

Did Jesus Christ Pre-Exist?

Isaiah 46:9-10 ... *I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:... I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.*

What does Isaiah 46 tell us about God's foreknowledge?

God's Act of Creation

Looking at the following verses, consider how God caused the world to come into being? Does He mention anyone else helping Him to create, or witnessing the act of creation?

Genesis 1:1-2 *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

How did God create light? Read through Genesis 1 and find the consistent phrase that tells us how God created everything else on Planet Earth. _____

Psalm 33:6-9 *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

According to Psalm 33, how were the heavens made or the seas gathered? _____

Isaiah 44:24 *Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself..."*

Isaiah 45:18. *For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.*

According to Isaiah, did anyone assist God in the Creation of the world? _____

Job 38:4-7 *Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

Was anyone with God when He created the world? If yes, who? _____

Compare Luke 2:8-15 _____

What did God know and reveal about Messiah before he was born?

Here are some passages with details given concerning Jesus Christ. Some are promises, some are prophesies and some are experiences that enacted the sufferings of Messiah. See what God foreknew:

Genesis 3:15 _____

Genesis 22 (enactment and a promise) _____

2 Samuel 7:12-16 _____

Psalms 16:9-10 _____

Psalms 22 _____

Psalms 72 _____

Isaiah 7:14 _____

Isaiah 9:6-9 _____

Isaiah 53 _____

Daniel 7:13-28 _____

Daniel 9:20-27 _____

Micah 5:2 _____

What do the New Testament writers say about the Old Testament prophesies concerning Messiah?

Highlight any interesting details:

1 Peter 1:8-11 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Luke 24:44-45 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures...

Acts 2:23-36 ... this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ... David... knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Acts 26:22-23 To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.

John 1 - 'The Word'

John 1:1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.*

What is the Greek word and meaning for 'Word' : _____

Did God create the world by His word? _____

Did God have a plan (an intent or purpose) before He began Creation? _____

Was Jesus part of God's plan and purpose before Creation? _____

What does John 1:14 mean? *'And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.'* _____

Has God ever 'foreknown' anyone else before they were born?

Jeremiah 1:5 _____

Luke 1:11-20; John 1:6 _____

Ephesian 1:4-5 _____

How is Jesus the 'Firstborn of all Creatures'?

Colossian 1:15-18 *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence.*

In Colossian 1:16, what things were created by Jesus? _____

What things were created in the Genesis 1 creation? _____

Are Colossians 1 and Genesis 1 speaking about the same creation? _____

What is Jesus 'the firstborn from' (Colossians 1:18)? _____

What do the following passages say about the way in which Jesus is the firstborn?

Acts 26:23 _____

1 Corinthians 15:20-23. _____

Revelation 1:5-6 _____

Was Jesus the first to be resurrected from the dead? _____

How was Jesus' resurrection different from all previous resurrections? _____

If Jesus is the first to rise from the dead in this way, who else will follow (1 Corinthians 15:43-49)? _____

What is the 'New Creation'?

John 3:3-17 _____

Romans 6:1-11 _____

2 Corinthians 5:1-5, 17 _____

James 1:18 _____

1 John 3:2-3 _____

Revelation 5:9-10 _____

In what ways is Jesus the Creator of the New Creation?

Did Jesus pre-exist bodily before Genesis 1, or simply in the mind and purpose of God? _____