

# JESUS UNIQUENESS [004]

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## WHAT MAKES JESUS UNIQUE?

### Part One

#### 1] The ONLY human with a pre-human existence and virgin birth

Jesus is first referenced as the only human with a pre-human existence at Gen 3:15; **15**“And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, And you shall [only] bruise His heel.”[BSB] The apostle Paul applying the fulfillment of this prophecy in Jesus states at Gal 3:16 where he says; **15**“And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, And you shall [only] bruise His heel.”[AMP] Luke 3 traces the seed not only back to Abraham, but all the way back to Adam and Eve, the seed of the woman. Paul again specifically draws our attention to the connection at Gal 4:4 where the scripture says; **4**But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,[NIV] The prehuman existence of Jesus was also testified to by Jesus himself at John 3:13; **13**No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.[NIV] Here Jesus clearly tells Nicodemus that he came from heaven. At John 6:33,38&42; Jesus also made his origin known to a great number of those following him at 33 he said; **33**For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”; at vs 38; **38**For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me.[BSB] Now that rubbed the greater number of those following him the wrong way as is evident by their response found at vs 42; **42**They were asking, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then can He say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”[BSB] At Jo 8:23 to those questioning his role as messiah he said; **23**And he said to them, “You are from below and I am from above. You are from this world; I am not from this world.”[HPBT] Again referring to his pre-human existence, he said this to the same group 58; **58**Jesus told them, “Truly, I tell all of you emphatically, before there was an Abraham, I AM!”[ISV] On the final night of his earthly life, Jesus prayed at Jo 17:5; **5**And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world existed.[BSB] No other human born of woman has ever had a prehuman existence. Jesus is the ONLY human born of woman that was sinless as was Adam. He is the firstborn perfect human to ever exist. Lu 1:35 put it this way; **35**The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon

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you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. This makes Jesus truly unique among men and angels. Finally on this point, Jesus was born of the virgin Mary as Isa 7:14 foretold.

## 2] The only begotten son and only begotten god

The apostle John beautifully expresses the uniqueness of Jesus at Jo 1:1-18; **1**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Many have used this scripture as the foundation cornerstone for the doctrine of the trinity. I would refer them to Isa 9:6 which says; **6**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. There can be no doubt this prophecy was to be fulfilled in non-other than Jesus. Please note, however, that he would be The Mighty God, not Almighty God. Did Jesus know that this prophecy applied to him? Of course. Jesus is without a doubt the Mighty God of Isaiah 9:6. Yet no prophecy in the Hebrew scriptures refers to the coming messiah, Jesus, as God Almighty. In fact, Isa 9:7 says; **7**Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even forever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this. [ASV] So clearly, Jehovah is the one that provides the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Jesus is unquestionably the Mighty God of Isa 9:6, but the holy scriptures never refer to him as Almighty God. It is also noteworthy that Jesus NEVER viewed nor referred to himself as Almighty God. It is noteworthy that every place in Scripture, where Jehovah and Jesus appear together, they ALWAYS appear as two separate entities, and there is never a third entity seen. NEVER. Instead, it is always as vs 2 plainly states; **2** He was in the beginning with God. As the rest of the scriptures bear witness. This depiction clearly fits perfectly with Col 1:15-17 which identifies Jesus as; **15**who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; **16**for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him; **17**and he is before all things, and in him all things consist.[ASV] Yes, Jesus is the firstborn of all creation. That is where vs 3 gets its power when it says; **3**All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. Most bible scholars acknowledge that the 'WISDOM' of Prov 8:22-31 is Jesus personified. Notice how he is

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described; **22**Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, Before his works of old. **23**I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, Before the earth was. **24**When there were no depths, I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. **25**Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills was I brought forth; **26**While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, Nor the beginning of the dust of the world. **27**When he established the heavens, I was there: When he set a circle upon the face of the deep, **28**When he made firm the skies above, When the fountains of the deep became strong, **29**When he gave to the sea its bound, That the waters should not transgress his commandment, When he marked out the foundations of the earth; **30**Then I was by him, as a master workman; And I was daily his delight, Rejoicing always before him, **31**Rejoicing in his habitable earth; and my delight was with the sons of men. Question? What was the very first creation of Jehovah God? Before anyone or anything else. Jesus was the very first creation and as vs 3 says; **3**All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. It also perfectly fits Col 1:16,17 which says; **16**for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him; **17**and he is before all things, and in him all things consist.[ASV] Jesus was the great light of Isa 9:1,2 which says; **1**But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter time hath he made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. **2**The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. That is the way John describes Jesus in vs 1:4&5 ; **4**In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. **5**And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. It is also the way Jesus describes himself at John John 8:12 where he said; **12**Once again, Jesus spoke to the people and said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." [BSB] The apostle John then goes on to say at vs 6-8 **6**There was a man having been sent from God, whose name was John. **7**He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, so that all might believe through him. **8**He was not the Light, but *he came* to bear witness about the Light. So here we see that Jehovah sent John the Baptist ahead of Jesus to fulfill the prophecy at Isa 40:3 according John the Baptist himself which he says in vs 23; **23**John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet: "I am a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" [BSB] Then the apostle John, in the next

