

## **This is a study on Who is Jesus? And how did he get to be Jesus.**

Where did Jesus come from? We find nowhere in scripture where he was created as the angels and Satan were. The term "son of God" is found but one time in the old testament (Dan.3:25). The term of "father" was only applied to the Almighty Eternal God in the Old Testament about four times. Jesus did not refer to himself as the "son of God", using rather the term "Son of Man". However, the voice from heaven proclaimed that Jesus was His son, and Jesus did admit that he was the son of God by calling Him "my Father".

In Geneses we read of there being two, or more, where it is said "Let US make man in OUR image. It is clear that was an agreed plan to make mankind into perfection, an extension of Himself. It is also clear that the plan has not been totally fulfilled yet. It is still ongoing.

Gen 1:26 And God said; Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So let's see who these "us" individuals are. Since we read in numerous places that emphatically states there is but ONE God, we start from there. So every living creature came from the ONE limitless and Eternally Supreme Power. The Almighty, and all powerful God who has existed throughout eternity, needed a safe way to communicate with his created humans. To appear to them himself, in full power, would destroy them.

Jn. 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.

Clearly, the best way to go was for God to become an extension of himself as a messenger, "the Word". From this extension would become a powerful part of himself, being subject to himself, with the same spirit, but have an individual spirit in man with a personality, with the same power. He would have the same wisdom, the same knowledge, and the same goals. He would still be God but also be experiencing the same problems of a human. Now that may seem impossible to us, as mere humans, but with God all things are possible. Through his extension he would speak and create, for the words spoken would be his own, spoken through the extension, called "The Word", "I AM", and Jehovah, among other descriptive names and titles. So he put his words into the mind of the Word so he could introduce himself to mankind. He came with a particular theme to introduce to mankind which was "The kingdom of God". He was so overcome with the physical suffering of mankind that interfered with his spiritual intent; he kept requesting they not expose him so that he could get on with the message. This is another study too involved to go into here.

Many years later, after the appearance of the Word, referring to Jesus, it is written: Jn.1:1 ¶ 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 anything made that was made.
- 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

The power, we call “Lord” of the old Testament, before being in the flesh, as the “Eternal God’s” spiritual extension, created angels, heavenly animals, and one special angel called Lucifer. He gave the angels freedom of making choices. They were created for his pleasure but he soon discovered they did not all give him pleasure. Lucifer, especially, caused him a lot of sorrow and pain. However, he chose not to destroy Lucifer until an appointed time. In Lucifer God had created evil, but he would use Lucifer to destroy evil. God warned the first humans not to disobey his instructions; if they did it would lead to death. They choose not to take God serious and by so doing they reaped death for themselves and for all of their offspring. The first age of creation ended sadly. The created humans and their descendants caused God so much grief that he destroyed them all in a great flood, except for one family.

Now we enter the second age of the plan to create man in their image. God, through His extension, called the Word, selected one man, Abraham, to continue the plan. God, as “The Word” appeared several times to different individuals, in a burning bush, in the form of a human and/or an angel, to communicate with those who were being called for special roles in the plan. Special laws were given and a special covenant entered into with a specially chosen family eventually named “Israel”. The Word explained that these laws, if obeyed, would result in eternal life, but if not kept, would result in eternal death. Lev. 26:3-28 Just read parts of it.

But Israel grieved the Word, being carnal flesh, they could not abide by the laws perfectly.

He loved them and addressed them as his “wife”. But they engaged in spiritual adultery called “idolatry”. Sacrifices and rituals were given temporally to introduce them to the seriousness of breaking the law, which was identified as sin. Since none kept the laws perfectly the people were all subject to eternal death, unable to be resurrected after their physical death. This became the “curse” of the law. However, this was still part of the ongoing plan of God to make man into other extensions of himself. His plan is to create a family, and a kingdom that will be a joy to himself and to all of his creations.

Age three; now comes the time for the age of grace to be fulfilled. Mt 24:34 Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. The prearranged plan is still in progress. The sinless Word would become a sacrifice for mankind in place of the animal sacrifices. God would introduce himself, as a loving Father, and make it possible for everyone who would accept his plan, to be resurrected to eternal life. He would become, in appearance, as a human. He would, as the Word, loose his glory and brilliance, his heavenly home, and takes on the appearance of a human and literally die a human’s death and resurrect so that mankind could be resurrected after death. He would feel pain, get tired, need sleep, etc just as any other human he would have the same five senses.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; A virgin was selected, and God, by his great power (the holy spirit), planted the extension of himself, as the Word, inside her body and caused flesh to develop around his spirit. It is interesting to note that if the holy spirit was a third member of the God head the holy spirit would be named the Father who begat Jesus, not God. Jesus never referred to the Holy Spirit as his father. We read about this in Matthew 1:20-23

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost (spirit).

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

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.

When “the God” that was with us was converted into a body of flesh through the power of his father’s holy spirit, he was begotten, in all appearances, as a baby of human flesh would be begotten by a human father. When he was born he had to be cared for as any other baby. He had the same physical needs, but his attitude and thoughts were still those of God. He was still God. He became subject to his human parents until he reached adulthood. His own laws had said, “Honor your parents”, so he did. He, now as Jesus, experienced the same culture and life style that those of that age did. He knew that he was destined to fulfill the writings of the prophets about himself, that he would, when the time came, be crucified and suffer shame and pain, then death for three days and three nights. He knew it would be a horrendous experience, but he had looked forward to what it would accomplish. It made him sad to see the suffering about him that resulted from the sins of mankind. He so yearned for them to accept the wonderful happy life he had offered.

