

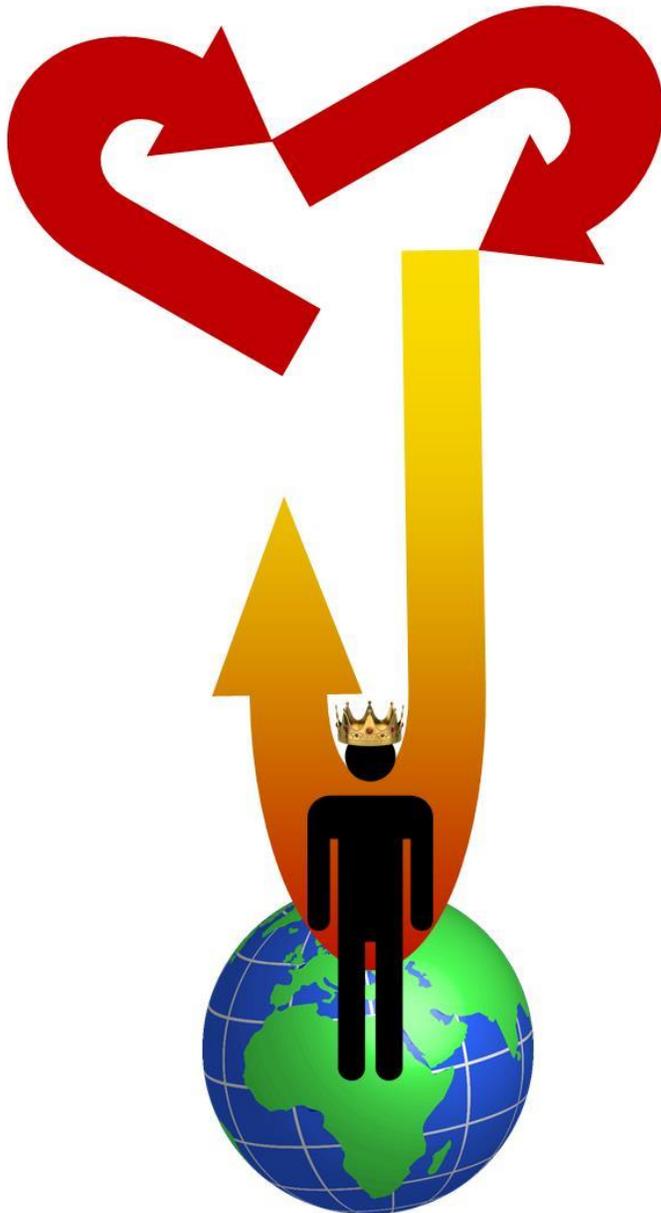
PICTURE THIS!

The Big Picture of Our Faith in Pictures!

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Week #2 - Jesus!

Picture It!



Caption It!

Jesus Christ is God the Son who became fully human to draw near humanity as a humble King and save what sin had ruined.

Save It!

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14*

Picture it!

1. Jesus is God!
 - a. The large arrow is in the shape of a 'J' to represent Jesus!
 - b. The Jesus arrow flows out of the cluster of arrows which represents the Trinity because Jesus is God the Son! He is God! (Titus 2:13).
 - c. The Jesus arrow is gold at the top to remind us of God's glory. Jesus is the most beautiful expression of the beauty and glory of God! (Hebrews 1:3).

2. Jesus is Human!
 - a. The Jesus arrow extends downward to remind us that Jesus came down to earth as a human being (1 Timothy 2:5).
 - b. The Jesus arrow is red at the bottom because when Jesus came to earth He took on flesh and blood (John 1:14).
 - c. The blended colors (gold and red) of the Jesus arrow remind us that when Jesus came to earth, He took on this dual nature for all eternity.

