with righteous indignation when He saw people disobeying and disrespecting God,

He often became filled with grief and sorrow when He saw people suffering because of their own faithlessness! This was the case with the family and friends of Lazarus.

Read John 11:1-45 to learn what happened to Lazarus.

Jesus was a close friend to Lazarus and his two sisters, Martha and Mary. When He heard that Lazarus was close to death, Jesus purposely delayed coming to him until after he had died. He was about to teach Lazarus's family and friends—and Lazarus—an amazing lesson!

Use verses 33-35 to fill in the blanks: "When Jesus therefore saw her [Mary] weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he _____ in the _____, and was _____. And said, Where have you laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus _____."

Jesus did not cry because He felt sorrow for Himself over losing a close friend. He shed tears for those around Him who had so little faith that they did not believe God could bring someone back from the dead. It is alright to miss a close friend or family member who has died. But we should never give in to despair, because God has a plan to resurrect all people back to life when the time is right.

Jesus Christ did not stifle His emotions like a robot, but He didn't let them control Him either. He laughed. He cried. He even became angry. He learned to express His emotions in a godly way that was never selfish, but always helped others. He was and is our perfect example of godly emotion!

MEMORY TEST

Circle the letter next to the correct answer.

1. Jesus Christ fulfilled the law of God by:
 - a. telling the disciples that His Father was too strict.
 - b. keeping the law perfectly so we don't have to keep it anymore.
 - c. showing mankind how to keep the law in its spiritual intent.
2. Which of the following was NOT a character trait of Jesus Christ?
 - a. Courage
 - b. Compassion
 - c. Cowardice

- d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above
3. Which emotion did Jesus Christ never have?
- a. Self-pity
 - b. Anger
 - c. Sorrow
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above

GOD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Before He came to Earth as a mortal man, the one who became Jesus Christ was a glorious God Being. He lived for eternity with the God Being who became the Father.

Fill in the blanks using John 1:1-5 to read about Christ's preexistence: "In the beginning was the _____, and the _____ was with _____, and the _____ was _____. The same was in the beginning with _____. All things were _____ by him; and without him was not any thing _____ that was _____. In him was _____; and the _____ was the light of men. And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

Continue filling in the blanks from verses 10-14: "He [Christ] was in the world, and the _____ was _____ by _____, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the _____ of _____, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born [begotten], not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the _____ was made _____, and dwelt among _____, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Before the Earth, before the stars and before time itself, all that existed were two magnificent, glorious, powerful God Beings, their eyes like flames of fire, their voices like thundering waterfalls. They were together, and they shined like enormous, blindingly brilliant suns!

These God Beings were intimately related to each other, like being in the same family—much like you are part of the _____ family (write your last name). One of these Beings was called God; the other was called the Word. The Word is together with God, and the Word is God.

The Word came to Earth as a human and became Jesus Christ. When He was begotten of God, by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35), in the womb of His mother, Mary, He became the *Son of God*. God then became *God the Father*.

Word means "Spokesman." Jesus Christ was the God Being who spoke on behalf of the God Being who would become God the Father. The *Word*, or Spokesman, was the God Being through whom God created all things. God told the Word what to create. Then the Word spoke and brought the creation into existence through the power of the Holy Spirit (which is the power of God).

He is the one who spoke to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He is the one who spoke to Noah, Abraham and all the patriarchs. He is the one who is usually referred to in the Old Testament as the LORD, meaning the *Eternal*.

Fill in the blanks using 1 Corinthians 10:1-4: "Moreover, brethren, I [Paul] would not that you should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea [Red Sea]; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that _____ them: and that _____ was _____."

The Word was the God Being who led Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt. He was the LORD who gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai!

As the LORD of the Old Testament, Christ had many names that identified His characteristics. One of these names is given in the Hebrew in Exodus 15:26 as *Yahweh-Rapha*, meaning "God who heals you." Another is given in the Hebrew translation of Exodus 31:13 as *Yahweh-Mekaddishkem*, meaning "LORD who sets you apart."

1 Samuel 1:3 refers to Christ as the LORD of hosts. This title refers to the hosts, or armies, of angels that Jesus Christ commands on His Father's behalf.

Another title held by Christ in the Old Testament is that of High Priest. Genesis 14:18 tells us about a priest of the most high God, Melchizedek.