As he grew to manhood he kept his powers hidden from the public. He knew he had to wait until the time was fulfilled before he displayed his powers. To set an example to those who believed him, he was baptized by his cousin, John. This he did to show repentance, death and burial to mankind’s sinful life style. He selected twelve men as his followers and taught them in private. When the time for his ordeal grew close he began to heal the sick, cast out demons, raise the dead, and perform many miracles that aroused jealousy and hatred in religious leaders of his country. His claim to be the only one who had a close relationship with the Father eventually led to persecution and his death. His claims enraged the masses.

John 5:36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

This was the same as telling them he was the son of God, not a mere human being, but that they had never heard the Father's voice or seen his shape ... but he had. By saying this he is admitting that he is the Word who spoke to Israel in times past. He not only traveled a long distance from God, he came out of God, he was a part of God. He has been sent to be more than the Word, now that he fulfilled the prophecies that foretold about him, died, resurrected, and returned to heaven, he is a begotten son (the first of many brethren) who will be resurrected and changed back into his previous glory as a firstborn son.

Jn. 3: 12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which IS in heaven.

He said this BEFORE he had been crucified and resurrected.

This was not the flesh part of Jesus talking. While teaching his disciples he shared things with them that they tried to understand but until they received the gift of his spirit and power from heaven, their minds were hardened. When Jesus talked about the father, they had heard little about a father. Understandably so; their scriptures spoke almost nothing about a spiritual father. Jesus often answered their questions from his spiritual source; his thoughts being far above their physical understanding. Just as many today do not understand, the disciples didn't understand the relationship of Jesus with the Father.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Though Jesus is clothed in a body of flesh he remembers that he is an extension called the Word; and now also a begotten son. Jesus is still God just as the Father is God, with the same thoughts, desires and goals. As time drew closer to the Passover, he tried to share his dread with his disciples, but they didn't have any idea what he was talking about. The new moon had appeared in the sky thirteen days previously and the time was near. The Passover meal had been prepared and the supper was served. Jesus

and his twelve guests sat together, eating the Passover meal as it begin to get dark, the beginning of Abib fourteenth. (Paul commented on this night in 1Cor.11:23-29) ¶

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

After the meal Jesus began to teach the disciples about serving and humility, and when the lengthy teaching was finished, he prayed a long prayer for them, then lead them to his special place for more prayer. He needed all the power and strength he could get from the higher power, the Father, to overcome his grief. His flesh was already suffering the terrible agony that he knew awaited him. Because he knew every detail that he had to endure, he knew it

would be more torture than any human had ever suffered. It was agony just thinking about it. (This account can be read in the 17th - 18th chapters of John and the 27th chapter of Matthew.)

But he knew it would result in the most wonderful gift he could give to mankind. In three days he would be resurrected, officially accepted by God the Father as the firstborn of many brethren. When the ordeal was fulfilled he would replace the laws of animal sacrifices, circumcision, priesthood, and religious rituals.

He would become high priest, redeemer, and mediator; his shed blood would cover and hide past sins of all who repent. His death would make possible man's atonement with the Father and eradicate the curse of the law. He willingly accepted the decree that had been decided before the foundation of the earth. This was his mission, to further the plan of the Kingdom. He prayed for his selected believers which extend even to us.

Jo 17:7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

Near midnight the frenzied crowd came for him; he surrendered willingly. For the next fifteen hours he was tried illegally, tortured unmercifully, crucified, and finally bled to death on the cross. He died at the same time the Passover lambs were being sacrificed

in the Temple, on the fourteenth of Abib. These details are recorded throughout the bible.

As Jesus had predicted three days and three nights later he resurrected. The following Sunday he appeared alive to Mary and later other disciples. He was now a spirit that was no longer embodied in decaying flesh. However, he could materialize into flesh and blood at will. Forty days later he left them standing watching as he was received up into heaven back to the glory he had had with the Eternal God, before the foundation of the world. Now he was not just an extension of the Father, but had been elevated to the glorious position of God's Son. But what about making mankind into extensions, images of God? How would that be done? On the feast day of Pentecost which the nation was celebrating, he visited them with great power giving the apostles and believing disciples the valuable gift of his spirit.

As flesh he had been begotten into the line of his chosen family of Israelites, a Jew, from the tribe of Judah, but few of his own had accepted him. He put them on spiritual hold and turned to the other nations, called Gentiles. For a time the twelve apostles and believers spread the good news of the coming Kingdom of God, grace and salvation to many. But none had been called to reach the spiritually ignorant Gentile nations.

The resurrected Jesus appeared to a religiously educated Benjaminite, by the name of Saul, whom he renamed Paul, in a blinding light that rendered Saul blind for three days. Jesus commissioned Saul to take the message of grace to the Gentiles. In spite of extreme persecution Paul was very successful, establishing churches all across Asia, and leaving a record of his messages in letters that compromise much of the New Testament.

All who accepted the teaching of Jesus through Paul and his messengers' teachings were forgiven their past sins. As each repented and was baptized according to Act 2:38 were begotten into the God family by Jesus' Holy Spirit. He placed within their spirits the potential to grow into an extension of the Father. Then they would be accounted worthy to enter into the Kingdom of God.

At that time they would become born spiritual children of God. Just as Jesus, having endured death as the sacrificed lamb, and being resurrected to life became the firstborn of many brethren, so will any who accepts his sacrifice and believes the message sent by the Father by the Word. Those who believe, at their resurrection, will become born again "in the image" of God. Jesus explained to Nicodemus what it would be like when one is "born again".

Jn 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit IS spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Mt 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

1Cor. 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

This then is how one becomes the extension of the God of heaven; he is made in the very image of God. God came to earth in the image of man to die and suffer that man could become in the image of God.