

Series: Christ in the OT

Title: The Pre-Incarnate Jesus

Text: (Jn 3:17-18)

INTRODUCTION: Jesus Christ is the central figure of the entire history of the world.

He is the expression of God's love for mankind.

It is a very serious affront to God to reject his Son.

"For God sent not his Son to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:17-18).

JESUS, BEFORE HIS INCARNATION:

• **Is God:**

Our God is a trinity (one, yet in three persons).

Jesus Christ is God & possesses all of the attributes ascribed to God the Father.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the same was in the beginning with God." (John 1:1-2)

"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." (John 1:14)

"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life." (1 John 5:20)

• **As God:**

Jesus dwelt in the honor and glory which was due himself (Isaiah 6:1-4)

(1 Kings 22:19)

(Ezekiel 1:26-28)

Jesus was active in the creation of the universe and in God's relationship with mankind.

(John 1:3)

(Genesis 1:26)

(Genesis 11:7).

(1 Corinthians 8:6)

(Colossians 1:16-17)

(Hebrews 1:1-3)

(Hebrews 1:7-8)

(Hebrews 1:10)

• **Is author of the plan of Salvation.**

Remember, we are dealing with the Holy Trinity.

In his omniscience God knew that man would fall & would need a Savior.

His justice required the penalty of death for the sinner, [*"For the wages of sin is death..."*],

but his love caused God the Son to offer himself as the effective sacrifice; [*"But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*]

(Romans 6:23)

(Hebrews 7:25-28)

(Hebrews 10:9-14)