

Scriptures that Speak about the Identity of Jesus Christ (NASB)

Who is Jesus Christ – Before and After His Incarnation?

1. **John the Apostle stated that Jesus was the life-giving Word – who was with God and was being God, who was in the beginning with God, and who created all things.** 1 In the beginning was the Word, ¹ and the Word was with God, ² and the Word was God. ³ 2 He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, ⁴ and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. (John 1:1-4)

¹ John 1:1 and following - Word: I believe the [Apostle John](#) identifies Jesus as the Word (*logos*, [3056](#)) because He is the best expression, or statement, of who God is. See John 1:18.

² John 1:1 - the Word was with God: Though the Word is of the same *essence* as God, yet He is a *person distinct* from God. There are three persons identified as God in the Bible, but there is only one God. The generic name for God in the OT, Elohim ([430](#)), beginning at Genesis 1:1 is a plural noun making ample provision for the fact that multiple persons make up the One God. Indicators of the Triune nature of God can be found in such passages as Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; and 1 Peter 1:2

³ John 1:1 - and the Word was God: The verb “was” appears in the [Imperfect](#) Greek tense, and conveys a continuous action in past time. In the past, the Word (Logos) was continually being God. That is, He was always partaking of the same essence as God. This is a clear statement of the [Deity](#) of Christ before He became man. When He became man, He did not give up His Deity. Rather, God added to the Logos humanity. He was now entirely unique, the hybrid God / Man. What an eternal sacrifice both God and the Divine Logos made to identify forever with the race of humanity God had created in Genesis 1:26-28. Man’s sinfulness necessitated the Logos’ becoming man and dying in his place to pay for man’s sins.

⁴ John 1:3 - All things came into being through Him: Clearly, the Word was the Creator.

2. **John the Apostle stated that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.** 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, ⁵ and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten ⁶ from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

3. **John the Apostle that Jesus Christ, the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, has explained Him (the Father).** 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

4. **It was immediately after His baptism by John the Baptist that God anointed Jesus with His Spirit.** 13 Then Jesus *arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. 14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" 15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he *permitted Him. 16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, ⁷ 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (Matt. 3:13-17) (See also Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34.)

5. **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.** 13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

⁵ John 1:14 - the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us: This refers to the Word, the Eternal Logos, becoming human. This happened when the Holy Spirit caused Mary to conceive in her womb (Luke 1:26-35) and she gave birth to the child, Jesus (Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7). Theologians call this the [Incarnation](#).

⁶ John 1:14 - only begotten: The term is *monogenēs* ([3439](#)), which literally means "only-born." See Luke's use of the term in Luke 7:12; 8:42; 9:38. Jesus is God's "only-born." One has to be born to be "only-born." This occurred, of course, when Jesus was born of the virgin Mary. Of course, if one is the only-born, he is unique, one of a kind. John uses this term in John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9. Isaac was Abraham's "only-born" through Sarah (Heb. 11:17). He was the unique son of promise.

⁷ Matt. 3:16 - he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him. This is the moment when God anointed the God/Man Jesus with His Spirit, not to make Him [Deity](#), for He was already that, but to appoint Him to fulfill the Office and Role of serving as the Anointed One (Hebrew = [Messiah](#); Greek = [Christ](#)). Jesus was anointed by God to serve as the Ultimate [Prophet](#), the Ultimate [Priest](#) and the Ultimate [King](#).

- 15 He *said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the [Christ](#), the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
6. **Jesus said He is the Resurrection and the Life.** 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)
 7. **Martha believed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.** 27 She *said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.” (John 11:27)
 8. **[John the Baptist](#) said Jesus was the Lamb of God who takes away the Sin of the World.** 29 The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)
 9. **[John the Baptist](#) repeated that Jesus was the Lamb of God.** 35 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” (John 1:35-36)
 10. **Jesus claimed to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life – the exclusive Way to the Father.** 6 Jesus *said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. (John 14:6)
 11. **The [Apostle Paul](#) stated that Jesus is God’s beloved Son, in whom we have redemption – forgiveness of sins, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation in that He created all things and holds all things together, and He is the head of the Body, the Church.** 13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 He is also head of the body, the [church](#); and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. (Colossians 1:13-18)

12. **The writer of Hebrews states that Jesus is God's Son, the ultimate message of God, heir of all things, the One through whom God made the world, the exact representation of God's nature, and the One who upholds all things by the word of His power.** 1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (Hebrews 1:1-3)

13. **[John the Apostle](#) stated that Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, firstborn of the dead, and ruler of the kings of the earth.** 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— (Rev. 1:5)

14. **Jesus Christ claimed to be the first and the last, the living One who holds the keys of death and Hades.** 17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, 18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. (Rev. 1:17-18)

15. **The [Apostle John](#) identified Jesus Christ as KING of kings and LORD of lords.** 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. 13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (Rev. 19:11-16)

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