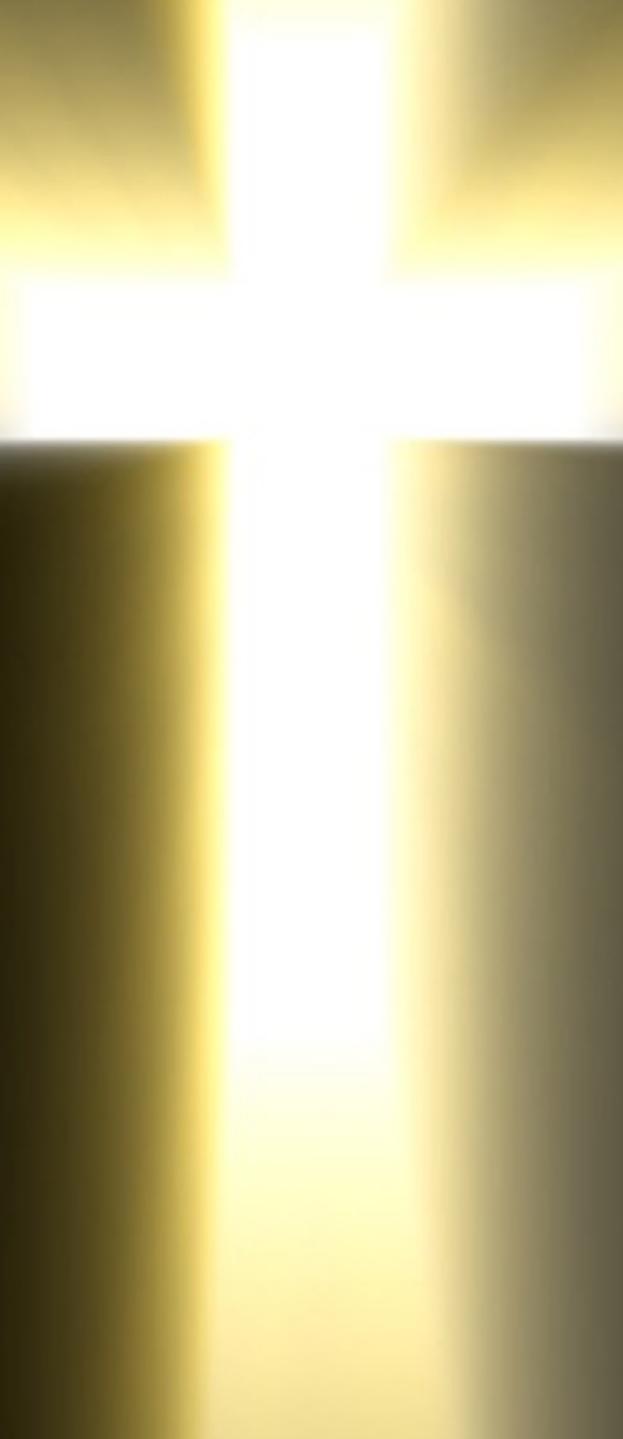


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When we approach the subject of Jesus we are speaking about the Son of God the second person in the trinity. One God with three distinct persons, the Father, whom we have been discussing, the Son whom we are going to talk about and the Holy Spirit who dwells in us right now, whom we have already looked at in detail.

As the Son of God his relationship to the creation, us man, is the part of God we see, hear speak, who has taken on the physical nature of man while being God himself, we feel him and one day will come back and rule this very world in the city of Jerusalem.

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Who will then win the final battle with sin and Satan bring in the new heaven and the New earth.

There are many things we could discuss over the next few Sundays about Jesus the Son, but we are simply going to look at the main areas of

- His Deity,
- His Humanity,
- His Birth,
- His Death,

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- His resurrection
- His return (in a very general sense of order of events and timing.)

Today we want to look at the the Divinity of Jesus.

I. JESUS is God.

John 1:1-2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.”

Philippians 2:6 “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:”

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John 5:18 “Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

John 10:33 “The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.”

2 Corinthians 4:4 “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

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Col 1:15 “Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:”

Matthew 1:23 — “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

II. JESUS is the Son of God. Luke 22:70 — “Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.” Hebrews 1:8 — “But unto the son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom.”

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The Son of God: This name is given to Christ forty times. Besides this the synonymous expressions, "His Son" and "My Son" occur frequently. That this name used for Christ is a distinctly divine name comes from.

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Matthew 14:33 “Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.”

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

III. Jesus is The Only Begotten Son: This name occurs for Jesus. It is evident that the statement Jesus Christ is the only Begotten Son of God. (IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THIS FOR MANY OF THE FALSE BIBLES TAKE AWAY THIS PART OF JESUS.)

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No other person that has or will walk this earth can honestly claim that they are physically the Son of God Himself.

