

“Who was Jesus Christ?”
John 1:1-5

I. Jesus Christ is Preeminent in time (v. 1a).

(Isaiah 44:6; 48:12; Revelation **1:8, 17-18; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13**; 19:12)

II. Jesus Christ is Preeminent in position (v. 1b).

Acts 5:30-32; (Philippians 2:5-11)

III. Jesus Christ is Preeminent in nature (v. 1c).

(Hebrews 1:1-3)

IV. Jesus Christ is Preeminent in His relationship with God (v. 2).

(John 10:30; Hebrews 12:2)

V. Jesus Christ is Preeminent as the Creator (v. 3).

(John 1:10; 1 Corinthians 8:6)

VI. Jesus Christ is Preeminent as the giver of life (vs. 4-5).

(John 3:19-21; 5:26, 35; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35-36, 46)

John 20:30-31

³⁰ Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 19:35

And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

John 21:24

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

Revelation 19:13

He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

Isaiah 44:6

“Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.

Isaiah 48:12

“Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

Acts 5:30-32

³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. ³¹ He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses of these things; and *so is* the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 1:1-3

¹ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

John 10:30

I and the Father are one.

Hebrews 12:2

...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 1:10

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

1 Corinthians 8:6

...yet for us there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him.

John 5:26

For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

John 3:19-21

¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

John 5:35

He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

John 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

John 9:5

While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”

John 12:35-36

³⁵ So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. ³⁶ While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.” These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.

John 12:46

I have come *as* Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

καταλαμβάνω (katalambanó)

- to make something one’s own, *win, attain*
- to gain control of someone through pursuit, *catch up, with, seize*
- (from *katá*, “down, according to,” which intensifies *lambánō*, “aggressively take”) – properly, take hold of *exactly, with decisive initiative* (eager self-interest); to grasp something in a forceful (firm) manner; (figuratively) to *apprehend* (comprehend), “making it one's own.”

Mark 9:18

¹⁷ And one of the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute; ¹⁸ and whenever **it seizes** him, it slams him *to the ground* and he foams *at the mouth*, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not *do it*.”

John 8:3-4

³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman **caught** in adultery, and having set her in the center *of the court*, ⁴ they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman **has been caught** in adultery, in the very act.

John 5:43

I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.