

CHRISTOLOGY – The Doctrine of Jesus Christ

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Part 1 The Preexistence of Jesus Christ

Key Scriptural Passages

- John 1:1, 14 ; Colossians 1:15-19
 - The firstborn speaks of His supremacy:
 - Over all creation
 - Colossians 1:15
 - Over the church
 - Romans 8:29; Ephesians 1:22-23
 - Over death / the resurrection, first to rise never to die again
 - Colossians 1:18; Revelation 1:5
 - The firstborn = Prototokos
 - Existing before all else
 - Superior to all else
 - If “first created” was meant the Greek word would have been “Protoktisis.”
 - “Firstborn” denotes two things of Christ: He preceded the whole Creation, and He is Sovereign over all Creation.ⁱ
 - The firstborn is worshipped
 - Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 22:8-9
 - Because of who He is
 - Hebrews 1:8-10

He is the Creator

- John 1:3, Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 3:9 NKJV; Hebrews 1:2

He is the Controller

- His power holds all things together
 - Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3

He is the Image of God

- **God is Invisible**
 - John 1:18; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:27; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 6:15-16
- **Image of God**
 - Colossians 1:15
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - Hebrews 1:3 – (“exact representation of His nature” - NAS)
- **Revealer of God**
 - John 1:18
 - John 14:7-9
 - 1 Timothy 3:16 NKJV

OT Appearances of Christ

- **The Angel of the LORD** Spoken of or seen as God
 - Zechariah 12:8
 - To Hagar
 - Genesis 16:7-13; 21:17-20
 - To Abraham
 - Genesis 22:11, 15-18
 - To Moses
 - Exodus 3:1-6
 - To Balaam
 - Numbers 22:20-35, 38
 - To Gideon
 - Judges 6:11-24
 - To Manaoah & His Wife
 - Judges 13:2-3, 6-9, 15-22
- **The LORD of Hosts** (Armies)
 - The Commander of the Army of the LORD
 - Joshua 5:13-15; 6:2
 - The King
 - Isaiah 6:3, 5; John 12:41 (“Isaiah was referring to Jesus” – NLT)
 - The Redeemer
 - Isaiah 44:6; Revelation 1:17

Plural Pronouns Used in the OT

- Genesis 1:26; 11:5-9; Isaiah 6:8

Recap: NT Writers Unity on the Topic

- John 1:1-2, 14-15; 6:51, 62; 8:58; 17:5, 24; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15-20

ⁱWalvoord, J. F., *The Bible knowledge commentary*