

# Jesus Christ The Eternal Son of God

*(John 20:30-31)*

**(Wednesday, May 18)**

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)