

The Greatness of Jesus

His Pre-existence

Jesus *always existed* in the bosom of the Father. Eternal, never had a beginning.

Jesus did not have His beginning in the womb of Mary.

Micah 5:2 says the babe born in Bethlehem had [origins]“from everlasting”

Jesus was Jehovah [the Eternal / Immutable One] in the Old Testament.

He declared to the Pharisees / Scribes, “Before Abraham was I AM” (Jn. 8:58).

Made many appearances to man, Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, others.

He’s the I AM who appeared to Moses (Ex. 3:14). I always was, always will be).

At that time He did not have a physical body, but His appearance was that of a man.

At the incarnation, Christ became both God and Man simultaneously.

He will have a body for all eternity. We will see His nail-pierced hands forever.

Christ is the Creator of the Universe and of All things

Ephesians 3:9—God...created all things by Jesus Christ. (by His Word).

Col. 1:16-18 - “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.” “And he is the head of the body, the church:

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And he is *before* all things, and by him all things *consist* (or held together).

Even the atoms are held together by the word of His power according to Col. 1:17.

Things visible / invisible are created by Him ... atoms, radio waves, microscopic, etc.

Thrones, dominions, principalities and powers—even Lucifer and all the angels were created by the Lord Jesus Christ (Col.1:16-18,).

Col 2:3* In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All wisdom and knowledge and all the mysteries of science and life have their source in Jesus Christ.

• John 1:3—All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. • John 1:10—He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew him not. Jesus is the Word.

Hebrews 1:2—Whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. • Proverbs 30:4—Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his son's name...?

• Hebrews 1:8-10—Unto the Son he saith, ...“Thou Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the world...”

It pleased the Father that in His Son all the fulness of Himself dwells (Col.2:9).

Nothing invented by man is new to Jesus. He is the One who granted the wisdom to produce all cunning devices. There are still many mysteries all around us that are yet to be discovered. If you know Jesus, you will understand life because He created life. Seek to know the One who made all things (Jer. 9:24).

Christ is Jehovah of the Old Testament

Jesus is God, Creator, and Only Savior. He is the only provision for our sins and the only way to heaven. Let us constantly remind ourselves that *God laid down his life for us* (1 Jn. 3:16).

“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.” 1 John 3:16, KJV.

The Pre-incarnate Christ:

- It was the Son who called to fallen Adam, saying—“Where art thou?”
- It was the Son who appeared to Abraham—Gen.12:7, Jn. 8:56-58. Abraham rejoiced to see Him.
- • It was the Son who appeared to Moses:I AM THAT I AM — Ex. 3:13-14.
- It was the Son who was with Moses and Israelites and — I Corinthians 10:4,9
It was God the Son who gave the law to Moses, whose voice shook the earth.

- • It was the Son whom David saw at his right hand—Acts 2:25, Psalm 16:8.
- It was the Son who wrestled with Jacob—Genesis 32:24-30
- It was the Son who appeared unto Job out of the whirlwind—Job 38:1
- It was the Son who appeared to Joshua, ground became holy—Josh 5:13-15
- It was the Son who became flesh / dwelt among us; living Word—John 1:14
- It was the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the I AM of the Old Testament.
- At the mention of His name I AM, an army fell down backwards to the ground—John 18:5-6
- Truly Jesus is the I AM (Yesterday, Today, and Forever the same)—Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6

Christ is God in the Flesh

- Jesus was not only a great teacher, prophet,—He is “God in the flesh.” 1Tim. 3:16* And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...
- - He is “The Word.” This Word is God who became flesh and dwelt among us (Jn.1:1,14). - All false religions and doctrines make Jesus less than God.
- “God laid down His life for us” (1 Jn. 3:16).
- God “purchased us with His own blood” (Acts 20:28).
- Ac 20:28* Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- Jesus forgave sins when on earth. It was asked, “Who can forgive sins but God only?” (Mk. 2:7). - Christ could forgive sins for one simple reason—He is Deity, He is our Creator who died for us. - This ordinary-looking Man of Galilee was God Himself disguised as a man.
- Therefore, to reject Jesus is to refuse the only means of pardon and eternal life.
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Rejecting Christ is Rejecting God

- To disbelief the message God gave His Son is to make God a liar (1 Jn. 5:10-12).
 - Refusing Christ is to judge oneself “unworthy of everlasting life” (Acts 13:46).
 - God never sends anyone to hell; people choose by declining the offer of pardon.
 - God only accepts the means He has provided. Any other way is unacceptable.
 - Remember, There is no other way to heaven (Acts 4:12).
 - To refuse the message of salvation through Christ is to resist the Holy Spirit.
- Zeal does not save us, truth does. - Sincerity does not save us, it is the Truth that saves us. Jesus is the Truth (Jn. 8:32, 14:6).**

Christ is Totally God and Totally Man (Son of God / Son of Man)

- **Jesus is uniquely God and Man combined. Made possible by the incarnation.**
 - **God was His Father (He had no natural father); Mary was his mother.**

He was one hundred percent God and one hundred percent man.

As God He could not have been tempted, nor could He have sinned.

