

# Jesus our Saviour

## Key verse

- “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

**'Christ Jesus'** means 'Anointed Saviour'

**'Christ'** is the equivalent of 'Messiah' (anointed) in the Hebrew

**'Jesus'** is the equivalent of 'Joshua' (Yahweh saved) in the Hebrew

## The Birth of Jesus

- “And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that holy one who is born will be called the Son of God.’” Luke 1:35

God's Son Jesus was born to the virgin Mary after being **conceived by the Holy Spirit Power of God**. When Jesus was baptised, God **anointed** Him with the Holy Spirit. Two things we immediately learn from this:

**Firstly**, it is obvious from both His birth and anointing, that the Holy Spirit can be none other than **the Power of God and not a person**, otherwise the verse above from Luke 1:35 would be teaching that the Holy Spirit was Jesus' father. This shows the falsehood of the traditional teaching of the “trinity”.

**Secondly**, if Jesus was made in **all things as we are** (Heb.2:17,ch4:15), which includes conception, then this indicates a **new beginning**, without prior existence. Even though Jesus speaks in John's Gospel of “glory which I had with You before the world was” (John17:5), similar language is used of **all believers** in Romans: “For whom He **foreknew**, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...” (Rom.8:29). Further to this, Jesus is described as, “the Lamb **slain from the foundation** of the world” (Rev.13:8), and again of all believers being, “written in the Book of Life **from the foundation** of the world” (Rev.17:8). John the Baptist was described as being, “**sent from God**” (John 1:6), the Greek here literally meaning '**from beside**'. These situations can only be understood in the sense that **Jesus, John and all believers were pre-existent in the mind of the Father, eternally in the past**. See Predestination, sheet 23.

## Jesus our Mediator

- “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” 1 Tim.2:5.

Because Jesus was made in all points as we are, He then experienced **all the temptations and problems** that mortal human beings suffer (Heb.4:15). This means that He is well qualified to act as **our Mediator** in God's presence, to plead on our behalf for our forgiveness. It is worth noting that even though Jesus has been glorified with an immortal body, and is at the right hand of God, He is still described as a “man”, and not a second part of a triune Godhead (1 Tim.2:5). See also John 16:23-24,26.

## What is divine favour?

- “For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:17

'Grace' is a word in Scripture that is used many times to describe **undeserved Divine favour** that has been showered upon us from God through His Son. Note the perfect balance in the verse above between **grace and truth**. Jesus demonstrated **grace and truth** by the miracles He performed and by preaching **His life giving Word known as, “the gospel of the kingdom”** (Matt.4:23).

## Jesus: ‘The word made flesh’

- “...and the Word which you hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.” John 14:24

Jesus was “the word made flesh” (John 1:14), meaning that even with a nature **the same as ours**, He spoke only the **Word of God** and demonstrated behaviour that was always consistent with godliness.

## Jesus is

- **God's begotten son** John 3:16  
Psa.2:7; Acts 13:33; Heb.5:5.
- **Our Messiah Saviour** Luke 2:11  
John 4:42; Acts 5:31.
- **Our Great High Priest** Hebrews 3:1  
Heb.4:14, ch5:10, ch6:20, ch8:1.
- **Our Mediator** 1 Timothy 2:5  
Heb.8:6, ch9:15.
- **Not equal with God** 1 Corinthians 11:3  
Psa.2:7, ch8:6, ch110:1; 1 Cor.15:28; Matt.24:36; John 5:30; John 14:28; Eph.1:17; Heb.5:5; 1Tim.2:5.
- **Head of the church\*** Colossians 1:18  
Eph.2:19-22, ch5:22-27.
- **Given all judgement by God** John 5:22  
John 17:2; Acts 10:42, 17:31.
- **Returning bodily to earth** Acts 1:11  
Dan.7:13-14; Mark 13:26; Acts 3:20-21; 2 Thess.1:7-10; 2 Tim.4:1; Rev.1:7, ch22:12.
- **Future king on earth** Matthew 25:31  
Psa.2:6-9, ch21; Jer.23:5-6; Zech.6:12-13; Matt.19:28.

## Jesus was

- **Made and tempted as we are** Heb.2:17-18  
Heb.2:14, ch4:15
- **The perfect sin offering** 2 Corinthians 5:21  
Isa.53:12; Rom.3:23-26; Heb.7:26-27.
- **Resurrected bodily** Matthew 28:5-7  
Mark 16:6; Luke 24:38-39; 1 Cor.15:12-21.

\* The word church in our Bibles is translated from the Greek word 'ecclesia' meaning, 'a body of called out people'.

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