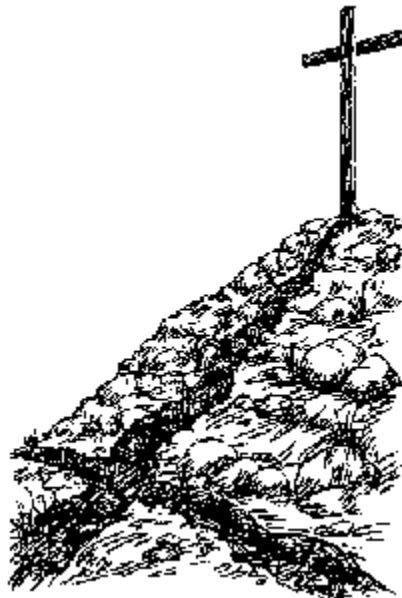


# Who Is Jesus?

Hebrews 1:1-8

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## Who Is Christ?

I am both amazed as well as shocked at the number of people who, on Church rolls, do not know who Jesus Christ is. How can you be a Christian and not know who Christ is? A few months ago I talked with a young man who was incredulous when he heard that Jesus was "born of a virgin". This young man had been a professing Christian as well as a member

of a mainline denomination church for several years.

Someone close to me shared another incident. He said that he was teaching his Sunday School class about Jesus when he found out, to his dismay, that many professing Christians within his class did not know that Jesus was, is, and will always be Creator God! He also found out that many of the students had an erroneous idea that Jesus was some sort of prophet, a man, or perhaps a lesser god – but that Jesus was not Eternal God.

I have had a number of people ask me about the new movie coming out called “The Passion”. Since I have not seen the movie, and since I take my duties as pastor of this church *very seriously*, I withhold my opinion of the movie until I see it – if I get time to see it! But before you see the movie “The Passion” I want to tell you what the Bible clearly says about Jesus Christ. The Bible, dearly Beloved, is our *only source of accurate truth about Jesus*. How I feel, you feel, or how Mel Gibson or some other Hollywood actor, director, or media mogul feels about Jesus is irrelevant. Let's see “What Saith the Scripture”.

### **1. Jesus Christ is and Will Always Be Creator God**

**Hebrews 1:1-2 (KJV) "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, {2} Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds ..."**

Because Jesus Christ came and walked among us as man, many have assumed that He is *no more than man*. Jesus was and is Man, but He is not Man as you and I are. Jesus is the Word of God – that's what our Hebrews text calls Him. Jesus is the *manifested* Word of God. God spoke to man – to us – prior to the coming of Christ in a variety of ways. God spoke to man, our Hebrews text says, “at sundry times” (various times) and in divers manners (in many different ways). In the Old Testament God spoke to us through the prophets – through men set aside and given a special gift to speak for God. How did the prophecy come? The Bible tells us:

**2 Peter 1:21 (KJV) "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved<sup>1</sup> by the Holy Ghost."**

A prophet did not will himself to be a prophet. The holy, set apart men *spoke* as God the Holy Spirit moved<sup>1</sup> them. The prophet was given a message from God. Literally the Bible says that the Holy Spirit “moved<sup>1</sup>” or <sup>1</sup>[Hebrew] phero {pronounced fer<sup>2</sup>-o} ”picked up and carried” these people. They did not make up the Scripture. The prophet *spoke Scripture that was Scripture because it was directly from God*.

I want you to notice that, in our Hebrews text, Jesus Christ is *not called a prophet*. A prophet is a man who was the mouthpiece – that's the best way I know how to say it – of God. Our Hebrews text calls Jesus Christ – not a prophet – but the Son of God.

This is a new thing. The coming of Jesus to this earth did not invalidate the message of the Prophets. What God said by the Prophets is still words from God. As God said through the Prophet Hosea:

**Hosea 12:10 (KJV) "I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets."**

God spoke through the prophets, but Christ is not a prophet. God spoke through Christ, but Christ was and will never be a prophet. We need to be clear on this. The Book of Hebrews declares that God spoke through the Prophets, but in these latter days God spoke through His Son. The multitudes believed Jesus to be but a prophet. The Scripture records:

**Matthew 21:46 (KJV) "But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet."**

**Matthew 21:10-11 (KJV) "And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? {11} And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."**

