

Jesus Christ

Mormon Doctrine

Spirit Baby First (Had a beginning, we all began in the spirit)
Every person who was ever born on earth was our spirit brother or sister in heaven. The first spirit born to our heavenly parents was Jesus Christ (see D&C 93:21), so he is literally our elder brother... (Gospel Principles, pg 11)

Has Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother (and all of us)
Implicit in the Christian verity that all men are the spirit children of an *Eternal Father* is the usually unspoken truth that they are also the offspring of an *Eternal Mother*... This doctrine that there is a *Mother in Heaven* was affirmed in plainness by the First Presidency of the Church (Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund)... (Mormon Doctrine pg 516)

Brother of Lucifer (and all of us)
Two of our brothers offered to help. Our oldest brother, Jesus Christ, who was then called Jehovah, said, "Here I am, send me" (Abraham 3:27)... Satan, who was called Lucifer, also came, saying, "Behold, here I am, send me, I will be thy son, I will redeem all mankind... After hearing both sons speak, Heavenly Father said, "I will send the first." (Abraham 3:27) (Gospel Principles, pg 17-18)

Only Begotten Son
He told her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God (Luke 1:35). Thus, God the Father became the literal father of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only person on earth to be born of a mortal mother and an immortal father. That is why he is called the Only Begotten Son. (Gospel Principles, pg 64)

Begotten Same as a Mortal Man

These name-titles all signify that our Lord is the only Son of the Father in the flesh. Each of the words is to be understood *literally*. Only means only; Begotten means *begotten*; and Son means *son*. Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers. (Mormon Doctrine, pg 546-547)

God has a Tangible Body Like Ours

What Kind of Being is God? Because we are made in his image (see Moses 6:9), we know that God has a body that looks like ours. His eternal spirit is housed in a tangible body of flesh and bones (see D&C 130:22) (Gospel Principles, pg 9)

God has a Body of Flesh and Blood

The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also; but the Holy Spirit has not a body of flesh and bones... (D&C 130:22)

Begotten by Man God

I believe firmly that Jesus Christ is the Only Begotten Son of God in the flesh... It was through this power that Jesus was brought into this world, but not as the Son of the Holy Ghost, but the Son of God... Christ was begotten of God. He was not born without the aid of Man, and that Man was God! (Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. 1, pg 18)

He was to be Born in Jerusalem

And behold, he shall be born of Mary, at Jerusalem which is the land of our forefathers... Alam 7:10

He is a Saved Being

We ask, then, where is the prototype? Or where is the saved being? We conclude, as to the answer of this question, there will be no dispute among those who believe the Bible, that it is Christ: all will agree in this, that he is the prototype or standard of salvation; or, in other words, that he is a saved being. (Mormon Doctrine, pg 257)

Arrived at the State of a God

By obedience and devotion to the truth he attained that pinnacle of intelligence which ranked him as a God... (Mormon Doctrine pg 129)

Became Exalted

To inherit the same power, the same glory and the same exaltation, until you arrive at the station of a God, and ascend the throne of eternal power, the same as those who have gone before. What did Jesus do? Why; I do the things I saw my Father do when the worlds came rolling into existence. My Father worked out his kingdom with fear and trembling, and I must do the same; and when I get my kingdom, I shall present it to my Father, so that he may obtain kingdom upon kingdom and it will exalt him in glory. He will then take a higher exaltation, and I will take his place, and thereby become exalted my self. So that Jesus treads in the tracks of his Father, and inherits what God did before... (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pg 347-348)

Biblical Doctrine

Jesus was/is Eternal – No Beginning and No End

Micah 5:2² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting.”

John 1:1¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Hebrews 13:8⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Jesus was/is God

Isaiah 9:6⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 1:1¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Titus 2:13¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Lucifer was a Created Being/Angel

Ezekiel 28:13¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone *was* your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

Ezekiel 28:14¹⁴ “You *were* the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. (Also 28:16)

Jesus was/is Unique from Us

John 3:31³¹ He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

John 8:23²³ And He said to them, “**You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.**”

John 13:3³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,

Order of Our Existents

1 Corinthians 15:46-49⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.⁴⁷ The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven.