

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for September 12, 2021:
Chapter 25: Jesus, The Son of God



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Jesus can be viewed in different ways. Name some of the most popular ways people think about who Jesus is. Has your view changed since adolescence?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

30 Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

51 Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death."

52 At this they exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

54 Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. 55 Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

57 "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

58 "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

John 8:30-32, 51-59

1. To glorify something means to enlarge it, to make it have more weight. What does Jesus mean when he says, "My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me." (verse 54)?
2. Jesus claimed, "Before Abraham was born, I am!" What was Jesus claiming and why did this upset the people so much that they wanted to kill him?
3. Read Mark 8:31-33. In an encounter with Peter, Jesus gave the Son of Man's job description. What things did Jesus say he would do and how did Peter respond? Why do you think Peter responded as he did?
4. Jesus' response to Peter was very strong! What had Peter done wrong and how was Jesus' response to Peter?

response an act of love?

5. Jesus told his followers they would do four things as they walked with him day by day: 1. deny themselves 2. take up their cross 3. follow him 4. be willing to lay down their lives for him and the gospel. What does it look like, in an ordinary day of your life, for you to seek to do these things?
6. Read Matthew 17:5. God declared who Jesus is and what we are called to do in response. In what ways can we live out this calling on a daily basis?
7. Human kings in the Bible (and powerful leaders in our world today) were exalted and received special honor. When Jesus walked on this earth he acted very differently. What contrasts do you see between how Jesus lived and how other kings live and behave?
8. When Jesus called himself the “light of the world,” he assured his disciples that they would no longer walk in the dark if they followed him. How have you discovered the light of Jesus since you became a Christian and how does his presence keep you from living in the darkness?
9. Read John 11. Lazarus was sick, so his sisters sent word to Jesus. In this encounter Jesus declared that he was “the resurrection and life.” What is Jesus claiming about himself and why does it matter today?
10. How does this truth of Jesus’ identity clarify your life purpose and direction?

- **SERVE** *others*

How can you bring glory to Jesus in your family this week? Pray for people in your community, nation, and world to get a clear picture of who Jesus really is through your life.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**