

# Jesus, The Creator!

*John 1:1-14*

## INTRODUCTION

This morning we are beginning a series that will take us into the Easter season in regards to who is this Jesus? I want us to look at Jesus from different angles so that we can be better informed to what the Bible says of Jesus, the Christ.

The first thing I want us to look at is the nature of Jesus, the eternal nature of Jesus. It is easy for us in some way or the other to picture a man in distant history, but it is hard to picture that man who is also the visible image of the invisibility of God. That the Spirit inside the man of history we know as Jesus is the same Spirit that brought creation into existence ex-nihilo, out of nothing.

So let's begin this series in the beginning...

*John 1:1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. Life was in Him, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man named John who was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was created through Him, yet the world did not recognize Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, He gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **I. From Eternity to Eternity You are God**

**Alister Begg**

There was a time when Jesus was God and not a man, but there was never a time when Jesus was man and not God.

*John 17:5*

Now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with that glory I had with You before the world existed.

***Psalm 90:2***

Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity, You are God.

## **II. The Trinity**

**Ravi Zacharias**

There is not a better picture of unity in diversity like in the Community of the Trinity.

***John 4:25-26***

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ ). "When He comes, He will explain everything to us."

"I am He," Jesus told her, "the One speaking to you."

***John 8:57-58***

The Jews replied, "You aren't 50 years old yet, and You've seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "I assure you: Before Abraham was, I am."

***John 14:7-11***

"If you know Me, you will also know My Father. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him."

"Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time without your knowing Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on My own. The Father who lives in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.

**Karl Barth, The Humanity of God**

"God's high freedom in Jesus Christ is His freedom for LOVE. The divine capacity which operates and exhibits itself in that superiority and subordination is manifestly also God's capacity to bend downwards, to attach Himself to another and this other to Himself, to be together with him. This takes place in that irreversible sequence, but in it is completely real. In that sequence there arises and continues in Jesus Christ the highest communion of God with man. God's deity is thus no prison in which He can exist only in and for Himself. It is rather His freedom to be in and for Himself but also with and for us, to assert but also to sacrifice Himself, to be wholly exalted but also completely humble, not only almighty but also almighty mercy, not only Lord but also servant, not only judge but also Himself the judged, not only man's eternal king but also his brother in time. And all that without in the slightest forfeiting His deity! All that, rather, in the highest proof and proclamation of His deity! He who DOES and manifestly CAN do all that, He and no other is the living God."

### **III. Love Gives, Therefore, Creation Happened!**

#### **Daniel Fuller**

Just because creation gives God great delight, we cannot say that He is worshipping it; rather, He is worshipping Himself as He sees His goodness bringing such blessing to people that they give their heartfelt thanks and praise to Him for the benefits He imparts.

#### **Max Lucado**

You weren't an accident. You weren't mass produced. You aren't an assembly-line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on the Earth by the Master Craftsman.

### **IV. Jesus is the Authority over Creation**

#### ***Colossians 1:15-17***

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together.

#### **R.C. Sproul**

The very word authority has within it the word author. An author is someone who creates and possesses a particular work. Insofar as God is the foundation of all authority, He exercises that foundation because He is the author and the owner of His creation. He is the foundation upon which all other authority stands or falls.

#### ***Matthew 8:23-27***

As He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. Suddenly, a violent storm arose on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves. But He was sleeping. So the disciples came and woke Him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to die!”

But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, you of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea. And there was a great calm.

The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this?—even the winds and the sea obey Him!”

#### ***Romans 8:18-23***

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God’s sons to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to futility —not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it—in the hope that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of God’s children. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the first fruits —we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

### **CONCLUSION:**

#### **A.W. Tozer**

God dwells in His creation and is everywhere indivisibly present in all His works. He is transcendent above all His works even while He is immanent within them.