

## I. EARLY JESUS

### A. CREATION

Creation points to the Creator, and that Creator is Jesus.

1. Verses –
  - a. John 1:3 - All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
  - b. John 1:10-11 - He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
  - c. 1 Cor. 8:6 - yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.
  - d. Eph. 3:9 - and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ.
  - e. Col. 1:16 - For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.
  - f. Heb. 1:1-2 - God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
  - g. Heb. 1:10 - And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.
  - h. Rev. 3:14 - "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God.
2. Creation shows that Jesus is **INTELLIGENT**. According to Psalm 139:14 – you are fearfully and wonderfully made. According to Eph. 2:10 – you are God's workmanship
  - a. You are composed of 100 trillion cells (1 trillion seconds = about 32,000 years) – each cell is composed of at least 400 proteins – each protein is composed of at least 100 AA's – there are 20 types of AA that all fit specifically together. Not to mention your cells reproduce and die every second. You get "old" as more and more cells fail to reproduce effectively. In light of all of that, if you likened AA's to the alphabet, and

you wanted to take the letters and randomly drop them onto the floor until they said, "I love Jesus, He rocks" =  $1/26$  to the 17th power = 1 in 1 million, 113 trillion octillion – Yet, the smallest simple protein is 100 AA's in length =  $1/20$  to the 100th power, and that result would need to be taken to the 400th power. Lloyd from Dumb and Dumber - So you're saying there's a chance!? Basically, random mutation and natural selection could never replace intelligence.

- b. Bacterial flagellum.
  - c. Malaria kills 3000 per day and infects 500 million per year. Sadly, its reproductive cycle is amazingly complex and hard to stop.
  - d. *Trypanosoma cruzi* VSGs also make them very difficult to stop.
  - e. Sponge choanocytes are amazing.
  - f. Sharks sensory systems are amazing – they can detect 1 part in 10 billion parts.
  - g. Guinea worms and round worms have amazing life cycles as well.
  - h. Giraffe necks pose a real problem to evolutionists.
3. Creation shows that Jesus is **PROVIDENTIAL** (Acts 14:16 - Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.)
  4. Creation shows that Jesus is **MORALLY PERFECT**. (Romans 2:15 - who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves [their] thoughts accusing or else excusing [them]).
  5. Creation shows that Jesus is **BEAUTIFUL**.
  6. Creation shows that Jesus is **POWERFUL**.

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### B. PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE COMING OF JESUS

1. Gen. 3:15 – The Seed of the woman – **THE INCARNATION OF JESUS 1**
2. Gen. 12:3 – All families of the earth blessed through Jesus – **THE SCOPE OF JESUS 1**
3. Gen. 49:10 - The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people. – **THE POWER OF JESUS 1**
4. 1 Sam. 2:10 – He will give strength to His King and exalt the horn of His anointed. – **THE POWER OF JESUS 2**
5. Job 19:25 - For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth – **JESUS THE REDEEMER 1**  
(Redemption means deliverance from some evil by payment of a price. It is more than simple deliverance) – Mark 10:45
6. Psa. 22 – All – **JESUS THE SUFFERING SERVANT 1**
7. Psa. 40:6–10 - Then I said, “Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book *it is* written of me. – **JESUS THE WORD**
8. Psa. 68:18 - You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men – **JESUS THE SALVATION 1**
9. Psa. 118:22–24, 26 – The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. – **JESUS THE FOUNDATION**
10. Isa. 11:1 [Rom. 15:12.] – There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots (connects to Gentiles) – **THE SCOPE OF JESUS 2**
11. Isa. 11:2–10 vs. 11–16 - The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. – **JESUS IS SPIRIT FILLED**
12. Isa. 28:16 - Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. – **JESUS THE FOUNDATION 2**
13. Isa. 40:3 [Luke 3:4.] – The voice of one crying in the wilderness... **JESUS THE MESSENGER**
13. Isa. 40:11 - He will feed His flock like a shepherd;  
He will gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry *them* in His bosom,  
And gently lead those who are with young. – **JESUS THE SHEPHERD 1**
15. Isa. 42:1–4 - A bruised reed He will not break,

And smoking flax He will not quench;  
He will bring forth justice for truth.  
He will not fail nor be discouraged,  
Till He has established justice in the earth;  
And the coastlands shall wait for His law.” - **THE MEEKNESS  
OF JESUS**

16. Isa. 49:1–12 vs. 13–26 – turn there – **THE SALVATION OF  
JESUS 2**

17. Isa. 53 – turn there – **JESUS THE SUFFERING SERVANT 2**

18. Isa. 55:5 - Surely you shall call a nation you do not know,  
And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you,  
Because of the LORD your God,  
And the Holy One of Israel;

<sup>j</sup>For He has glorified you.” – **THE SCOPE OF JESUS 3**

19. Isa. 56:1 - Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
For My salvation *is* about to come,  
And My righteousness to be revealed. **THE SALVATION OF  
JESUS 3**

21. Isa. 59:16–18, 20 – turn there – **JESUS THE REDEEMER 2**

22. Isa. 62:10, 11 – **JESUS THE SEEKER**

23. Jer. 23:5, 6 - turn there – **THE SHEPHERD 2 AND THE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS 1**

24. Jer. 33:15–18 – same as above X 2

25. Dan. 7:13, 14 - “I was watching in the night visions  
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,  
Coming with the clouds of heaven!

