

THREE BEGINNINGS OF JESUS CHRIST

The Person who created the universe with a word, created angels, ruled their civilization, judged the angelic fall & is overseeing the Angelic Conflict... This eternal Person decided to become one of us, to resolve our judicial issues, to show us how to live, to enable us to overcome our sin & belief system problems & walk with us through every challenge in this life. Then He will take all believers, give us resurrection – Superman bodies and lead us into the new adventures we haven't even heard about yet. Merry Christmas.

Intro:

God the Son, the God-Man, the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ is described in three distinct phases of His life that the bible discusses as beginnings.

- a. **The first beginning** was not actually a beginning b/c He is eternal but describes His work when He created the universe & the administration of the angelic & human creations. Vs 16-17 Creator & the root of all universal laws of the universe; Jn 1:3
- b. **The second beginning** was His conception and birth to become the God-Man & to perform all the prophetic work of salvation through His life, death, burial & resurrection
Vs 15, 19-20 image & firstborn, all the fullness in Him, reconciled all things to Himself
- c. **The third beginning** or phase of His life began with His resurrection when He returned with a human body that appeared to have superman like abilities, to be the first of a race of supermen that go with Him into the eternal state. Vs 18 – Head of the body, the beginning, first place in all things.

1 Tim 3:16 And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Beheld by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

Heb 1:1-4 – God, the Son, heir of all things, made the universe, radiance of God's glory, exact rep of His image, holds all things together by His powerful word, made purification for sins, sat down at right hand & in His humanity became superior to angels.

1. Beginning One – God, the Son in Eternity – A beginning that wasn't a beginning

- a. **Eternal Life Conference** – God, the Father – God, the Son – God, the Holy Spirit together planned to create the universe and its creatures – Divine Decrees
Acts 2:23 this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.
Isa 46:10 – declaring the end from the beginning
- b. **Creator** – Gen 1:1-3, Col 1:16-17, Jn 1:3, Heb 1:3 Supervisory Role – intermediate agent
John 1:3 All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. (Dia + genitive) [intermediate agency], 1Cor 8:6
Rom 11:36 For from (ek) Him and through (dia) Him and to (eis) Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.
- c. **Appointed to Suffer** – Act 2:23, Phil 2:6-8
Philippians 2:6 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 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
 - Hard to imagine deity suffering or being able to relate to suffering.

2. Beginning Two – Conception & Birth into the Human Race

- a. **Seed of the woman** – Gen 3:15 – the plan all along was for God, the Son to join Himself to humanity by joining a human body & righteous human nature to His deity.

- God kept the prophetic line of Messiah hidden & slowly unfolded the heirs throughout the Age of the Gentiles & the Age of the Jews down to Joseph & Mary

Heb 10:5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering Thou hast not desired, But a body Thou hast prepared for Me;

- b. **Virgin Conception** carried to term with a natural birth – Lk 1:26-35 Gabriel & Mary

Isa 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

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- Gabriel provided 23 male chromosomes to combine with 23 in Mary's egg – Son of God

- c. **Natural progression unto adulthood**

Luke 2:52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

- Perfect body, no OSN, perfect human development, perfect spiritual development

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit – the end of His life as perfect humanity

3. Beginning Three: Post resurrection – God, the Son became God-Man & then became Superman (Col 1:18)

He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.

- a. **Head of the Body: kephale** = supreme authority over the church, He is seated in heaven while His spiritual body is in the flesh on planet earth representing Him.
- b. **The Third Beginning:** He returned in His new body, He seemed to have enhanced abilities

Lk 24:31 – Jesus on the road to Emmaus has was not recognized, then was & he disappeared

Lk 24:36-43 – disciples together in a locked room – he materialized among them, they touched His scarred hands & feet, he ate a piece of broiled fish Jn 20:19-29 – add Thomas to story

Acts 1:9 – He was taken up into heaven behind the clouds – did He fly to heaven?

Our Hope, Our Confident Expectation:

- c. **1Jn 3:2** – we will have a body like His – our body changed into a resurrection body
- d. **1Cor 15:35-58** – Mortal changed to immortal, dishonor to honor, weakness to power & a natural body to a spiritual body.
- e. Christ could transport Himself to wherever He wanted to be, appear & disappear at will, fly into the heavens & eat whatever He wanted without getting fat – **thank you Lord.**