Jesus was not nor will ever be a prophet, but He is the Only Begotten Son of God. Jesus Christ *is the fulfillment of prophecy*. Listen Beloved and heed Who you worship! **Matthew 1:22** says that He was named "Jesus" in fulfillment of prophecy. **Matthew 2:5** says He was born in Bethlehem to fulfill the words of prophecy. **Matthew**

**3:3** says that John the Baptist preceded Jesus in fulfillment of prophecy. **Matthew 4:14** says that Jesus grew up in Nazareth in order that prophecy be fulfilled. **Matthew 8:17** says that Jesus healed in fulfillment of prophecy. **Matthew 12:17** says that Jesus healed the man who had the withered hand in fulfillment of prophecy. I have barely touched Matthew and yet see six places where Jesus fulfilled prophecy.

Was Jesus a prophet like Isaiah, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, Hosea, and even Daniel? These men, holy men, men who need to be respected, were prophets. Jesus Christ, on the other hand, is the *fulfiller of prophecy*. He is the One Whom the prophets spoke of, the Messiah, the Son of God. Look at the Hebrews text again. God spoke through the prophets:

**spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets**

God spoke through Jesus:

**in these last days spoken unto us by his Son**

But to show you that Jesus *must not be confused with the prophets* the Book of Hebrews calls our Lord "God's Son" and says that God, through Jesus, made the worlds!

**by whom also he made the worlds<sup>2</sup>**

God the Father *made the world* (²aion {pronounced aheeh-ohn'}, worlds, ages, world) and all that is in it *through Jesus Christ*. God *spoke* through both the prophets and

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through Jesus, but *made all things* through Jesus.

This speaks of the *immensity of Christ*. Jesus Christ is God the Son, and all things that are made and have substance have their being *because God made them through Jesus*. In the beginning of the Gospel of John we read:

**John 1:1-3 (KJV) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. {2} The same was in the beginning with God. {3} All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."**

Jesus Christ is no mortal prophet, moved by the Holy Spirit of God. Jesus Christ *is God*, and is at the center of anything that is created. God through Jesus His Son made this world and all that is in it. God through Christ made man, then woman. God through Christ made all creatures and brought them to man to name (**Genesis 2:19**). God through Christ – again, read John 1:3 -

**All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."**

Was Jesus Christ mere human prophet, or the fulfilment of prophecy? Only the latter can be true! Is Jesus Christ no different from those Old Testament Prophets, controlled by God the Holy Spirit? No – Jesus was not *controlled* by the Spirit – He sent God the Holy Spirit to us His Church. Read His words:

**John 14:26 (KJV) "But the Comforter, which is the**

**Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."**

**John 15:26 (KJV) "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:"**

Is Jesus a prophet who spake as He was moved by the Spirit of God? No, no Beloved. Jesus Christ is God the Son, co-equal with God the Father and God the Spirit. He is the physical manifested Person of the Trinity, God who walked among us.

Bear with me, for there is so much honey in this text that I do not know if I can share it all. Let's look back at our Hebrews text. Look in **verse 3**:

**Hebrews 1:3 "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image<sup>3</sup> of his person ..."**

That's not all of verse 3, but all that we can digest right now. Was Jesus Christ *lesser god* than God the Father? Absolutely not! He is the *express image<sup>3</sup>* of the Person of God! This is the Greek word <sup>3</sup>charakter {pronounced khar-ak-tare'}, which means "the exact reproduction of something or someone else". Robertson in *Robertson's Word Pictures* translates this passage as "being the very image of His substance". The text tells us in the strongest of language that Jesus Christ is not only the Son of God,

but, He is *equal in all respects* to God. He is very God of very God. When Thomas, who doubted the resurrected Jesus saw Him after the crucifixion he described Jesus best when he said:

**John 20:28 (KJV) "And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God."**

Jesus Christ accepted this title from Thomas and commended him on believing *that He is God*. Jesus Christ is *begotten* in that He alone of the Godhead is born of a woman, born of a virgin – but He is no *created being*. Again our Hebrews text tells us in **verse 6**:

**Hebrews 1:6 "... when he [God the Father] bringeth in the firstbegotten [God the Son] into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.**

It amazes me that the angels – including Satan – know that Jesus Christ is God. Even the demons called Legion begged Jesus (**Mark 5:7**) not to hurt them. They recognized Jesus as God the Son.

