

Text: Various
Topics: Angel of the Lord, Creator, Christ, Deity,
Series: The Jesus Who Came to Earth

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Preexistence?

I. Preincarnate Existence?

Beliefs...

Jesus was foretold to be God. (Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2)

Jesus was called God. (John 1:1-2; 20:28)

Jesus claimed to be God. (John 8:58; 10:30-33; 17:5)

Jesus had the attributes of God. (Matthew 9:2-7; 28:20)

Since Jesus is God the Son, He existed before the world was created, and in eternity past, with God the Father.

II. Preincarnate Activity?

Jesus was the Creator of God's world. (John 1:3; Col. 1:15-16; Hebr. 1:2)

Jesus was the minister to God's people. (1 Corinthians 10:4; Exodus 14:19)

III. Preincarnate Importance?

The preexistence of Christ affirms the truthfulness of the substitutionary sacrifice, present assistance, and authoritative teaching of Christ!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

The following are only a sample of the verses that relate to each topic. Can you locate more?

1. Read Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2; and Zechariah 2:9, 12. How do these verses foretell that the Messiah would be God?
2. Notice how Jesus is called God in the following passages. John 1:1-3; 20:28; Matthew 3:3; Luke 2:11; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:3, 8-10; 2 Peter 1:1; and Rev 19:16. Which 3 passages would you use to defend the deity of Christ, and why?
3. The Apostle John records some of the instances in which Jesus claims to be God. Read John 8:58; 10:30-33; 17:5; Revelation 22:13. Explain the significance of these statements if Jesus is not really God.
4. What attributes of God do you see in Jesus in Matthew 9:2-7 & 28:20? Can you point to 1-2 more verses that demonstrate Jesus is God?
5. What relationship do, or could you, have in which the other person doesn't know Jesus is God and existed in eternity past? How would you go about helping them understand the deity of Christ?
6. Read John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-16; and Hebrews 1:3. How does this not conflict with Genesis 1:1?
7. In addition to being Creator, what else did Jesus do before His incarnation?
8. Why is the preincarnate existence of Jesus an important doctrine?