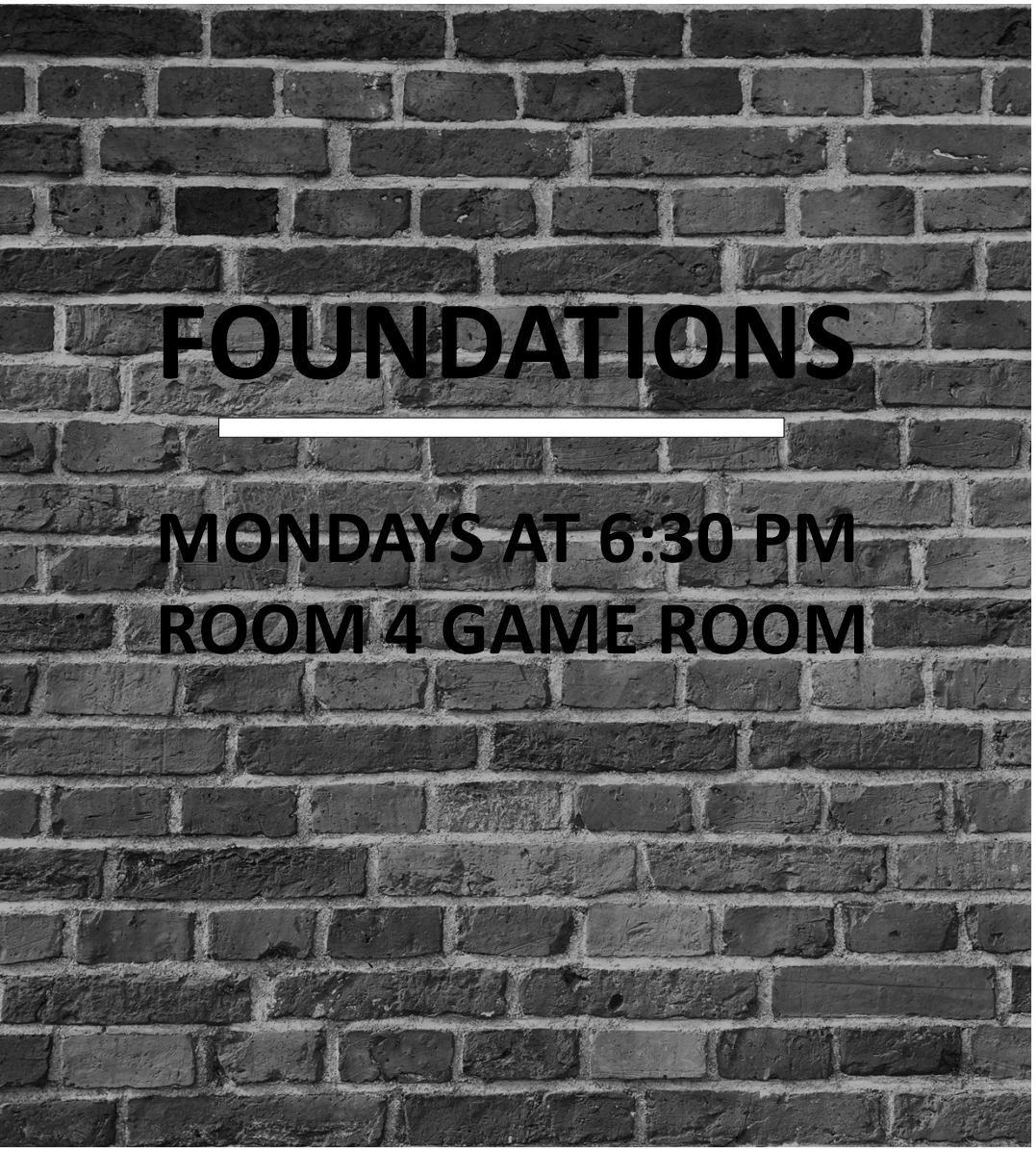

Session 4: Who is Jesus?

Session Questions

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- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus have to be fully human?
- Why did Jesus have to be fully God?
- Why was it necessary for Jesus to die?

Question Review

- Review answers from Participant Guide Session 4: Who is Jesus?

Section 1: Who is Jesus?

Key Titles of Jesus Christ:

- Son of God
- Son of Man
- Messiah

Section 1: Who is Jesus?

Fulfilled prophesy provides evidence that Jesus is the Messiah

	Prophesy	**Fulfillment**
Heir to the throne of King David	Isaiah 9:7	Matthew 1:1
Place of birth	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
Triumphal entry to Jerusalem	Zechariah 9:9	John 12:13-14
Forsaken cry from the cross	Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46

Section 1: Who is Jesus?

Probability of Fulfilling Eight Messianic Prophecies

1 in 10^{17}

Stoner's illustrative estimate for one person fulfilling all eight

THE EIGHT REFERENCES

1 Micah 5:2
2 Isaiah 40:3
3 Zechariah 9:9
4 Psalm 41:9
5 Zechariah 11:12
6 Zechariah 11:13
7 Isaiah 53:7
8 Psalm 22:16

Josh McDowell documented **61** major Messianic prophecies.

Sources: Peter W. Stoner, Science Speaks; Josh McDowell, Evidence That Demands a Verdict.

Section 2: Why did Jesus have to be fully human?

Why did Jesus, God the Son, have to be fully human?

- To bear the penalty of sin
  - Hebrews 2:17
- To be a sympathetic High Priest
  - Hebrews 4:15
- To be an example and a help to believers
  - Hebrews 2:18

Section 2: Why did Jesus have to be fully human?

Why is the virgin birth important?

- If Jesus' birth was ordinary, He would be just another human being.
- Prophesied in the Old Testament
  - Isaiah 7:14
- Gospels of Matthew and Luke confirm
  - Matthew 1:18-25
  - Luke 1:26-38

Section 3: Why did Jesus have to be fully God?

Why did Jesus, God the Son, have to be fully God?

- To be a perfect high priest and mediator
  - Hebrews 7:25-26
- To be a perfect sacrifice
  - Hebrews 10:12-14
- To show us who God is
  - Hebrews 1:3
  - John 14:8-9

Section 4: Is Jesus God?

Equal with God

- Jesus' statements
  - John 8:58
  - John 10:30
  - John 10:38
  - John 14:10
- Others' statements
  - Peter – Matthew 16:16
  - John - John 1:1
  - Paul - Philippians 2:5-6
  - Thomas – John 20:28
  - Religious leaders (indirectly) – John 5:18, 10:33

Section 4: Is Jesus God?

Equal attributes with God provides evidence that Jesus is God

	God	**Jesus**
Always present	Psalm 139:8-10	Matthew 28:20
Existed before creation	Genesis 1:1	John 1:1
Immutable	Malachi 3:6	Hebrews 13:6
Forgiver of sin	Jeremiah 31:34	Matthew 9:2

Section 5: Why was it necessary for Jesus to die?

- Jesus provided the way to God by appeasing the wrath of God
  - Romans 6:23
- Jesus took the penalty for all of humanity
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21
  - Romans 5:18
- Jesus is the only way to God
  - John 14:6
  - Ephesian 2:18

Reflections & Wrap Up

- Jesus' sacrifice allows us to be reconciled to God
- Jesus is the only way to God

Next session is **Monday, October 12 at 6:30 PM** in Room 4.

Questions for next session:

- **Session 5: Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the Trinity?**

Thank you!