

# **Foundation Study #4: JESUS CHRIST**

**What do the following verses say about Jesus Christ?**

**1) Colossians 1:15**

**He is eternally preexistent** (John 1:1,2; 8:58; Colossians 1:17). He existed before creation. He is spoken of in the past tense “was” with reference to the beginning of established time. He was already in existence as a member of the eternal godhead before any beginning. 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** (John 1:3,10; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Hebrews 1:2). Jesus is the co-creator of all that exists. He is the agent through Whom God created the universe, the world and all that is. His majesty is shown through His creative attributes. His humility is shown through His own creation not recognizing and eventually rejecting Him as it's Creator and Savior.

**3) John 1:1**

**Jesus is God.** He is referenced as being God (John 10:33; Philippians 2:6), 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; 9:6,7). Second, it enabled Jesus to become the Savior of humanity. Only a virgin birth enables a sinless substitute since our 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 for all*” (Hebrews 10:10) substitutional sacrifice for mankind. Read Hebrews 2:14,15.

**5) Luke 7:18-23**

**Jesus was supernatural** (John 4:11). Jesus possessed supernatural powers, extraordinary compassion and unequalled love. He had power over death (Mark 5:41; Luke 7:11-17; John 11:40-44), demons (Mark 5:9-13; Luke 4:35), sickness and infirmities (Matthew 4:24; 8:16; 9:35; 12:15), weather (Matthew 4:35-41), natural limitations (Matthew 9:47-52; 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 and it only represents a summary of what He did (John 21:25).

**6) Hebrews 4:15**

**Jesus was sinless** (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 7:26,27; 1 Peter 1:19; 2:22 1 John 3:5). His sinless state was both testimony to His divine nature and 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 the death.**

- a. **He died for our sins** (Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 1:21; John 1:29; Romans 3:25; 4:25; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 2:24). Jesus' death was substitutional. It was on our behalf. He took our punishment. He paid the price for our sins. His death provides forgiveness for believers (Romans 5:15).
- b. **He rose 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 (1 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, hidden event but rather attested to by an abundance of eye witnesses (1 Corinthians 15:5-8; 1 John 1:1-4).

8) **John 14:6**

**Jesus is the only way to God** (Matthew 1:21; John 1:51; 10:9; Acts 4:12; 10:43; 1 Timothy 2:5). Faith in Jesus alone is the only means by which a person can receive forgiveness and be in a right relationship with God.

9) **Acts 1:9-11**

**Jesus ascended to heaven and will return again** (Matthew 16:27; Luke 17:30; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:4; 1 Timothy 6:14; Revelation 19:11-13). 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 attacks of the enemy (Revelation 12:10) by defending believers by rightly claiming to have permanently ("*once for all*" [Hebrews 9:12]) paid the price for all their sins (past, present, and future).

**What was the most significant verse in this study to you? Explain.**