

Jesus Christ The Eternal Son of God

(John 20:30-31)

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John proves Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God (John 20:31) with four arguments. If Jesus is not eternal, then He is not God.

1. Jesus Christ Existed Before His Birth (20:31; 9:39; 8:23, 42; 6:33, 3:17)

- A. There are more references to Christ's preexistence in John's Gospel than any other portion of Scripture because John is proving the eternity of Christ.
- B. Most biographers begin with the person's birth and then trace the person's accomplishments. But not with Jesus. Before Christ was the Babe of Bethlehem, He lived in Heaven.

2. Jesus Christ Existed In the Old Testament

- A. As a Theophany (8:56-59; Genesis 18:1-2)
- B. As the Angel of the Lord who was the pre-incarnate Christ
 - 1. Seeking (Genesis 16:7; Luke 19:10)
 - 2. Sustaining (Genesis 21:17-20; John 4)
 - 3. Identifying as God (Genesis 22:15-16; John 10:30)
 - 4. Being Sent (Genesis 24:7; John 20:21)
 - 5. Revealing God (Genesis 32:24; John 1:18)
 - 6. Judging (2 Kings 19:35; John 5:22). So what? Heb 13:8 "Jesus Christ, the same..."

3. Jesus Christ Existed Before Creation (John 1:3)

- A. This is what proves Christ's eternity
 - 1. He could have existed before His birth and not be eternal
 - 2. False teachers use this argument (John 1:14)
- B. Christ existed before creation, therefore He could not have been created (Col 1:16-17)

4. Jesus Christ Existed From Eternity (1:1). At the point in time when everything began to be Jesus already was. What did Jesus do in eternity past?

- A. He shared His Father's glory (John 17:4-5; 1:14; 2:11)
- B. He received His Father's love (John 17:24-26)
- C. He planned our Salvation (Eph 1:4-5), Israel's future (Rom 11:26), the Church (Eph 3:1-6), the Millennium (Eph 1:10), Eternity (Eph 2:6-7), and our daily lives (Rom 8:28-29)