

## The Pre-Existence of Jesus

Because Jesus Christ is God in the flesh (2 Cor. 5:19), He had no beginning and will have no end. Some cults teach that Jesus did not exist before He came to earth. The following verses prove that Jesus existed as God in heaven in eternity past.

Micah 5:2--"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth from Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity." This was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus (Matt. 2:6). Notice Jesus' existence is "from the days of eternity," not when he was born in Bethlehem.

Matt. 22:41-45--Jesus said David in the Old Testament was talking about the Messiah (Jesus) when David said, "The Lord (Father) said to my Lord (Jesus)..."

John 1:1--"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." This verse proves that Jesus is God and existed from the beginning (forever).

John 1:2--"He was in the beginning with God." He was with the Father (John 17:5).

John 1:3--"All things came into being through Him and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." He created the world before He came here.

John 1:14--"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." For the Word to become flesh, He had to exist before He was born.

John 1:15--John said, "He who comes after me (Jesus) has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me." Luke 1:13-36 tells us John was 6 months older than Jesus, which means Jesus existed before He was born.

John 1:30--John said, "...for He (Jesus) existed before me."

John 3:13--Jesus said, "And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man." Jesus said He descended from heaven.

John 6:46--Jesus said He had seen the Father (in heaven).

John 6:51--Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven..."

John 6:62--Jesus said, "What then if you should behold the Son of Man ascending where He was before?"

John 8:56--Jesus said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day; and he saw it and was glad."

John 8:58--Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." The Jews wanted to know how he had seen Abraham when He wasn't 50 years old. Jesus answered that He was "I AM." I AM is the Hebrew name for God (Ex. 3:13-14, Dt. 32:39, Isa. 43:10).

John 17:5--Jesus prayed, "And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I ever had with Thee before the world was." Jesus existed before the world was created.

Phil. 2:6-7--"Christ Jesus, who although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men." The Greek word for "form" means nature. Col. 1:16-17--"For by Him (Jesus) all things were created...all things were created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things..." Heb. 1:8--"But of the Son (Jesus) He says, 'Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever...' (Quote from Ps. 45:6). This verse proves that Jesus is God and existed from eternity past.

Heb. 1:10--"Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth..." (Quote from Ps. 102:25). This verse proves Jesus created the world.

Heb. 7:1-6,17--Melchizedek is used as an illustration of Jesus. Because there were no genealogical records of his birth or death, Melchizedek is said to have no beginning and no end (v.3,6). On the other hand, we have genealogical records of Christ's birth and death, yet He has no beginning or end because He is God.

Heb. 10:5--"Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, 'Sacrifice and offering Thou has not desired, but a body Thou hast prepared for Me.'" For Jesus to come into the world, He had to exist before He was born. He came from heaven into the body which would be sacrificed (v.10).

Heb. 13:8--"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever." Eternity past is yesterday. 1 John 1:2--Jesus was "with the Father and was manifested to us." Rev. 1:17, 2:8--Jesus is called "the first and the last." Jehovah God called Himself "the first and the last." (Isa. 41:4, 44:6).