WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

Lesson #1 – Jesus is our Savior
Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-8

Introduction:
1. Jesus asked, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, Am?” – Mt 16:13
2. Jesus came to seek and save the lost – Lk 19:10
3. What does the mission of Christ teach us about His nature?
4. When we look at the mission of Christ, we can see...

I. THE ACTIONS OF THE SAVIOR
   A. HE BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US – Jn 1:14
      1. This was a fulfillment of prophecy
         a. Born of a virgin – Is 7:14
         b. Born in Bethlehem – Mic 5:2, Mt 2:3-6
         c. Out of Egypt I have called My Son – Hosea 11:1
         d. He would be known as a Nazarene – Mt 2:23, Jn 1:46
      2. This teaches us of His humility – Ph 2:5-8
         a. He was in the beginning with God – Jn 1:1-3, 17:5
         b. He left His place and became one of us - 2Co 8:9

   B. HE ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUMBLE
      1. The sick that He would heal were considered outcast because of their disease
         a. Jesus was moved with compassion – Mt 9:35-36
         b. Jesus was compassionate when others looked for fault – Mk 3:1-6
      2. Jesus associated with sinners and tax collectors – Mt 9:9-13

   C. HE WAS OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH ON THE CROSS
      1. He came to do the will of the Father – Jn 6:38
      2. He was mocked, beaten, and put to death for us – Jn 19:1-4

---When one considers all that Jesus has done for us, the question naturally arises, “Why?”---

II. THE MOTIVATION OF THE SAVIOR
   A. WE WERE LOST IN SIN
         a. E.g. Man cast out of the Garden of Eden
         b. E.g. Sin caused the nations to be cast out before Israel – De 9:4-6; Ref. Pr 14:34
      2. Man today is enslaved by sin – Jn 8:34, Ro 6:16

   B. WE COULD NOT SAVE OURSELVES
      1. Under the Old Law bulls and goats could not take away sin – He 10:4
      2. We could not offer anything before God He does not already own – Ps 50:10
      3. Today, our righteousness is not enough – Is 64:6, Mt 7:21-23

   C. HE DESIRED FOR US TO BE WITH HIM
      1. Jesus is coming again that where He is we may be also – Jn 14:1-4, 1Th 4:13-18
      2. The joy set before Him – He 12:2
         a. That He endured the cross, despising the shame, and He is now at the right hand of God
         b. He is the author and finisher of our faith and we can be with Him!
Conclusion:
1. Jesus said, “It is finished” – Jn 19:30
   a. The effects of His work continues even until now
   b. All things are done and ready for salvation to be ours
2. One only has to obey the gospel through faith, repentance, confession, baptism, and faithfulness.