

Some Facts About Christ

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Introduction.

I. This evening I would like to read the Prologue to the gospel of John. John reveals some facts about Christ that are not revealed in the other gospels. (Jn. 1:1-18).

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 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 comprehend it. 6 ¶ There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the light. 9 ¶ There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to 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. 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 of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" 16 For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. 18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

II. In this lesson I would like for us to pay special attention to the first three verses of the Prologue.

III. It is important that we examine the facts revealed in them and in other scriptures about Christ.

I. **“In The Beginning”** - The “Word” Jesus was “in the beginning.” (Jn. 1:1).

- A. The words “in the beginning” refer to a time prior to creation. This is very clear from the context especially as one looks at verses 2 and 3.
- B. This is one of many statements that indicates Christ is pre-existent. Christ did not begin in Bethlehem, but has always existed. (Mic. 5:2; Jn. 1:15; 8:58; 17:5; 1 Jn. 1:2).

II. **“With God”** - John affirms the “Word” was “with God.”

- A. The Old Testament shows God was not alone at creation. (Gen. 1:1, 26).
- B. The word “us” suggests God was not alone and did not act alone in creation.
 - 1. The Old Testament indicates the angels were present at creation. (Job 38:17).
 - 2. The New Testament reveals Christ was present “with God.”
 - 3. “God” refers to God the Father.

III. **“Was God”** - John affirms “the Word was God.”

- A. Jesus was not angel, but He was God (Deity).
- B. The Deity of Christ is set forth throughout the New Testament.
 - 1. Jn. 1:18; 10:30; 14:9; 20:28
 - 2. Phil. 2:1-8

PHI 2:1 If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- 3. Col. 1:15; 2:9; Heb. 1:8.

IV. **Word Created All Things** - John affirms “Word” created “all things.” (Jn. 1:3).

- A. John states “all things” were created through Christ.

1. Jesus was the agent in creation.
2. God created everything through Jesus.

B. This is repeatedly set forth in the New Testament. (Col. 1:16, 17; 1 Cor. 8:6; Rev. 3:14).

V. **Word Became Flesh** - John affirms "the Word became flesh." (Jn. 1:14).

A. The One who had always existed and who created all things became flesh.

B. This happen in the fulness of time. (Gal. 4:4).

C. When the time was just right, Jesus was born of the virgin Mary. (Matt. 1:18-25).

1. There can be no doubt Jesus became flesh.
2. He was Immanuel "God with us." (Matt. 1:23).

D. One of the great doctrines of the Bible is the humanity of Christ. (1 Tim. 3:16a).

1. The humanity of Christ means **Jesus was really a human being.**
2. The humanity of Christ means **Jesus was really a perfect human who died for us.**
3. The humanity of Christ means we have **a high priest who has been tempted in all points such as we are.** He is able to sympathize with us and help us. (Heb. 2:18).

E. One of the great problems of the first century was the denial of Christ's humanity.

1. Many who believed that matter was evil taught Jesus could not have been flesh.
2. It is a serious matter then or now to deny Christ's humanity. (2 Jn. 7).

Conclusion.

I. In summary John teaches us that the Eternal Christ is Deity and all things were created by Him. He became flesh.

II. He became flesh to become "the lamb of God." (Jn. 1:29).

III. The Lamb of God came to die for the sins of the world. He died for your sins and for my sins. He will save all who will trust in Him. We invite you to come to Jesus. Confess your faith in Him. Turn from your sins and be baptized. Will you come as we stand and sing.

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