

# "One Lord Jesus Christ: Our Divine Savior"

## Weekly Devotional Journey

### Monday - The God Who Saves

#### Morning Devotion

**Today's Verse**  
Matthew 1:20-21

#### Devotional Thought

The name Jesus carries profound meaning - 'YHWH saves.' When the angel instructed Joseph to name Mary's child Jesus, it wasn't arbitrary. This name declares that in this human child, the God of Israel has come to save His people from their sins. Just as God revealed Himself to Moses as 'I AM WHO I AM,' Jesus later declared, 'before Abraham was born, I am!' The early church faced tremendous pressure to compromise this truth, with many facing martyrdom rather than worship other gods. Today, we may not face physical persecution, but cultural pressures still challenge our declaration that Jesus is the one true God who saves.

#### Reflection Question

How does knowing that Jesus' name means 'YHWH saves' change your understanding of His identity and mission?

#### From Sunday's Sermon

"Jesus is therefore the perfect name for this human child in whom the God of Israel has come to save his people from their sins."

## Today's Application

When you pray today, begin by acknowledging Jesus as 'the God who saves.' Reflect on areas of your life where you need His saving power - not just from eternal judgment, but from daily struggles, fears, and brokenness.

### Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You that Your very name declares Your divine nature and saving mission. Help me to never take for granted that You are YHWH who saves. In times of struggle and uncertainty, remind me that You are the great I AM, present with me always. Amen.

## Evening Devotion

### Standing Firm in Truth

#### Evening Reflection

The early Christians faced a choice: conform to cultural expectations or stand firm in their belief in one God. Many chose martyrdom over compromise. While our challenges may differ, we still face pressure to dilute our faith or treat Jesus as merely one option among many. The courage of those early believers reminds us that some truths are worth standing for, regardless of the cost.

### Evening Reflection

What cultural pressures do you face today that challenge your commitment to Jesus as the one true God?

### Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, give me the courage of the early Christians to stand firm in my faith. When faced with pressure to compromise, help me remember that Jesus alone is Lord and worthy of my complete devotion. Amen.

## Tuesday - The Christ - Our Anointed King

### Morning Devotion

**Today's Verse**  
Matthew 16:15-17

#### Devotional Thought

When Jesus asked His disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' Peter's response was revolutionary: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' This wasn't mere human insight - it was divine revelation. The title 'Christ' means 'anointed one,' referring to the long-promised Messiah who would reign with righteousness. The early church had to defend against teachings that separated 'Jesus' the man from 'the Christ' the divine. But the Nicene Creed declares them as 'one' - indivisible. Jesus Christ is not two separate beings but one person who is both fully human and fully divine, the Word who became flesh.

#### Reflection Question

How does Peter's revelation that Jesus is 'the Christ, the Son of the living God' speak to your own understanding of who Jesus is?

#### From Sunday's Sermon

"The creed therefore declares that Jesus Christ is 'one' and indivisible, he is the Word who has become a man."

#### Today's Application

Today, when you face decisions or challenges, remember that Jesus is not just a good teacher or moral example - He is the Christ, your anointed King. Ask yourself: 'How does acknowledging Jesus as my King change how I approach this situation?'

**Morning Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, I acknowledge You as my anointed King. Thank You that You are not divided but are one - fully God and fully man. Help me to live under Your righteous reign today, submitting every area of my life to Your lordship. Amen.

## Evening Devotion

### One and Indivisible

**Evening Reflection**

The word 'one' in 'one Lord Jesus Christ' was carefully chosen by the Council of Nicea. It stands against any teaching that would divide Jesus into separate parts or make Him less than fully divine. Jesus is one person with two natures - human and divine - perfectly united. This unity means that when we encounter Jesus, we encounter the fullness of God in human form.

**Evening Reflection**

Why is it important that Jesus Christ is 'one and indivisible' rather than two separate beings?

**Evening Prayer**

Jesus, thank You for being one Lord - not divided or diminished, but complete in Your divine and human natures. Help me to worship You as the one true Christ, undivided and whole. Amen.

## Wednesday - The Word Made Flesh

### Morning Devotion

**Today's Verse**  
John 1:1-2, 14

#### Devotional Thought

John's Gospel opens with the magnificent declaration that Jesus is 'the Word' - not just a messenger from God, but the very message itself. This Word was with God from eternity and was God. Through Him, all things were made. But then comes the stunning truth: 'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.' What is in a word? It communicates our thoughts, desires, and character. Jesus as the Word is God's complete communication to us - His thoughts, desires, and character made visible. When God wanted to speak His final word to humanity, He didn't send another prophet; He came Himself in the person of Jesus.

#### Reflection Question

What does it mean to you that Jesus is not just God's messenger, but God's message itself?

#### From Sunday's Sermon

"What is in a word? It is how we can communicate our thoughts, desires, intentions and express our character, but John is identifying Jesus as not just a messenger from God, but the very message itself."