Read Hebrews 7:1-3 to learn who Melchizedek really was! "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, _____ of the _____ _____, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth



This tomb just outside the Old City of Jerusalem is likely where Christ was buried and resurrected.

part of all; first being by interpretation _____ of _____, and after that also _____ of _____, which is, _____ of _____; Without [physical] father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the _____ of _____; abides a _____.

Jesus Christ was the High Priest Melchizedek in the Old Testament. Under the direction of the most high God, He was the Spokesman, the Creator, the Healer, the LORD who sanctifies, the LORD of hosts!

JESUS CHRIST TODAY!

Now that you've learned the Bible's description of Christ as a human, it's time to see what Christ looks like today!

Fill in the blanks below using Revelation 1:13-16: "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the _____ of _____, clothed with a garment down to the _____, and girt about the paps [chest] with a golden girdle [belt]. His _____ and his _____ were _____ like _____, as _____ as _____; and his _____ were as a _____ of _____; And his _____ like unto fine _____, as if they burned in a furnace; and his _____ as the sound of many _____. And he had in his right _____ seven stars: and out of his _____ went a sharp twoedged sword: and his _____ [face] was as the _____ shines in his strength."

After Christ was resurrected from the dead, He regained the power and glory He had before He

became a human. Like God the Father, the glorified Jesus Christ still has the same form and shape as a man. He still has hair, hands, feet, a face—but His form is not composed of flesh and bones. It is composed of spirit!

To learn more about what being spirit is like, fill in the blanks using John 3:8: "The _____ where it lists [chooses], and you hear the _____ thereof, but can not tell from where it comes, and where it goes: so is every one that is _____ of the _____."

Christ compared being a spirit to being composed of wind. You cannot see the wind, but you can see its power. Likewise, spirit beings can choose to be invisible, but we can see what they do!

The Apostle Paul also tells us that spirit is immortal; it cannot die or cease to exist.

Fill in the blanks from 1 Corinthians 15:51-54: "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the _____ shall be _____, and we shall be changed. For this _____ must put on _____, and this mortal must put on _____. So when this _____ shall have put on _____, and this _____ shall have put on _____, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, _____ is swallowed up in _____."

Like God the Father, the glorified Jesus Christ is an immortal spirit being who lives forever. Human beings who accept God's way of life and are baptized will also one day be transformed into spirit beings in the God Family. They will live forever!

As the first human to ever be transformed into a spirit being, Jesus Christ became the first of God's firstfruits (verse 20). In His glorified form, He now sits at the right hand of God the Father as our Advocate and High Priest (1 John 2:1; Hebrews 9:11).

Fill in the blanks using 1 John 2:1-2: "My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not. And if any man _____, we have an _____ with the _____, _____ the righteous: And he is the _____ [atoning sacrifice] for



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our _____: and not for ours only, but also for the _____ of the _____.”

Jesus Christ came to Earth as a human to deliver the good news of the coming Kingdom of God and to shed His own blood to pay the penalty for our past sins. Now, He sits at the right hand of the Father, helping His people overcome their sins and pleading their case when they repent of their mistakes. As the Head of His Church, Christ provides for both the physical and spiritual needs of His people!

Now you have had a glimpse into the life and message of the REAL Jesus Christ. The *Imperial Academy Bible Lessons* this year will look closer at the wonderful example Christ set for us. They will tell you more about why Christ had to come to Earth as a human and what message He brought!

MEMORY TEST

Circle the letter next to the correct answer.

1. The Word became the Son of God when:
 - a. He did what God told Him and created the Earth.
 - b. He was begotten by the power of God in the womb of a human mother.
 - c. He was resurrected from the dead.
2. What are some of the other names of the God Being who became Jesus Christ?
 - a. Word or Spokesman
 - b. Melchizedek
 - c. Lord of hosts
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above
3. What is Jesus Christ like today?
 - a. Brighter than the sun
 - b. Having hair as white as snow
 - c. Having a voice like many waters
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above

BIBLE MEMORY 12 Disciples of Christ

Simon Peter

Andrew

James Zebedee

John Zebedee

Phillip

Bartholomew

Thomas

Matthew

James Alphaeus

Thaddaeus

Simon the Cananean

Judas Iscariot

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Who Was Jesus Christ?

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