

# 71st – Bible Seeds Podcast

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- Intro Music - **“The Christmas Child”** from the **“It’s Christmas”** CD or Video by Carl, found on **carlvasta.com** (downloads for free!)

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is: **Where Did Jesus Come From**

We will find the first clue of where Jesus came from in the **Old Testament, Chapter 1, verses 26 – 27, “Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”**

**“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”**

Notice, that God refers to Himself as **OUR IMAGE** according to **OUR LIKENESS**. More than one being! And in the next verse He refers to all of them as **ONE**. His **OWN** Image

Our next clue where Jesus came from is found in the **New Testament in the book of John, Chapter 1: verses 1-5**, and it says, ***“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.”***

***He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made - that was made.***

***In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it.***

And **verse 14** describes the birth of Jesus Christ saying, ***“And the Word became 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.”***

In the Old Testament, God was speaking to the Prophets, the Judges, and kings through Jesus. Besides **Noah**, Jesus came to **Abraham** in person as **Melchizedek, the king of Salem and the priest of God Most High**, after Abraham rescued Lot and the people from the cities of the plains in **Genesis 14: verses 17-20**.

And at **Genesis, Chapter 18**, He came to Abraham with two angels before God destroyed Sodom and rescued Lot and his family at **Genesis, Chapter 19**.

Jesus was also there in person as the angel who wrestled with Jacob before meeting his brother Esau in the **book of Genesis, Chapter 32: verse 28**. He also renamed Jacob and gave him the name **Israel**, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Moses knew of the coming of Jesus and told the people in the **book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 18: verses 18-19** saying, ***And the Lord said to me: . . . . "I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.***

***And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name. I will require it of him.***

And at **Acts, Chapter 3: verse 22-23**, it is written that Peter said, ***"For Moses truly said to the fathers. 'The Lord your God will raise up for a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.***

***And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people."***

In the **book of Luke Chapter 1: verse 30-38**, the angel Gabriel comes to a virgin named Mary who is betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. Mary is troubled when she hears him say, ***"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."***

***Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"***

***And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow***

***you; therefore, also that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”***

***“Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.”***

***“For with God nothing will be impossible.”***

***Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.***

So the **Word of God** was made flesh by the power of the **Holy Spirit** and given the name **Jesus**. And now to bring home the final point of ‘Where Did Jesus Come From’.

I take you now to the **book of John, Chapter 14: verses 1-11**. Jesus is at the last supper with his disciples and He says to them, ***“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”***

***Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”***

***Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”***

***“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”***

*Philip said to Him, “Lord show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”*

***Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me. Philip? He who has seen Me, has seen the Father, so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”***

***“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.”***

***“Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.”***

At this Christmas Season, 2022, we must remember that God is perfect and He made you as perfect as you are going to be. The so called ***scientist***, who are pretty much sponsored by your taxes and your governments are trying to convince you they are making improvements on God’s creation. ***That is you!***

God has already taken care of bringing you into perfection through ***His son Jesus, His Holy Word!*** No amount of money could do this. No world congress of agreeable nations could bring forth a state of Heaven like the one that has already been created for you by God!

In one of my Christmas songs titled ***“Christmas Is For Children”***, it has a last line that says ***Christmas is for children, it will always be that way.*** Let me tell you that ***Christmas will always be***

***celebrated here on Earth*** because ***it is the bell*** God uses to let people know that a Savior was born to take our sins by dying on a cross and ***defeating death when He rose to life three days later.***

The best gift you can give to yourself is ***everlasting life in a heaven that no one could ever create.*** All you have to do is to believe what God has told you through ***His Word*** and ***His Son Jesus.***

I'll finish here with a song from my ***"It's Christmas" CD*** that can be downloaded from my website: ***carlvasta.com***, free of charge.

This song is titled ***"The Christmas Child"***.

New podcasts are released on Sundays at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time. ***God bless you and your loved ones and remember. . .***