#### Today's Application

Listen carefully to Jesus' words in the Gospels today. Remember that when Jesus speaks, it is God communicating directly to you. Choose one saying of Jesus and meditate on it throughout the day, asking how God is speaking to you through His Word made flesh.

**Morning Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for being God's Word made flesh. Help me to hear Your voice clearly and respond obediently. May Your words dwell richly in my heart and transform my life. Amen.

## Evening Devotion

**God's Final Word****Evening Reflection**

Hebrews tells us that while God spoke through prophets in the past, in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son. Jesus is God's final, complete word to humanity. There's nothing more that needs to be said - everything God wants to communicate about His love, His character, and His plan for salvation is fully revealed in Jesus Christ.

**Evening Reflection**

How does understanding Jesus as God's 'final word' affect your approach to reading Scripture and prayer?

**Evening Prayer**

Father, thank You for speaking to me through Your Son. Help me to treasure Jesus as Your complete revelation and to find in Him all I need to know about Your love and truth. Amen.

## Thursday - God from God - Divine Origin

### Morning Devotion

**Today's Verse**  
John 16:27-28

#### Devotional Thought

The phrase 'God from God' establishes three crucial truths about Jesus: His nature is identical to the Father's, His origin is in the Father, and He is distinct from the Father as His own person. This wasn't abstract theology to the early church - it was the foundation of their hope. Against Arius's teaching that Jesus was a lesser, created being, the creed declares that the Son's nature is identical to the Father's - fully and truly God. Jesus Himself said, 'I came from the Father and entered the world.' This divine origin means that when we look at Jesus, we see exactly what God is like. His compassion is God's compassion; His love is God's love; His sacrifice reveals God's heart.

#### Reflection Question

How does knowing that Jesus has the same divine nature as the Father strengthen your faith?

#### From Sunday's Sermon

"The nature of the Son is identical to that of God the Father in that he is fully and truly God and it specifically excludes the possibility that he is a 'lesser or created being'."

#### Today's Application

When you struggle to understand what God is like or wonder about His character, look to Jesus. Study His interactions with people in the Gospels, knowing that you are seeing the exact representation of God's nature and heart.

**Morning Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You that in Jesus I see Your exact nature. Help me to trust that Your heart toward me is exactly like Jesus' heart - full of love, compassion, and grace. Amen.

## Evening Devotion

**Life in Himself****Evening Reflection**

Jesus said the Father has granted the Son 'to have life in himself.' This speaks to the mystery of the Trinity - the Son is distinct from the Father yet shares the same divine life and nature. This isn't a contradiction but a beautiful truth: God exists in perfect community, and we are invited into that divine fellowship through Jesus.

**Evening Reflection**

What does it mean that the Son has 'life in himself,' and how does this impact your relationship with Him?

**Evening Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You that You have life in Yourself and that through You, I can share in the divine life. Draw me deeper into fellowship with You and the Father. Amen.



## Friday - Light from Light - Perfect Revelation

### Morning Devotion

**Today's Verse**  
Hebrews 1:3

#### Devotional Thought

Light is often used to describe God's nature - pure, illuminating, dispelling darkness. When the creed declares Jesus as 'Light from Light,' it means He is the complete revelation of the Father, sharing exactly the same nature. Just as light from the sun is indistinguishable from the sun itself, Jesus' nature is indistinguishable from the Father's. Hebrews tells us Jesus is 'the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being.' When Philip asked to see the Father, Jesus replied, 'Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.' This isn't metaphorical - it's literal truth. In Jesus' compassion, sacrifice, and love, we see the very character of God the Father perfectly displayed.

#### Reflection Question

How does seeing Jesus as 'Light from Light' help you understand both His nature and the Father's character?

#### From Sunday's Sermon

"The light of God's glory is shared by the Son, they are of the same in nature and indistinguishable from each other. God from God, Light from Light."

#### Today's Application

When darkness seems to overwhelm your circumstances, remember that Jesus is the Light of the world who shares God's perfect nature. Let His light illuminate your path and dispel fear, doubt, or confusion you may be facing.

**Morning Prayer**

Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the world and the exact radiance of God's glory. Shine Your light into every dark corner of my life. Help me to reflect Your light to others who are walking in darkness. Amen.

## Evening Devotion

### Our Anchored Hope

**Evening Reflection**

Because Jesus is 'true God from true God,' our hope of salvation is secure. His death was sufficient atonement for sin because He is truly divine. His resurrection is real victory over death because He has divine power. Our faith isn't built on the teachings of a mere man, but on the solid foundation that Jesus is Emmanuel - God with us. This truth anchors our hope in storms and gives us confidence in eternity.

**Evening Reflection**

How does the truth that Jesus is 'true God from true God' anchor your hope for salvation and eternal life?

**Evening Prayer**

Emmanuel, God with us, thank You that my salvation rests not on human effort but on Your divine nature and finished work. Let this truth be my anchor in every storm and my confidence for eternity. Amen.