He came to the Ancient of Days,  
And they brought Him near before Him. – **JESUS THE SON OF  
MAN**

26. Dan. 9:24–27 – turn there – **JESUS THE MESSIAH WHO IS  
TO BE “CUT OFF”**

27. Hag. 2:7 – Called the Desire of all nations –**THE SCOPE OF  
JESUS 4**

28. Zech. 3:8 – Called My servant the Branch – **JESUS THE  
SERVANT 1**

29. Zech. 9:9 - King riding in on a donkey – **JESUS THE SERVANT  
2**

30. Zech 12:10 – ...then they will look at Me whom they pierced” –  
**JESUS THE SUFFERING SERVANT 3**

31. Zech. 13:1 – Read – **JESUS THE SHEPHERD 3**

32. Mal. 3:1–3 - “Behold, I send My messenger,  
And he will prepare the way before Me.  
And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple  
- **THE INCARNATION OF JESUS 2**

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<sup>j</sup>Is. 60:9

33. Mal. 4:2 – Called the Sun of righteousness – **JESUS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS 2**
34. Matt. 1:20–23 – comforting words to Joseph
35. Luke 1:26–37, 41–45 – comforting words to Mary
36. Luke 2:26, 31–35, 38 – comforting words to Simeon and Anna – **THE SALVATION OF JESUS 4**
37. John 8:56 - Your father Abraham <sup>v</sup>rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.” Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” - **JESUS THE CREATOR**
38. Acts 3:22–24 – Peter using Moses and “the Lord will raise up a Prophet” reference – **JESUS THE PROPHET**
39. Heb. 7:16 – Jesus came with the power of an endless life. **THE ETERNAL JESUS**
40. Heb. 10:9<sup>1</sup> - Jesus came to do God’s will. **JESUS THE SUFFERING SERVANT 4**

**NOTICE –**

THE SCOPE OF JESUS = 4X  
THE SUFFERING SERVANT JESUS = 4X  
THE SALVATION OF JESUS = 4X

**CONCLUSION – JESUS CAME TO SERVE AND SUFFER SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE SALVATION. THIS SALVATION WAS THEN MEANT TO BE SPREAD VIA THE CHURCH TO ALL THE WORLD – BOTH JEW AND GENTILE.**

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<sup>v</sup>Luke 10:24

<sup>1</sup>Swanson, J., & Nave, O. (1994). New Nave's. Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems.

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### C. THEOPHANY - JESUS IN THE OT.

He appears in the form of a man, acts and speaks like God and is referred to as God. Mysteriously, He is both identified as God and distinguished from God. We find this in passages such as Genesis 16:7-13; 18-19; 22:11-18; Exodus 3:2-6; 23:20-23; Judges 6:11-14, 20-22; 13:21-23). Note also how Zechariah 12:8 equates God and the Angel of the Lord. These theophanies were preparatory for the incarnation in that they anticipated the coming of a Heavenly Visitor who would one day be both truly God and truly man. – *each instance had a significant purpose.*

1. Genesis 16:7-13 – Ishmael (God hears) – **Jesus hears**
2. Genesis 18-19 – Abraham and S and G – **Jesus judges** (with reservation despite incredible wickedness) and **Jesus breaks bread**
3. Genesis 22:11-18 - Abraham and Isaac – **Jesus saves**
4. Exodus 3:2-6 – Moses and the burning bush – **Jesus sends-1 (humble and holy)**
5. Exodus 23:20-23 – Guidance of Israel into Canaan – **Jesus guides** (pillar of fire and cloud)
6. Joshua 5:14 – Guidance, comfort, and protection before Jericho – **Jesus** (the Commander) **never gives you too much to handle** – 2 Chron. 16:9
7. Judges 6:11-14 – Gideon commissioned and encouraged – **Jesus sends-2 (humble and real)**
8. Judges 6:20-22 – Gideon told not to be afraid but to be at peace (just like after He was resurrected), calls Jesus The Lord is Peace – **Jesus gives us peace** (now He has a staff) – it is comforting to know we have a Savior who can both fight for us (with His sword) and lead us safely in peace (with His staff).
9. Judges 13:21-23 – Manoah and his barren wife instructed about Samson – **Jesus provides**
10. Zechariah 12:8 – Deliverance of Israel via the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus – **Jesus rules everything** – at the end of it all, Jesus rules forever. Stick with Him and you win.