

Jesus Christ

What do the following verses say about Jesus Christ?

1. Colossians 1:15

Jesus is eternally pre-existent (Colossians 1:17, John 1:1,2, 8:58). He existed before creation. He is spoken of in the past tense (*was*) with reference to the beginning of time. He was already in existence as a member of the eternal godhead before time began. His birth is his entrance into humanity from eternity past, not the beginning of his existence.

2. Colossians 1:16

Jesus is the co-creator of all things (John 1:3,10, I Corinthians 8:6, Hebrews 1:2). Jesus is the co-creator of all that exists. He is the agent through whom God created all that is. The glory of Jesus is exhibited through his role as co-creator, not just Redeemer.

3. John 1:1

Jesus is God. He is referenced as being God (Philippians 2:6, John 10:33), the exact representation of God (Hebrews 1:3), the image of God (Colossians 1:15), the bodily expression of God (Colossians 2:9), equal with God (John 5:18), the fullness of God (Colossians 1:19) and displaying the authority of God (Luke 5:20-26).

4. Matthew 1:18

Jesus was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:22-24, Luke 1:35). The virgin birth of Jesus Christ accomplished two things. First, it revealed Jesus to be the fulfillment of Old Testament Messianic prophecy (Isaiah 7:14). Second, it enabled Jesus to become the Savior of humanity. Only a virgin birth enables a sinless substitute, since sin nature is transmitted through conception (Psalm 51:5). Only sinless (Hebrews 4:15), human (Hebrews 10:4) blood (Hebrews 9:22) could provide a permanent "once and for all" (Hebrews 10:10) substitutional sacrifice for mankind. Read Hebrews 2:14,15.

5. Luke 7:18-23

Jesus was supernatural. Jesus possessed supernatural powers, extraordinary compassion and unequalled love. He had power over death (John 11:40-44, Luke 7:11-17, Mark 5:41), demons (Mark 5:9-13, Luke 4:35), sickness and infirmities (Matthew 4:24, 8:16, 9:35, 12:15), weather (Mark 4:35-41), natural limitations (Luke 9:10-17). He was transformed, revealing his glory (Luke 9:28-36). He demonstrated compassion to the lonely (John 5:6), love for the isolated (John 4:9), comfort for the grieving (John 4:49,50) and forgiveness for the guilty (John 8:11). All this only represents a summary of what he did (John 21:25).

6. Hebrews 4:15

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Jesus is sinless (2 Corinthians 5:21, I John 3:5, 1 Peter 1:19, 2:22, Hebrews 7:26,27). His sinlessness is testimony to his divine nature. It is also what enabled him to be a substitutional sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

7. 1 Corinthians 15:3,4

Jesus died for our sins and rose from death.

a. **He died for our sins** (1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:5, Hebrews 9:28, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:25, 4:25, Galatians 3:13, John 1:29, Matthew 1:21). Jesus' death was substitutional. It was on our behalf, it was sacrificial. He took our punishment. His death paid the price for our sins. It provides forgiveness for believers (Romans 5:15).

b. **He arose from death** (Matthew 16:21, 28:5-7, Acts 2:24, 32, 3:15, 4:10, 5:30, 10:40). His resurrection proves his identity (Romans 1:4) and defeats death (I Corinthians 15:54-57). It enables the believer to confidently trust in eternal, forgiven, and abundant life (Romans 10:9). His resurrection was not a secret or hidden event, but rather attested to by an abundance of eyewitnesses (I Corinthians 15:5-8, I John 1:1-4).

8. John 14:6

Jesus is the only way to God (John 1:51,10:9, Acts 4:12, 10:43, 1 Timothy 2:5, 1 John 5:12). Faith in Jesus alone is the only means by which a person can receive forgiveness, granted eternal life and be in a right relationship with God.

9. Acts 1:9-11

Jesus ascended to heaven and will return again (Matthew 16:27, I Corinthians 1:7, Luke 17:30, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:4, I Timothy 6:14). Jesus remained in his resurrected state for 40 days, then supernaturally ascended to heaven. He will return again, not as the suffering servant, (Mark 10:44), but rather as the ruling King, (Revelation 19:11-13) to fully establish his Kingdom by ruling, judging and reigning forever.

10. Romans 8:34

Jesus is interceding for believers (Hebrews 7:25). Jesus' position in heaven at the right hand of God indicates our redemption is complete. He is constantly praying for believers. He is defeating the accusation of the enemy upon believers (Revelation 12:10) by rightly claiming to have permanently (once for all) paid the price for all their sins (past, present and future) Hebrews 9:12