The angels worship Jesus. How sad that man, lower than the angels himself, does not worship Jesus! How sad that we hold ourselves in high regard, and have to be convinced of something that even the lowest angel knows: Jesus is no *ordinary man*. Jesus Christ is God. But let me hurry. Look back at **Hebrews 1:3** once more:

**Hebrews 1:3 "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image<sup>3</sup> of his person, and upholding<sup>4</sup> all things by the word<sup>5</sup> of his power<sup>6</sup> ..."**

<sup>4</sup> Present Active Participle phero {pronounced fer'-o}

<sup>5</sup> rhema, spoken word

<sup>6</sup> dunamis, dynamic or explosive power

All things retain their substance because *Jesus spoke it into being*. Our Hebrews text can be translated this way: **"He keeps on lifting up<sup>4</sup> everything that is created by his explosive<sup>6</sup> spoken word<sup>5</sup>"**

Jesus Christ as God the Son not only made all things – He holds all things together. Jesus is the *cohesive power* that keeps all things in order. The Bible tells us in Colossians:

**Colossians 1:16 (KJV) "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:**"

**Colossians 1:17 (NASB) "And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together<sup>7</sup>."**

<sup>7</sup> Perfect Active Indicative sunistao {pronounced soon-is-tah'-o}, have been banded together in the past with the results that they remain banded together forever. Says Robertson (Robertson's Word Pictures), "Christ is the controlling and unifying force in nature."

Who is Jesus? Jesus Christ is the Son of God and God the Son. What is, is because of Jesus. Here's the final  
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word in our Hebrews text:

**Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he [God the Father] saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."**

I can show you verse after verse in Scripture where the prophets recorded the life of Jesus. The wise men came to worship Jesus in **Matthew 2:2**. In **Matthew 8:2** a leper worshipped Jesus. In **Matthew 9:18-19** a ruler of the synagogue worshipped Jesus. In **Matthew 15:25-28**, the Gentile woman worshipped Jesus. When Jesus resurrected from the grave He was worshipped (**Matthew 28:17-18**). If we were to take every instance where Jesus was worshipped *and accepted that worship* and tear it out of the Gospels, we would have to toss nearly all of these Holy Texts in the waste bin.

Jesus Christ is God, fully God, God the Son.

## **2. Jesus Christ is Perfect Man**

**Hebrews 1:5-6 "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? {6} And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him."**

This is what confuses most people: Jesus Christ is, the Bible says, *begotten*<sup>8</sup>. What does that mean? Begotten is the Greek *gennao* {pronounced ghen-nah'-o}, and the

word means "to be born".

Now I want to emphasize that the Greek *gennao* does not mean "to come into being". It means, "to be born". A baby *exists* before it is ever born, Beloved. This is something the abortionists do not want you to know. They want you to think that that thing you carry inside of you is a piece of flesh, but of no real consequence. The abortionist makes his or her money by convincing women that the baby in the womb is just meat. This is a lie from hell! A baby *exists* before it is born. God knew Jacob and Esau before they were born, and told their mother Rebekah:

**Genesis 25:23 (KJV) "And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger."**

Manoah was told by God that his wife would have Samson:

**Judges 13:5 (KJV) "For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."**

Hannah prayed and dedicated her yet *unconceived* child to God:

**1 Samuel 1:11 (KJV) "And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head."**

and God sent the Prophet Samuel through her womb. King David said that God chose him while he was in his mother's belly:

**Psalms 22:10 (KJV) "I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly."**

**Psalms 139:13 (KJV) "For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb."**

God made Jacob, who would one day become the nation Israel, from his mother's womb:

**Isaiah 44:2 (KJV) "Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen."**

The prophet Jeremiah was chosen to be a prophet of God *while still in his mother's womb*:

**Jeremiah 1:5 (KJV) "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."**

No, my dearly Beloved. To be *begotten* or *born*, the Greek *gennao*, does not mean to *come into existence*. It means to be *delivered from the mother*. It means to cease being carried about by your mother, and to become an *independent human life* as opposed to a *dependent human life*. That's all that *begotten* means.