 - **As a human he could be tempted, but He “condemned sin in the flesh”**
 - Because He never yielded to sin. Thus, he conquered sin for us.**
- **- He was “tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 2:18, 4:15).**

He felt every passion and temptation we feel (Heb. 2:18, 4:15).

 - **Therefore, He can be moved with the feeling of our infirmities.**
 - **When tempted or under pressure, we can receive grace from Christ (Heb. 4:16).**
 - **Jesus completely understands man!**
 - **He can minister to those who are the greatest in need because He went lower than any other.**
 - **He is the Mediator between God the Father and man (1 Tim. 2:5), and the only means of salvation.**

Jesus—Son of God

- **Christ declared: “I came down from heaven” (Jn. 6:33, 6:38, 6:41, 6:42, 6:51).**
 - **He was “*before Abraham*” and “*before the world began*” (Jn. 8:58, 17:5).**
 - **He claimed God was His Father, making Himself equal with God (Jn. 5:18).**
 - **Christ is written on every page of Scripture. He is “The Word of God” (Jn.1:1)**
 - **He opened the minds of His disciples and revealed Himself in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and in the Psalms (Lk. 24:27, 44, 45).**

Jesus Received Worshipped

- **Jesus attested to the fact that He was Deity by accepting worship. - If Jesus was not God, He could not have been worshipped.**
 - **Only God can be worshipped (Ex. 34:14, Mt. 4:10).**
 - **At His birth He was worshipped by the wise men (Mt. 2:2, 2:11).**
 - **Christ is the Lamb of God in the Book of Revelation, and all of heaven worships Him. (See Revelation 5:8, 5:12-13, 7:10, 15:3).**
 - **“Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Phil. 2:9-11).**
 - **Satan craves worship. Only the false receive worship. The true deflect all worship to God.**
 - **Jesus is called “Lord” and “God”. (In the N. T. Jesus is directly referred to as “*Lord*” 322 times.) - Indirectly, Jesus is called Lord many more times.**
 - **Thomas said to the resurrected Christ, “My *Lord* and my *God*” (Jn. 20:27-28).**
 - **The dying thief, “*Lord*, remember me when into your kingdom” (Lk. 23:42-43). - Titus 2:13 calls him, “the great *God* and our Savior, Jesus Christ.”**
 - **He is the Last Adam and is called “the Lord from heaven” (1 Cor.15:47).**
 - **All power in heaven and earth belongs to Him (Mt. 28:18).**
- His Name is *above all names* (Phil. 2:9-11).**

The Exaltation of Christ

- *Christ is now seated at the right hand of God.*
- Christ will continue to be exalted throughout all eternity.-
- His position at the right hand of God is mentioned 20 times in NT. End
- He is far above every other power in the universe (Phil. 2:9-11).

Jesus is the judge

- John 5:22—“For the Father judges no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.” - We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, not the Father’s judgment seat. On the final day of reckoning, we will all give an account to Christ (2 Cor. 5:10-11).
 - Jesus was already functioning as the Judge when He stood before Pilate (John 19:10-11).
- Matthew 7:21-23—Here is a future scene of the judgment seat of Christ. Jesus is the Judge. Judgment Day. The Father does not do the judging, but the Son.
 - “Many will say to Me [Jesus Christ] ... Lord, Lord!” (v23)
 - “Then will I [Jesus Christ] profess unto them ... depart from me, ye who practice lawlessness...” - Jesus is the one who determines whether a person is worthy of eternal life or eternal judgment.
- John 5:28-29—At the voice of the Son of God, all the dead (good and evil) shall be resurrected. -- That same voice that created the world will also awaken all the mortal bodies that sleep.
 - All shall be judged by Jesus Christ, not the Father. All whose names are not written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, Christ will command to be cast into the lake of fire.

Jesus is God!

- **He is just as much God as the Father, although He is submitted to Him.**
- **- He is eternal**
 - **He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, the I AM**
 - **He is the Creator - He is worshipped**
 - **He is able to forgive sins - He is the Judge of all**
 - **His voice causes all the dead to rise - He controls nature**
 - **He holds the atoms and the universe together by His Word**
 - **He owns all power in heaven and earth, subject only to the Father**
 - **He is the King of all the princes of the earth**
 - **He is written on all the pages of Scripture**
 - **He is the only answer to man's problems**
 - **He is the only way to have forgiveness, and He is the only way to heaven**

Christ is the Only Way to Heaven

Jesus is the Father's only means by which men can be cleared from the guilt and debt of their sins. To try to come to God any other way is not acceptable. "No man cometh to the Father, except by me" (Jn.14:6).

• John 15:23 — "He that hateth me hateth my Father also." Anyone who rejects the Son is rejecting the Father. But he that believes on the Son is believing on the Father also (Jn.12:44).

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

When the good news of the gospel is offered to men and they reject it, they have refused God's only means of pardon and will remain in a state of condemnation.

• 1 Timothy 2:5—The *only* Mediator between God and men is Jesus Christ ... not another man, or a priest, or a saint. Jesus Christ is the only go-between man needs to come to God. All have sinned, and therefore all need pardon.