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section of scripture, brings to our attention one of the most precious opportunities and privileges ever made possible since the fall of man in the garden of Eden by the truly unique human Jesus, through which it came. In vss 9-13 John expresses it this way; **9**There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens everyone. **10**He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11**He came to what was His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. **12**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, **13**who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. Only through Jesus does humanity have the opportunity to become the legal and legitimate children of God. Adam destroyed our legal and legitimate status by succumbing to sin, and ONLY through the sinless Jesus can we become the legal and legitimate sons and daughters of God by adoption. Through our adoption, we become legitimate heirs of God along with Jesus. This is beautifully pointed out at Rom 8: 16,17 which says; **16**The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. **17**And if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with Him, so that we may also be glorified with Him. [BSB] When we become heirs of God, we inherit the promises stated at Rev 21:3-7; **3**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.**4**'He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,' and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the former things have passed away." **5**And the One seated on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then He said, "Write this down, for these words are faithful and true." **6**And He told me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give freely from the spring of the water of life. **7**The one who overcomes will inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son. [BSB] Whether we inherit life in heaven or life on Earth, where Adam and Eve were supposed to live forever, the promise to the children of God is the same. No sickness, no sorrow, no pain, no death. As the legally adopted children of God, we will live as long as Jehovah does under the grandest of conditions.

Going back now to John 1:14-17. The apostle now brings our attention to a truly unique title bestowed only on Jesus. Let's see what it is; **14**And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15**John bore witness about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I

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said, 'He who comes after me has been ahead of me, for He existed before me.'" **16**For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. **17**For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came 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*. [NASB] The only begotten God? What does that mean? After much searching into various commentaries, they connect the only begotten God to the only begotten Son, which indeed fits with what the scriptures teach. Jesus is without question the only begotten son and he is without question the Mighty God of Isa 9:6. That would make Jesus the only begotten God as well as the only begotten son. It is indisputable that no man has ever seen Almighty God the Father. Yet thousands saw the 'Word' who was in the beginning with God, in the flesh, the Mighty God, Jesus. This of course included John the apostle and John the Baptist. Immanuel means, with us is God, a title belonging to Jesus. There is no question as to whether Jesus is the Mighty god, but where did Jesus or the Christian bible writers ever state that he was Almighty God? He is always spoken of as the son of God but not once is he termed by inspired bible writers, God the son. Nor is the phrase, 'God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, three in one' found in the Holy scriptures.

That is the perfect segway to 3:16 which reads; **16**"For God so [greatly] loved *and* dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes *and* trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life.[AMP] Jehovah, through the death of His firstborn son, ransomed mankind and made eternal life possible only through the second Adam, making our Eternal Father, Jesus. 1Cor 15:45-49 explains this beautifully when it says; **45**So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. **46**The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. **47**The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. **48**As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. **49**And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. [NIV] Jo 3:18 nails down the fact that Jesus is the promised messiah and that faith in him is the only way to gain eternal life. John being an eyewitness regarding all the prophecies in the holy scriptures concerning the Messiah were fulfilled in Jesus. Every single one. Which is why he writes in vs 18; **18**Whoever believes *and* has decided to trust in Him [as personal Savior and Lord] is not judged [for this one, there is no judgment, no rejection, no condemnation]; but the one who does not believe [and has decided to reject Him as personal Savior

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and Lord] is judged already [that one has been convicted and sentenced], because he has not believed *and* trusted in the name of the [One and] only begotten Son of God [the One who is truly unique, the only One of His kind, the One who alone can save him].[AMP] John had earlier written at 1Jo 4:9; **9**By this the love of God was displayed in us, in that God has sent His [One and] only begotten Son [the One who is truly unique, the only One of His kind] into the world so that we might live through Him.[AMP] John in chapter 20 vss 30,31 makes it clear that Jesus is the Messiah the Son of God, not god the son. **30**Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **31**But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. Jesus is indeed the only begotten son and only begotten god.