



True Bible Teaching About...”Jesus Christ”

As God is One, - a Unity, where was Jesus Christ during the 4,000 years of Old Testament history, before his birth of Mary?



He was a “Promise”

Gen. 3:15	He was to be the “seed of the woman”	Fulfilled Gal. 4:4
Gen. 22:18	He was to be the “seed” of Abraham”	Fulfilled Gal. 3:16
Deut. 18:15	He was to be “like unto Moses”	Fulfilled Acts 3:22
2Sam. 7:12	He was to be “Son of David”	Fulfilled Acts 13:23
Isa. 7:14	“A virgin would conceive and bear him”	Fulfilled Luke 1:31

1Pet. 1:20 : “*He was foreordained*” (designated beforehand)

Rev. 13:8 : “*He was slain from the foundation of the world*”
(the lamb slain in Eden was a foreshadowing of the sacrifice of Christ)

Psa. 89:27 : “*I will make him My firstborn*”

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He was “begotten” and “born”

John 3:16 : “*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*”

Luke 1:35 : “*And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the Power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*”

1John 4:9 : “*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*”



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Jesus progressed

Luke 2:52 : *“He increased in wisdom.”*

Heb. 5:7-9 : *“He learned obedience.”*
“He was made perfect” (not returned to perfection)

Heb. 1:4 : *“Having become so much better than the angels” R.S.V.*
“Obtained a more excellent name”



Jesus could be, and was, tempted

Heb. 2:18 : *“For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.”*

Heb. 4:15 : *“...was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”*

Luke 22:28 : *“Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.”*

Had Jesus been a God in heaven before being born of Mary, he must have divested himself of all previous identity, lost all his former knowledge, power, and standing with God, and then establish this all again.



Jesus never sinned

Although bearing our flesh and blood nature, Jesus did not give in once to the temptations inherent in our nature.

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.”*

2Cor. 5:21 : *“For God hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin...”*

Heb. 7:26 : *“For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens.” R.S.V.*



Heb. 4:15 : *"...was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."*



Why did He die?

Christ's death was a necessary perfect sacrifice, that the law of sin and death which came into force with Adam's sin, might be nullified in the "Second Adam". This showed the love of the Father in saving the Race.

John 3:16 : *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

John 1:29 : *"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."*

Heb. 9:26 : *"...but now, once, in the end of the age, hath he appeared, to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."*

Gal. 1:4 : *"Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father."*



The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ

Rom. 6:23 : *"The wages of sin is death..."*

As Jesus did not earn these wages, God, in His righteousness, raised Jesus from the dead, and exalted him to an immortal state. At the present time, he is at God's right hand, acting as priestly mediator between the Father and those who come unto God by him.

Acts 2:24 : *"Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that he should be holden of it."*

Rom. 6:9 : *"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him."*

Rom. 8:34 : *"It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."*



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



The Return of Christ

Jesus' first appearing as “Seed of the woman” was to deal a death blow to the “serpent” (a symbol of the power of sin in our human nature), See Gen. 3:15 again. But it is necessary for Jesus Christ to come again to fulfill the rest of the promises.

Acts 1:9-11 : *“...this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”*

Acts 3:20,21 : *“And he, (God) shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you, whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things...”*

2Tim. 4:1 : *“...the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.”*

Matt. 16:27 : *“For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”*

1Thess. 4:16 : *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”*

Heb. 9:28 : *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him, shall he appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation.”*