

# Week 5

## **Man, Creator, and Firstborn of All Creation**

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21).

When Christ was incarnated to be a man, He was given the name Jesus by an angel. Jesus is equivalent to Joshua in Hebrew (Num. 13:16), which means the salvation of Jehovah, or Jehovah the Savior. Thus, He is the Savior, who will save His people from their sins.

“Mary, of whom was born Jesus, Who is called Christ” (Matt. 1:16).

The second name of Christ is Christ, the equivalent of Messiah in Hebrew (John 1:41), which means the anointed One. This name reveals that He is God’s anointed One, being anointed by God with His Spirit to create and to redeem in order to fulfill God’s eternal purpose.

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matt. 1:23).

Jesus and Christ were names given by God. When men discovered that He was God, they called Him Emmanuel, which means God with us. This name reveals that Jesus, who is our Savior, and Christ, who is God’s Anointed, are actually God Himself coming to be with us.

### **Man**

In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh” (John 1:1, 14).

The Man, Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5).

And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness, who was manifested in the flesh” (1 Tim. 3:16).

The three portions of the Word above clearly tell us that Jesus Christ, who is God, became flesh to be a perfect man with a human body and human nature. Therefore, He is God manifested in the flesh. He is God and He is man, a God-man, possessing both the divine and the human natures. As to His divine nature, He is completely God; as to His human nature, He is perfectly man. This is a great mystery.

### **The Creator**

“You in the beginning, Lord, have founded the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands” (Heb. 1:10).

This tells us that Christ is also the Creator.

### **The Firstborn of All Creation**

“The Son of His love...Firstborn of all creation” (Col. 1:13, 15).

This makes known to us that Christ is also a creature; He is the Firstborn, the first item, of all creation. As God, He is the Creator of heaven and earth; as a man, He is the first One of all creation.

