

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ — Jesus as the “Word” (the “Spokesman,” the “Logos”) created the universe and everything in it (John 1:1-18; Hebrews 1:8-10). He is the God of the Old Testament—the One who talked with Adam, Eve, Noah, Moses, Abraham, and many others (John 1:18, 5:37, 6:46; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4). He is the One who declared: “Let there be light” and there was light (Genesis 1:3). He—like God the Father—was NOT created but has always existed (John 1:1-19; Daniel 8:13; Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 7:1-8; Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:5-8).

But the “Word” divested Himself of His great power and glory (Philippians 2:6-8) and became a mere human being (John 1:1-18) so that He could die for the sins of mankind—so that our sins could be forgiven. Then after being terribly beaten, abused, and mocked by the very ones whom He had created (Mark 15:15-20), our Creator died a most agonizing death.

But why would the One who created us choose to suffer so much for us? Because God loves us and doesn’t want to see us perish (John 3:14-17). Therefore, the blood of Christ was shed for us so that the penalty for our sins could be paid (Romans 6:23). As a result, we now have the opportunity to receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

So where is Jesus today? He’s sitting in heaven (as He was resurrected back to life 3 days after His crucifixion) in full power, might and glory at the right hand of God (Revelation 1:13-18). He is now waiting for the day when He will return to earth—when the sons of God will be revealed (Romans 8:10)—those members of the human race who accepted the sacrifice of Jesus (on their behalf), repented of their sins (Acts 2:38, 5:32), overcame by keeping the commandments of God (Revelation 21:7, 22:14), and endured to the end (Mark 13:13).

John 1:1-3, 14-15 — In the beginning was the WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was [also] God. He was in the beginning with God. *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.* And the Word became 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. John bore witness of Him [Jesus Christ] and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’”

Hebrews 1:8-10 — “... Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God [Jesus Christ], Your God [God the Father], has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.” And: “YOU, LORD [JESUS CHRIST], IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS. (*See also Psalm 45:6-7*)

Genesis 1:3 — Then God [the “Word”; Jesus Christ!] said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

Genesis 2:7 — And the Lord God [the “Word”; Jesus Christ!] formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 — Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and into the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, *and that Rock was Christ.*

John 6:46 — “*Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.*”

John 5:37 — “And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. *You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.*”

John 1:18 — NO ONE HAS SEEN GOD [THE FATHER] AT ANY TIME. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Genesis 2:15-17 — Then the Lord God [the “Word”; Jesus Christ!] took the man [Adam] and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Hebrews 7:1-3 — For this *Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God*, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “*king of righteousness*,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “*king of peace*,” WITHOUT FATHER, WITHOUT MOTHER, WITHOUT GENEALOGY, HAVING NEITHER BEGINNING OF DAYS NOR END OF LIFE, BUT MADE LIKE THE SON OF GOD, remains a priest continually.

Daniel 8:13 — Then I heard a *holy one* speaking; and *another holy one* said to that certain one who was speaking...

Psalms 110:1 — ...The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

Matthew 1:23 — “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name *Immanuel*,”

which is translated, "God with us."

Philippians 2:5-8 — Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. [NLT:] *Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross.*

Revelation 1:13-18 — and in the midst of the seven lamp-stands One like the SON OF MAN, *clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.* And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."