As I am a son of God I am only a son through adoption. Jesus was the Only Begotten Son.

Luke 1:34-35 “Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

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John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Mark 1:1 “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;”

John 1:34 “And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.”

John 1:18 "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

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John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:18 “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1 John 4:9 “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”

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IV. JESUS is the First and the Last - Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 1:17 "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last."

V. JESUS is the The Alpha and Omega —the Beginning and the Ending

Here it is Jesus Christ, referred to as the Lord God, who is the Alpha and Omega. (The beginning and ending of all things. The A to Z).

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Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega saith the Lord God, which is and which was and which is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:11 "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea." We also see this Revelation 2:8.

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VI. JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT IS CALLED A THEOPHANIES.

It is often called by some a Christophany. A theophany is a manifestation of God in the Bible that is tangible to the human senses. In its most restrictive sense, it is a visible appearance of God in the Old Testament period, often, but not always, in human form. A Pillar of fire – pillar of Cloud or when Moses saw the burning bush or as in Job 38:1 “Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,”. There are also the times where the Bible says “the glory of the LORD”. There are theophanies these are visible signs of God presence.

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When God takes on any form that may be that of an angel or human, that is the pre-increate Jesus Christ.

Every human physical interaction with God in the Old Testament as being seen in some sort of human form — is Jesus in his pre-incarnate form.

Jesus has always been and will always be he is eternal. Yet, his physical nature of man was not seen until he was born of the virgin.

For example we have Moses bugging God to let him see him. (The world often asks the same thing) in

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Exodus 33:18 “And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory” God respond by saying, I will let you see me but not my face. No man has seen God and lived.”

That is correct. It was not time to reveal God in the flesh as man can see hime. That was reserved until the Birth of Jesus. So the Lord says I will let you see by back. When we see Jesus we see God. Jesus is God. This is the pre-incarnate Christ. (By the way till Jesus no man saw God and lived.) Adam and Eva both saw him and then they chose sin and Died.

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When Adam and Eve would walk with the Lord in the cool of the day in Genesis 3:8-9 The one whom they walked with was Jesus. When Abraham was visited by three angels in Genesis 18 it is Jesus.

God takes on human form foreshadows the incarnation, where God took the form of a man to live among us as Emmanuel, “God with us” (Matthew 1:23). Notice these all say the LORD: When you encounter the word with the first letter only capitalized — Lord — it is either because it is at the front of a sentence or because it is a reference to one of the three divine Persons of the Godhead (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) or to the entire Godhead.

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When you see the term entirely capitalized — LORD — it will be in the Old Testament and is translating the Hebrew word for the name of God — YHWH, or Yahweh.

Again I use **Matthew 1:23** “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” Jesus is God not a part of God but, God. Jesus is The Holy One: In Hosea 11:9 "I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city" and many other passages; it is God who is "the Holy One."

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Acts 3:14 — "But he denied the Holy One and the just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you." Since the disciples referred to Jesus as the Holy One, they equated him with God.

VII. JESUS is The Lord:

This name or title is used for Jesus several hundred times. Malachi 3:1 — "Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold he shall come, saith the LORD of Hosts."

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Revelation 1:11 The word translated "Lord" is used in the New Testament in speaking of men nine times (e.g., Acts 16:30; Ephesians 4:1; John 12:21), but not at all in the way it is used of Christ. He is spoken of as "the Lord" just as God is. See, for example,

Acts 4:26 — -"The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ" and 4:33 — "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was given them all."

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1. He Lord of All.

Acts 10:36 — "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)."

1 Corinthians 2:8 — "Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

2. The Lord of Glory and the King of Glory.

Psalm 24:8-10 — "Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

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Lift up your heads, O ye gates: even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the king of glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of Glory.

VIII . JESUS is The Christ:

The term, Christ, is a title. It is the New Testament equivalent of the Old Testament term, messiah, and means anointed one. It is applied to Jesus as the anointed one who delivers the sinful man from their sin. Jesus alone is the Christ. As the Christ, He has three offices: Prophet, Priest, and King.

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As Prophet, He is the mouthpiece of God (Matt. 5:27-28) and represents God to man. As Priest, He represents man to God and restores fellowship between them by offering Himself as the sacrifice that removed the sin of those saved. As King, He rules over His kingdom. By virtue of Christ creating all things (John 1:3, Col. 1:16-17), He has the right to rule.

IX. JESUS is The Saviour:

The word, Saviour, means someone who saves a person or persons from something else, usually that which is harmful to them.

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In the context of Christianity, Jesus is the Savior. This means that He saves us from the righteous wrath of God the Father upon all who have sinned against Him. Sin is breaking the law of God (1 John 3:4). The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23) and separation from God (Isaiah 59:2). Therefore, Jesus is the Saviour who saves us from eternal damnation.

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