

# How Would Things be Different if Jesus had a Human Father?

This question was posed by Bible Teacher, Roy Cloudt, last Sunday. Hmmm!

There is a short answer to this and a very long answer, bringing out all kinds of changes. As a semi-retired editor, I aim at the succinct and simple. But that seems beyond my reach here!

If Jesus had had a human father; i.e., if Joseph had been His real father, the simple answer is that we wouldn't have anything! If Jesus was strictly human and not divine in any way, shape, or form, you wouldn't be here to read what I would write, because I wouldn't be here to write it.

I. At least in three distinct places Scripture states that Jesus created all things, visible and invisible:

- [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."* [v.11](#) *"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."* [Verse 14](#) *"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."*
- [Colossians 1:16-17](#). *"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."*
- [Hebrews 1:1](#). *"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;"* [Verse 10](#), *"And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:"*
- [Hebrews 2:10](#), *"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."*

## How Would Things be Different if Jesus had a Human Father? (Continued)

There are numerous allusions to the Creator and His identity throughout the Old Testament. In fact, this truth is revealed to us in [verse 3](#): *"And God said."* Allusions to God's spoken Word as the creative force are numerous, and this focuses in on Jesus Christ in [John 1](#), where He is revealed to be the Word, which is God's means of communicating to His Creation. He Created by means of the Word, revealing His Acts, character, and identity: *"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 bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him...."*

Compare: [Proverbs 30:4](#):

*"Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended?*

*Who hath gathered the wind in his fists?*

*Who hath bound the waters in a garment?*

*Who hath established all the ends of the earth?*

*What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"*

II. The "long" answer includes almost every statement and action Jesus made and did. It brings to mind [John 21:25](#): *"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written everyone, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."*

Jesus very name – Je Sus – literally means "Yahweh saves." There would be not salvation, no hope of resurrection after death, no hope of eternity with God in Heaven, etc., etc.

Practically every song that we have come to love and cherish would have no meaning if Jesus had a human father, which means that Jesus himself would be human, not sinless, not the Savior.

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