

**John 1; Lord's Day 6**  
**THE GOSPEL OF THE MEDIATOR**

- I. He must be man.
  - A. Was Jesus a real man? Our Mediator had to have a real human nature, but without any sin.
  - B. God, by the miracle of the virgin birth, gave the Mediator our human nature which did not inherit Adam's original sin.
    - 1. Jesus was born of the flesh and blood of Mary, of the seed of Abraham (Heb. 2:16). Also John 1:14; Rom. 1:3; 8:3; Gal. 4:4.
    - 2. As a sinless man He was free from any liability to being punished Himself.
- II. And our Mediator must be very God.
  - A. He is eternally God, the second Person of the Trinity, eternally equal with the Father and the Spirit (John 10:30).
  - B. The early church also debated whether Jesus was truly god.
  - C. The truth is that our Savior is the person of the Son of God with two distinct natures.
- III. Jesus is presented as our perfect Mediator.
  - A. He met the qualifications to be Mediator: Hebrews 2:14; I Tim. 3:16; I John 5:20.
  - B. Answer 18 is a personal confession, including the confession that I need Him as Savior.
- IV. How do we know Jesus the Savior? We know Him through God's gracious revelation in the gospel.
  - A. The gospel has its origin in God; it is announced by God; it is realized by God.
  - B. Today we have the gospel fully revealed to us in Jesus Christ, in the Scriptures and in the true preaching of the gospel.
  - C. The saving response to the gospel is to believe on Jesus Christ as our Savior, humbly confessing our sin and trusting in Him.