

The Advent of Jesus the Messiah

The Eternal Son

John 1:1-18

Over the next five weeks we will be studying from the Scriptures the Person and nature of our Lord Jesus Christ as He takes upon Himself human flesh for the purpose of redeeming us from our sin and granting us eternal life. We will study His coming in five sections:

November 27:	The Eternal Son	John 1:1-18
December 4:	Leaving the Throne	Philippians 2:5-11
December 11:	Entering the Womb of Flesh	Matthew 1:18-25
December 18:	Born in Humility as a Servant	Luke 2:1-20
December 25:	Tempted in All Manner Like We	Hebrews 4:14-16

The story of the nativity begins before time begins. In the eternal council of the Triune God the dream of creation and the necessary redemption of human beings was forged before the earth was made. In the divine mystery the Eternal Son, the Word of the Triune God was purposed to be the Redeemer. And so John begins his story of the life of Jesus Christ before time began:

- I. *In beginning the Word always was, and the Word always was face to face with God (the Father and the Spirit), and the Word always was (Himself) God. This One always was in beginning face to face with God.* (PRM Translation)
 - A. John begins before any specific time to tell us that the Word of God had His existence and an equal and intimate relationship with the Triune God. It leaves us with no doubt that Jesus of Nazareth was eternally pre-existent deity. John wants us to understand that Jesus is fully God and existed before the Bethlehem nativity.
 - B. The WORD is Jesus. John makes this clear in v.14: And the WORD became flesh and pitched a tent among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the One and Only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (PRM Translation) There is no question that John is talking about Jesus of Nazareth when he refers to the WORD.
 - C. In Greek philosophy, a perfect word is a word that fully expresses the essence and embodiment of the concept it conveys. Words, in ordinary language, are phonetic symbols which represent ideas of the mind. The more accurate and precise the word, the better it conveys thought and image from one person to another. Jesus is the perfect Word of God—He fully and completely conveys the character and nature of God to the human mind so that, “the one who has seen Me has seen the Father.” (John 14:9)
- II. *Through Him all things came into being, and apart from Him not one thing has come into being that has been made.* (PRM Translation)
 - A. Jesus Christ is the Creator, He made everything that has been made. This clearly means that He existed before anything was created and that He Himself is not created.
 - B. In the beginning God SPOKE the WORD as the Spirit hovered over the turbulence of the waters and formed the earth and the heavens and the sun and moon and stars and all that the world contains. Jesus was the creative WORD: The Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit; and without Him nothing was made that has come into being.
 - C. He is the source of life and light and the holy flame that burns in the heart of all people granting breath and life and the potential to return to the Father and be reconciled.

