

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question 21
Discussion led by Steven Anderson

Q. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

Is. 49:7-9.

John 14:6.

Acts 4:12.

1 Tim. 2:5, 6.

John 1:14.

Rom. 9:5.

Luke 1:35.

Col. 2:9.

Heb. 7:24, 25.

Personal application.

The label “Lord Jesus Christ” summarizes the Incarnation: “The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God [Lord], became man [Jesus], and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures [Lord and Jesus], and one person [Christ], for ever” (*The Westminster Shorter Catechism: For Study Classes*, G. I. Williamson, 2nd ed., P&R, 1970, one-volume edition 2003, p. 86).

Heidelberg Catechism
appended for comparison

Q 29. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,”
meaning “savior”?

A. Because he saves us from our sins,

and because salvation should not be sought
and cannot be found in anyone else.