3. Jesus is the Word of God!
 - a. Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1). This means He is the perfect expression of who God is. He came to earth to make God known. Everything that Jesus said and did was a perfect example of what God is like (John 14:9). This is why Jesus is the most beautiful expression of the glory of God.
 - b. The Jesus arrow is a curved arrow to remind us what God is like. He is a God of selfless, sacrificial love. The persons of the trinity do not demand that they be the center of things. Rather they 'revolve' around one another in selfless love. Jesus came to earth as an expression of God's selfless love for humanity (Matthew 11:29).

4. Jesus is the Lamb of God!
 - a. The Jesus arrow is red at the bottom to remind us of the blood of Jesus. He was sacrificed like a lamb for the sins of the world (John 1:29).

5. Jesus is King!

- a. The Jesus arrow hooks upward to remind us that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to the highest place. His resurrection proved that He ruled over sin and death. He has ascended to the right hand of the Father (Ephesians 4:10) and He is the King of God's Kingdom! (Revelation 19:16). He is to have the highest place in all the universe! (Colossians 1:18). This is why Jesus is called the LORD JESUS CHRIST!
 - i. LORD means 'master' or 'ruler!'
 - ii. JESUS means 'Yahweh saves!'
 - iii. CHRIST means 'anointed King!'

6. Jesus is Rabbi!

- a. The Jesus arrow also hooks upward to remind us that Jesus came to win disciples who would follow Him into God's way of life! (Matthew 28:19). Those who are saved through faith in Jesus are called to live by God's family values! (Matthew 5:48).
- b. Jesus is a great teacher of God's way of life, and we are to be His disciples, or students, becoming like Jesus through obedience and transformation (John 14:15; Ephesians 4:15).

Panorama!

God was not surprised by the sin of humanity. He always knew that God the Son would one day become human and visit our world to rescue all who would follow Him in faith. In this way God's glory has been put on display: His greatness in His ruling over human sin and failure, His goodness in upholding perfect justice, and His grace in His coming to giving His life to rescue people from their sins.

Selfie!

The life of Jesus, the God/man shows me all that I was meant to be as a human being made in the image of God to reflect His glory. In my sin I have fallen short of God's glory, but Jesus is also the way that I can be rescued from my sin and restored into the

image of God, as I trust in Christ for salvation and follow Him in obedience. It is my privilege to tell others the Good News about Jesus!

Instagram!

Many people respect Jesus as a good man and a great teacher. We can show people that Jesus was great because He was God in the flesh and His life was meant to be a model of what life as a human being should look like. It is in God's nature to sacrificially give Himself for others, just as Jesus did when He came to earth to die for sinners. This is how we can be reunited with God, even though we have failed to live like Jesus.

Key Story!

Jesus Calms the Storm – Matthew 8:23-27

- Jesus is Rabbi: The disciples followed Him into the boat where Jesus would taught them about faith!
- Jesus is human: He slept in the boat!
- Jesus is God and King: He commanded the storm to stop and it obeyed!
- Jesus is the Lamb of God: He rescued the disciples from death!
- Jesus is the Word of God: He showed the disciples the power and wisdom of God!

Key Questions!

1. What does the 'J' in this week's picture represent? What do the colours of the 'J' represent?
2. Why does the arrow of the 'J' hook upwards? Can you remember the reasons?
3. Describe some of the ways that Jesus put the glory of God on display during his years on earth.
4. How confident can we be that Jesus is God? How would you prove that from the Bible?
5. If Jesus shows us what God is like, what are some of the surprising attributes of God that are seen in the stories of Jesus in the Bible?
6. Think about the fact that Jesus didn't just become a human for his 33 years of life on earth. He chose to become human for all eternity! (see Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:5). What can we learn from this?
7. Think about the fact that when He came to earth, Jesus was 100% God. What are some of the shocking things that happened to Jesus in light of the fact that He was God?
8. Think about the fact that Jesus' life on earth was a model of what perfect human life should look like. Describe a few areas of your life where you most need to be more like Jesus.
9. The Bible describes two ways that we become like Jesus. One is through being His disciples, the other is through salvation. Are these two things separate from each other? How do they work together to change us?