

The Emmanuel Factor

my impressions



LESSON 5

THE EMMANUEL FACTOR

Choose from the following phrases those which best describe your impression of each of the statements below.

- A. Amazing B. It sounds important C. It fits like a puzzle piece!
D. It is revealing evidence E. It gives me hope!
F. It makes me thankful! G. It is shocking
H. It strengthens my faith I. I'm convinced! J. Other _____

1. One third of the world's population claims to be Christian. Yet they are divided into 38,000 denominations whose teachings contradict one another. It is important, then, for us to look directly at what Jesus actually taught. (Matthew 7:21-27; 1 John 4:1; Matthew 24:24; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; John 5:39¹³; 2 Timothy 3:16¹⁴; Luke 24:25-27¹⁷)
2. Five times in the book of John Jesus refers to Himself as the Son of God. If He was not the Son of God, then He was a liar and not a good man, for lying is not the practice of a good man. But if Jesus taught the truth, then He really was the Son of God! (John 3:18; 5:25; 9:35-37⁵; 5:36¹²-38; 11:4)
3. Jesus said, "the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me." Jesus' enemies tried to attribute His works to the power of the devil, but even they had to acknowledge, "this man doeth many miracles." (John 5:36; John 11:47)
4. When Jesus commanded "Search the scriptures", He made it clear that He believed in and promoted the Old Testament. He even gave several Bible studies directly from the Old Testament. (John 5:39¹³; Luke 24:27¹⁸; 44-46)
5. The Old Testament prophecies about Jesus' life gave a great deal of detail! As a result, Peter wrote, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy" [that is, an even more sure line of evidence] "whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." (Micah 5:2; Daniel 9:25; Deuteronomy 18:15; Isaiah 61:1-3; Psalm 22:1, 7, 8, 14-18; 69:20, 21; Isaiah 53:3-12; 2 Peter 1:19)
6. The Bible says of sin, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." And it says of eternal life, "He that hath the Son hath life." If Jesus really was the Son of God, then these offers to those who accept Him are genuinely valid! (John 8:36; 1 John 5:12)

Choices: I'm convinced Jesus was God with us and I accept Him. _____

1. **John 5:5, 6** And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
2. **John 5:7, 8** The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
3. **Exodus 20:8, 10** Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. . . . in it thou shalt not do any work . . .
4. **John 5:17, 18** But Jesus answered them, My _____ worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.
5. **John 9:35-37 NKJ** "... Do you believe in the _____ of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."
6. **John 3:2** ... Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
7. **Luke 1:35** ... [He] which shall be born of thee shall be called the _____ of God.
8. **John 1:34** ... this is the son of God.
9. **Mark 15:39** ... Truly this man was the Son of God.
10. **Luke 4:41** Thou art Christ the Son of God.
11. **John 5:17** ... My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.
12. **John 5:36** But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the _____ hath sent me.

What were Jesus' works? He walked on water (Matthew 14:25). He fed 5,000 people plus with one boy's lunch (John 6:5-14). He cured people of incurable diseases and ailments (Mark 1:42; John 9:2-32). He read peoples' thoughts (Matthew 9:3, 4; 12:25). He predicted the impossible (Mark 8:31; John 2:19, 21). And He raised the dead to life (Luke 7:11-17; John 11:43, 44).

13. **John 5:39** Search the _____; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify [talk of or prophesy] of me.

Jesus made it clear that He believed in and promoted the Old Testament (Matthew 21:42; 22:29; 26:54, 56; Luke 4:21; 24:27, 32, 45; John 2:22; 7:38; 10:35-38).

14. **2 Timothy 3:16** _____ scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
15. **2 Timothy 3:17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Like Jesus, Peter, James, & Paul all taught that the Old Testament is valid and relevant for our lives today (Acts 1:16; 1Peter 2:6; James 2:8; 2:32; Acts 18:28; 1Corinthians 15:4; Galatians 3:8; 2Timothy 3:15-17).

16. **Luke 24:21** But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: ...
17. **Luke 24:25-27** Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the _____ have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
18. **Luke 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the _____ the things concerning himself.
19. **Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy _____ and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
20. **Genesis 12:7** And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.
21. **Galatians 3:16** Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is _____.
22. **Deuteronomy 18:15** The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a _____ from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Rule of Prophecy: The more details you insert into a prediction, the less likely it is to be fulfilled. Let's look at three of them.

Micah 5:2 predicts that the "One" who is going to inherit Israel, would be born in Bethlehem.

Daniel 9:25 predicted the very year the Messiah, the anointed one, would come.

Isaiah 7:14 predicts a virgin would conceive, bear a son, and call his name Immanuel.

Luke 2:4, 5, 7 tells us that Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

Luke 3:21-23 says that Jesus was anointed (baptized) right on time in A.D. 27.

Matthew 1:23 tells us Mary was indeed a virgin when Jesus was born and that he was called Emmanuel.

23. **Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
24. **Matthew 1:23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, _____ with us.

Prophecy was fulfilled. Jesus was to be a prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15; Luke 24:19). He was to be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). He was to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:4, 5, 7). He was to be anointed in A.D. 27 (Daniel 9:25; Luke 3:21). He would be Emmanuel which interpreted is, God with us (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23).

25. **Exodus 3:14** And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, _____ hath sent me unto you.
26. **Luke 4:3** And the devil said unto him, If thou be the _____ of God, command this stone that it be made bread.
27. **Luke 4:4** And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every _____ of God.
28. **Matthew 3:17** And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved _____, in whom I am well pleased.
29. **John 8:59** Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

The assertion that Jesus was God was rejected by those who had the prophecies (John 10:31-33; Luke 4:18-22; 28-30; John 10:17-21; Matthew 26:63-66; John 19:7). But even their rejection was prophesied in Isaiah 53:3.



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