

# Christology Part 1

## The Person and Work of Saving Grace

Question: How many redeemers do sinners deserve?

Question: How many redeemers can there be?

- **Who is God's eternal Redeemer?**

The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the eternal Son of God. Jesus became a man in His incarnation and continues to be both God and man. Jesus is the one and only God-man, having two distinct natures in one person, and will be forevermore.

### 1) The only **Redeemer** is the Lord Jesus Christ.

- John 14:6 - *"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*
- Acts 4:11-12 - *"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*
- 1 Timothy 2:5-6 - *"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time."*

### 2) Jesus is the **eternal** Son of God.

- Matthew 3:16-17 - *"And when Jesus was baptized... and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*
- John 1:1, 14-18 - *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [...] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.')* For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."

## Question: When was Jesus created?

### 3) God the Son became a man in His **incarnation**.

- **Isaiah 9:6-7** – *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”*
- **Matthew 1:23** – *“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel.”*
- **John 1:14** – *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*
- **Galatians 4:4-5** – *“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”*

### 4) Jesus is both **fully God** and **fully man**, and will remain thus evermore.

- **Acts 1:10-11** – *“And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*
- **Hebrews 7:22-24** – *“This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.”*
- **Luke 24:36-40** – *“As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.”*

Question: Did Jesus Christ become God at some point during His earthly ministry?

- **How did the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, become man?**

The Son of God became a man by taking to Himself a true human body, this through the power of the Holy Spirit, which did conceive Him in the womb of a virgin. This was a miraculous act and not a sexual act. Jesus was born of woman, but was without sin.

**1) The Son of God took on Himself a **true human** body.**

- Philippians 2:5-8 – *“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*
- Hebrews 2:14-17 – *“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”*

Question: Does the Bible affirm the humanity of Jesus?

Question: Does the Bible affirm the deity of Christ?

Question: Why might these two affirmations be considered essential doctrines of the Christian Faith, truths which may not be denied by Christians?

**2) The Holy Spirit miraculously **conceived** the human Savior in the womb of a virgin.**

- Luke 1:26-35 – *“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”*

*But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*

*And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.*

*And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"*

*And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God."*

### **3) Jesus was born of a woman, but was **without sin.****

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 – *"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*
- Hebrews 4:15 – *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."*
- Hebrews 7:26 – *"For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens."*
- 1 John 3:5 – *"You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin."*