Jesus Christ is the *only begotten Son of God* because He was *born of the virgin Mary*. He did not begin to exist when Mary began to carry Him in her womb, for Jesus has *always existed* as Eternal God. Jesus, however, *took on human flesh*. He is the only Member of the Godhead to do this. Jesus took on Himself humanity. He is both fully God and fully Man – yet He is Man without sin:

**Hebrews 4:14-15 (KJV) "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. {15} For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."**

### **3. Why Did Jesus Become "The Only Begotten"?**

Now we can finish verse 3:

**Hebrews 1:3 "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power ..... when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

Now we will clear up the confusion, if there is any confusion. Now we will understand why Jesus Christ, Eternal God of Eternal God, came to earth through the womb of a virgin. Why would God take on this frail frame? Why would God cloak Himself – think, mind you – Eternal God without end, surrounded with the angelic host, sitting on a Throne in a city in yonder Heaven – WHY would God come to earth and take on this frail frame? The Bible tells us:

**Hebrews 2:9-10 (KJV) "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. {10} For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."**

Jesus Christ came to taste death for us. Our forefather Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden. I believe that Eden was a literal Garden, and Adam literally fell. When he fell, Adam took all of us with him. Father Adam sinned, and plunged us into sin and death. Creation fell under the stink of sin, and man fell under that same stink. Every child born to this life, every child born of humanity was born in sin. As the Bible says:

**Romans 5:12 (KJV) "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"**

Jesus Christ came into the Garden of Eden to walk with Adam, the man He made. Our Lord came into the Garden

and saw Adam hiding in the bushes, naked and ashamed. Jesus listened as Adam and Eve blamed first one another, then the Serpent, for their failure to heed God's command. Jesus saw the stink of sin on Man. He saw death, slowly but surely, working in man's members. Humanity had fallen. And Jesus knew that man could not pay the penalty for his disobedience.

How can the spiritually dead pay the penalty for sin?

God is holy, and that which is unholy cannot enter His Heaven. Just as Adam found himself cast out of the Garden of Eden, so no person can enter God's Heaven in a fallen state. Consider God's Law. Have you ever looked at a woman to lust at her? The Bible says that this is adultery (**Matthew 5:28**). If you have ever taken the smallest thing that you have not paid for, you have stolen. If you have ever had an evil thought toward another person, you are guilty of a thing worthy of hell (**Matthew 5:22**). If you have ever disrespected your parents, you have broken God's Law.

God had to make payment for us if we were ever going to see Heaven. This is why Jesus is the *only begotten of God*. The Bible says that Jesus:

**Philippians 2:6-8 (KJV) "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: {7} But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: {8} And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto**

**death, even the death of the cross."**

cloaked in humanity, humbled Himself and died for us. The Perfect took on the sin we should have paid for. The sinless paid our price.

When you recognize yourself as you are, as the song says,

### **A Sinner, Condemned, Unclean**

Then you begin to understand that you must be born again. You must be *begotten* by faith in the *Only Begotten*. You must call on the name of Jesus Christ to be saved.

I pray that you have all reached this state. Here is the simple Gospel message:

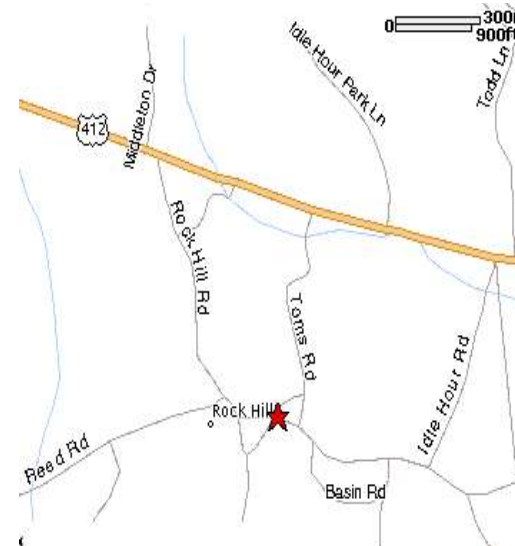
**Romans 10:8-11 (KJV) "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; {9} That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. {10} For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. {11} For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."**

If you have *confessed* with your mouth, telling God that you understand that you are worthy of eternal damnation – if you have *believed* that Jesus Christ, Very God and

Very Man, died for you and rose again – then this brings you to that *supernatural state* we call *born again* or *saved*. I pray that you have all reached this state!

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