



## Gutenberg College

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#### Notes for Talk 6: What Is the Intended Role of Jesus in God's Story?

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#### **A. Jesus is the centerpiece of the unfolding story of created reality.**

1. Jesus is the protagonist of God's created narrative.

a. *Jesus is the one to whom everything that is created to bring glory. (He is "the leading man.")*

[Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:3, I Corinthians 8:6, etc.]

2. Jesus is the iconization of the transcendent God.

a. *Jesus is the unique "image of the invisible God" (the "iconization" of God).*

[Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:2, John 1:18, etc.]

b. *God determined from the very beginning that he would create a narrative where he himself entered into that narrative and played a permanent and enduring role as a character within that narrative. Jesus is the permanent character within the narrative of created reality that represents the transcendent God himself. Jesus just is the human being who IS God himself.*

i. Who better to serve as the centerpiece of created reality than the creator himself in the form of a creature?

3. Jesus is absolutely unique in the story of humanity (the centerpiece of the story of created reality).

a. *Jesus is the only son of Adam to have ever lived a perfectly righteous and godly life during his tenure here under the sun.*

i. Jesus was a "son of Adam"; he was created in the likeness of sinful humanity.

ii. Being the iconization of God, he could be nothing other than perfectly godly.

4. Jesus is absolutely unique as the first to attain to the final chapter in the story of humanity (the centerpiece of the story of created reality).

a. *Jesus, at his resurrection, became the first of an entirely new human race. He became a "second Adam"—indeed, the "last Adam."*

i. Jesus is the first human being who has been granted unending, incorruptible life—an existence no longer subject to destruction.

[1 Corinthians 15:45; Romans 8:29]



**B. Jesus is the centerpiece of a central theme of the unfolding story of created reality: he is the centerpiece of God's interactions with his chosen people, the Jews.**

1. Jesus is God's ultimate prophet and teacher sent to his people, the Jews.
2. Jesus is the *soter*, the conquering hero who will defeat all the enemies of God and pave the way for God's kingdom to be established in Israel.
3. Jesus is the man whose destiny was to be the king over the kingdom of God in Israel in this present age.
  - a. *Jesus WAS and WILL BE the king over his chosen people, the Jews, in the kingdom of God in Israel.*
    - i. Jesus WAS and WILL BE the promised messiah (Christ, Anointed One), Son of God, Son of Man, Son, Son of David, Coming One, Firstborn, Righteous One, Lord, God, and Soter.
4. Jesus is the ultimate high priest appointed by God for God's people, the Jews, to secure for them divine mercy rather than destruction because of their sin and unrighteousness.
  - a. *Jesus is the ultimate advocate for God's people, the Jews, to secure for them divine mercy rather than destruction because of their sin and unrighteousness.*
  - b. *Jesus is the ultimate propitiatory offering that will serve as the basis for his own advocacy and intercession on behalf of God's people, the Jews, to secure them divine mercy.*

**C. Jesus is the centerpiece of THE central theme of the unfolding story of created reality: he is the centerpiece of the story of God's merciful salvation of mankind.**

1. Jesus is the ultimate prophet and teacher sent into the world to reveal the way to Life.
  - a. *Jesus is the "Light of the world."*
2. Jesus is the *soter*, the conquering hero who will defeat all the enemies of God and pave the way for God's eternal kingdom to be established.

[Philippians 3:20; 2 Timothy 1:10]
3. Jesus is the man whose destiny was to be the king over the eternal kingdom of God.
  - a. *Jesus WAS and WILL BE the king over the eternal kingdom of God.*
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4. Jesus is the ultimate high priest appointed by God for God's chosen from among mankind—whether Jew or Gentile—to secure for them eternal Life through divine mercy rather than destruction because of their sin and unrighteousness.
  - a. *Jesus is the ultimate advocate for God's chosen from among mankind—whether Jew or Gentile—to secure for them eternal Life through divine mercy rather than destruction because of their sin and unrighteousness.*
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[1 John 2:2, 4:10; Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17]
5. Jesus is the final judge of each individual human being.

[John 5:19–30, 2 Timothy 4:8]