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1 John 5:1-21

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STRANGER WEIRD STORIES FROM THE BIBLE THINGS

What strange / confusing / weird stories from the Bible would you like to explore this summer?

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**Well, I've got to be a
chocolate Jesus
Make me feel good
inside
Got to be a
chocolate Jesus
Keep me satisfied**

Proto-Gnosticism (False Teaching)

“Jesus” and “The Christ” are two different people



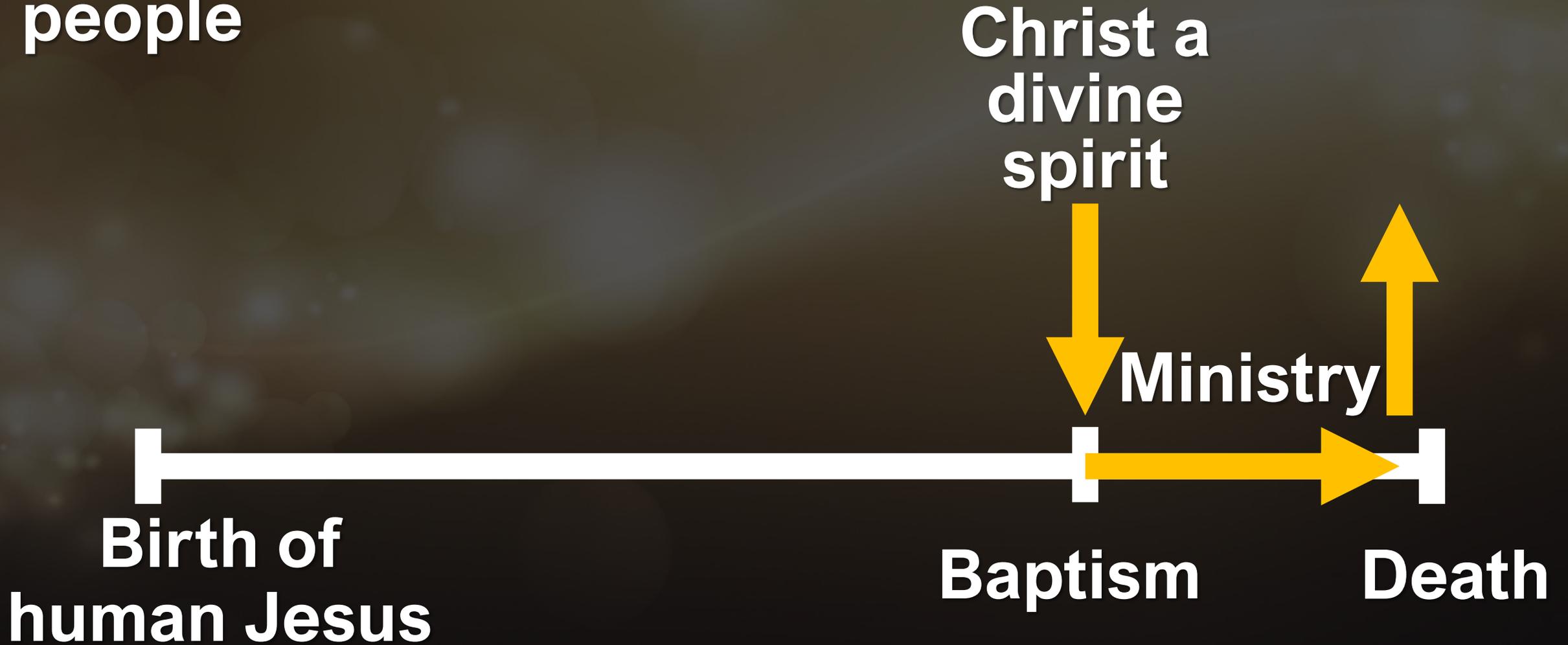
Birth of
human Jesus

Baptism

Death

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1 John 5:1–5 NIV

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands

1 John 5:1–5 NIV

And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:6–12 NIV

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

1 John 5:6–12 NIV

For there are three that testify: ⁸
the Spirit, the water and the blood;
and the three are in agreement. ⁹

We accept human testimony, but
God's testimony is greater
because it is the testimony of God,
which he has given about his Son.

¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of
God accepts this testimony.

1 John 5:6–12 NIV

Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 1:1–2 NIV

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

John 3:16 NIV

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 5:6–12 NIV

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Water=Baptism

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Blood=Death on the cross

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Holy Spirit=Sent by Jesus

Love God
Love Others

**My eternity rests on how I
respond to Jesus.**

So What?

If Jesus wasn't God, he couldn't pay for all of our sins.

If Jesus wasn't human, he couldn't pay for the sin of other humans.

If Jesus wasn't both God and man, he wasn't qualified to be our savior and Lord!

Hebrews 2:14–18 TNIV

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity ...Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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1 John 5:3 NIV

3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

1 John 5:13–15 NIV

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 John 5:16–21 NIV

¹⁶ If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

1 John 5:16–21 NIV

18 We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.

1 John 5:16–21 NIV

¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. ²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 5:16–21 NIV

**21 Dear children, keep yourselves
from idols.**

1 John 5:16–21 NIV

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“This is the first place, I felt like I belonged. Like I was in a family.”