

WE WILL CONSIDER

- Jesus Christ is the son of God, but not God Himself.
Because he was like us in every way, Jesus was
- able to overcome sin and death.
- Through sharing in his victory in baptism, we can be saved from sin and given eternal life when Jesus comes back to the earth as King.

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Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ's miraculous Birth

When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God's command, God immediately showed them the promise of redemption: a woman would give birth to a special son who would destroy sin (Genesis 3:15). The Old Testament is full of prophecies of the saviour. The lives of many faithful servants of God were parables of the life of Jesus Christ (eg Joseph). There are very specific prophecies about his life (Isaiah 61:1-2), his death (Isaiah 53), his resurrection (Psalm 16:8-11), his ascension to God's right hand (Psalm 110:1), his work as our high priest (Psalm 110:4) and his coming Kingdom (Isaiah 32:1).

Jesus did not exist before he was born, except in the purpose and word of God through His prophets (1 Peter 1:20). After 4,000 years of preparation, when the time was right, the son of God was born: 'When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman' (Galatians 4:4). Mary was told that she would have a son who would be both the son of David and the son of God, who would rule over a Kingdom forever (Luke 1:31-33). God's power, the Holy Spirit, would come on her, and create a baby inside her without the involvement of a man (Luke 1:35). The creation of Jesus was a miracle – he is a son of Mary and the son of God.

Jesus was a Man not God

The Bible teaches that Jesus is a man. The idea that Jesus is God was introduced into church doctrine 300 years after Christ. The words 'trinity' and 'God the Son' are never found in the Bible. The apostles taught that Jesus was a man, even after his resurrection and ascension to God's right hand:

'There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus'

1 Timothy 2:5

Consider the following:

- God has always existed and always will (Psalm 90:2) but Jesus was born (Matthew 1:16) and died (Mark 15:37)
- No man can see God (1 Timothy 6:15-16), but many people saw Jesus, even after his resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:6)
- God's understanding cannot be measured (Psalm 147:5), but Jesus grew in wisdom (Luke 2:52). He had to learn God's Word and his mission (Isaiah 50:4-5)
- Jesus had a will of his own which he had to learn to submit to God's perfect will (John 5:30, Luke 22:42)
- God is good (Psalm 135:3). Jesus rebuked a man for calling him 'good', saying that only God is good (Mark 10:18)
- God cannot be tempted with evil (James 1:13), but Jesus was tempted in every way like us (Hebrews 4:15)
- God has always been perfect (Matthew 5:48), but Jesus had to be made perfect through his sufferings (Hebrews 2:10)
- God is strong and cannot grow tired (Isaiah 40:26,28), but Jesus grew tired and was weak (Matthew 8:24; 2 Corinthians 13:4)
- God never died (1 Timothy 1:17). Jesus died and needed God to raise him from the dead (Galatians 1:1)

Jesus Christ's Amazing Victory over Sin and Death

Jesus Christ was 'made like his brothers in every respect' (Hebrews 2:17). How, then, did this man become the saviour of the world?

The amazing thing about Jesus is that he 'in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.' (Hebrews 4:15) The famous account in Matthew 4:1-11 shows that Jesus overcame every temptation by drawing on God's word. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus pleaded with God for salvation to come some other way, but then submitted with the words "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." (Matthew 26:39) He was 'obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross' (Philippians 2:8).

Jesus did not necessarily suffer any more than other crucified people. It was not remarkable that Jesus died – all men die. It was remarkable that Jesus succeeded in living his entire life in total dedication to his Father. His death was the conclusion of a life of complete obedience to God. His last words, "It is finished" (John 19:30), celebrate this victory. Sin could only be destroyed by someone who shared our nature and was tempted like us in every way, but who was also completely obedient to God (Hebrews 2:14).

Because of this remarkable obedience, God raised Jesus from the dead, never to die again (Acts 2:24; Romans 6:10). The resurrection of Jesus Christ saves us and gives us the hope of eternal life (Romans 5:10; 1 Corinthians 15:17-23) if we share with it in baptism and in a life of obedience (Romans 6:3-8).

Jesus will return as king over the earth, bringing eternal life with him (Acts 1:11; Luke 1:32-33; Philippians 3:20-21).

More information

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SUMMARY

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