

Did Jesus Have A Beginning?

A very controversial subject within Christianity is the argument over if Jesus had a beginning. Many opinions and theories are circulating out in the Christian world, but there is only one truth. Only by prayer and looking at scripture without any bias will we ever know what that one truth really is. Let's begin.

The word "begotten" needs to be addressed as the Bible says many times that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. The word "begotten" can be found many times in the Bible, but where was it first used pertaining to Jesus?

- *I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I **begotten** thee.* - Psalm 2:7

Here we see in the old testament that the word "begotten" is used for Jesus for the first time. Keep in mind this is long before His birth on this earth. Due to its placement in the Bible this verse is showing us that Jesus was the begotten Son of God before he was born on earth. The next question is 'what does the word "begotten" mean?' Psalm 2:7 is from the Old Testament, which was written in Hebrew, so we need to know the Hebrew definition for the word "begotten".

- "**Begotten**" in Hebrew is the word "**yalad**" which means: to bear, born, to bring forth, brought forth.
- *The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting. From the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains*

abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: - Proverbs 8:22-25

- *These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the **Father**. - John 16:25*

An interesting fact is that Jesus is speaking in proverbs 8, which is confirmed by John 16:25. Jesus tells us in proverbs that He was "brought forth". This is the exact Hebrew definition for the word "begotten". Notice how Jesus said He was "brought forth" before the earth was created? This is an important fact as popular opinion teaches Jesus has existed as long as the Father, or Jesus has only existed since His birth to Mary. In reality Jesus Himself is telling us He has existed since before the creation of earth. This makes total sense as we know from Hebrews 1 that Jesus created the worlds.

- *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed **heir** of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by **inheritance** obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a **Father**, and he*

*shall be to me a **Son**? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. - Hebrews 1:1-6*

Hebrews 1 gives us some incredible insight on how Jesus came into existence and became God Himself. The scriptures above show how Jesus is an "heir" of all things from God, God then used Jesus to create the "worlds". It says that Jesus was "made" and had an "inheritance" from God. And it says that Jesus has a Father and that He is His Son. God the Father is the one true God of the universe and is the one who "brought forth" Jesus. Make sure to check out our study "Who is God?" for more clarity on this subject. Finally, Hebrews 1 says that Jesus is the "firstbegotten". It's important to note that the Hebrew definition for "begotten" should be used in the New Testament as there is no scripture showing that the definition for the word "begotten" has changed from the Old Testament.

We want to be clear that Jesus was not "created", but He was "begotten". There is a difference between the two as "begotten" means that we are a blood relative to someone (a parent or parents). Jesus was begotten of the Father, which is the reason He is also God like His Father. We inherit traits and attributes both physically and mentally from our earthly fathers, which is exactly why Jesus is God himself, He inherited His Father's substance which makes Him also God. The angels, Adam, even satan were all "created" not "begotten", which is why they do not have the status of God like Jesus. Have you ever considered that satan might have become jealous and rebelled because he was "created" by God and not "begotten"

like Jesus? Let's look at some more scriptures about Jesus being "begotten".

- *No man hath seen God at any time; the only **begotten** Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared. - John 1:18*
- *But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me. - John 7:29*
- *Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself: but as my **Father** hath taught me, I speak these things. - John 8:28*
- *Jesus said unto them, If God were your **Father**, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from **God**; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. - John 8:42*
- *For the **Father** himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the **Father**, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. - John 16:27-28*
- *Who is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of every creature: - Colossians 1:15*

Scripture clearly shows that Jesus had a beginning, but that beginning came before the worlds or anything else was created. Jesus having a beginning does not diminish Him in any way as it is a result of Him being the literal Son of God (the Father). In human life a son does not exist from the same point

of time as his father. Keep in mind that we (humans) were made in the image of God.

The Bible does not specify how the Father brought Jesus into existence and that is usually because our limited human brains couldn't understand that process. Therefore, it is not worth speculating how Jesus was "begotten", but it is important that we understand that He is the literal Son of God. The Father and the Son have a real father son relationship, and they have blessed all of us with the ability to experience this relationship with our own children on this earth. What a beautiful thing that is. We hope this brings you some clarity and we always encourage people to study this subject for themselves, God Bless!