

READING

We believe that regular Bible reading is the most important step we can take to grow spiritually. If you need a tool to help you be consistent, check out the options at the Resource table in the foyer.

PRAYING

This information is intended to help you pray for specific needs in our congregation and the world. Updates to prayer requests for individuals will be added as information is provided.

- You should pray Scripture because: it keeps your prayers fresh and specific.
- You should pray Scripture because it keeps your prayers in scriptural proportion.
- You should pray Scripture because it helps you understand Scripture better.
(Last 3 of 12 reasons to pray scripture from an article published at <http://themelios.thegospelcoalition.org/article/12-reasons-you-should-pray-scripture>.)

For Our Mission

Worship God, Serve others, Grow together.

- *Pray that God will challenge Summerside leaders in ways that grow these core values in their lives.*
- *Thank God for the rich gifting that enables them to lead as shepherds.*

For Our World

It seems evident that civility is declining in our culture. Without respect for personal value and dignity, reasoned debate gives way to name-calling (you are “phobic”) and shouting over the voice of others. Governments cannot impose good manners or compassion, but the simple and eternal gospel can change hearts with amazing results.

Pray for the vital and effective sharing of life through every Christ follower to the glory of God.

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues: David Wilson, Pat Dermenjian; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber’s wife); Will Truppe; Michele Nielsen; Harvey Gabriel

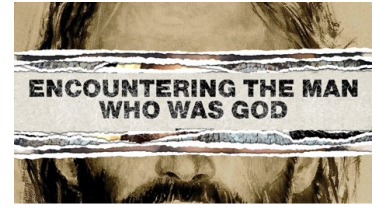
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

April 2, 2017

Speaker: Dr. Deven K. MacDonald



HEARING:

The Man Who Was God Pt. 1

This is a central and explicit claim of the Bible:
Jesus Christ was God in the flesh

HISTORY: *In 325AD – NICENE Creed “And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father [the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the Father, God of God,] Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;”
*In 451AD – in Chalcedon

TRINITY: Jesus is fully God

1. Jesus always existed (eternity past)
 2. Redemption/Salvation is an act of the Tri-Une God:
 - i. Father plans redemption
 - ii. Son secures it – through cross
 - iii. Spirit applies it – through regeneration
- ★ No other religious founder ever claimed to be God.

Looking at Matthew:

1. The Old Testament and Angels Predicted it:

- 📖 Matthew 1:23
- 📖 Isaiah 7:14
- 📖 Malachi 3:1

2. Demons knew it:

- 📖 Matthew 8:28-34

3. God affirms it:

- 📖 Matthew 3:13-17 - Baptism "This is my Son"
- 📖 Matthew 17:1-13 - Transfiguration "This is my Son"

4. Jesus Claims it:

- 📖 John 5:18 He "called God his Father, making himself equal with God."
- 📖 Matthew 12:1-14 Claims to be "Lord of the Sabbath"
- 📖 Matthew 11:25-27 "The Son reveals the Father, the and you cannot know the Father apart from the Son!"
- 📖 Matthew 22:41-45 Jesus claims to be David's Lord!
- 📖 John 8:58 "Before Abraham was, I am?!"

5. Jesus proves it:

Just read Matthew! He does what only God can do

- 📖 Matthew 5-7:27 - "you have heard it said ... but I say to you ..."
- 📖 Matthew 9:1-8 - Jesus forgives sin

6. Paul states it:

Paul – once hated Jesus. He met Jesus the Son of God – he is changed.

- a) **Applies:** Old Testament passages about Yahweh to Jesus (Rom 10:13 cf. Joel 2:32; 1 Cor 1:31 cf. Jer 9:24; 1 Cor 2:16 cf. Isa 40:13; 1 Cor 10:26 cf. Ps 24:1; 2 Cor 10:17 cf. Jer 9:24)
- b) **Invites Christians to pray to Jesus:** 1 Corinthians 1:2; Romans 10:13
- c) **Paul shares Hymns to Jesus:** Philippians 2 – Colossians 1:15-20

Matthew 16:13-20 - Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

What is your answer?

DEEPENING

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APPLYING

It's one thing to hear God's Word, it's another to apply it! Answering the questions on your own before your group meets will help you be fully engaged in the

Community Group Questions

1. Why is it so important that Jesus is God? Why isn't a good teacher or enlightened philosopher enough?
2. Pastor Deven provided a number of Bible references in the sermon notes. Take some time to look at each evidence in Matthew (the 6 sermon points) and look up the verses listed. Talk through how this demonstrates Jesus' deity. This will take some time.
3. As a group read again Col 1:15-20. Use this as a basis and pray together through this passage. If it states something about Jesus, explore it in your prayer, thank him for it, praise him for it, and just engage the text.

REMEMBERING

Memorizing is one of the best ways of making truth stick. You can memorize something if you repeat it enough times. Try reading the verse 5 times a day until it sticks! Choose a part of it for your kids if needed.

"The Son is the image of the invisible God,..."

Colossians 1:15a^(NIV)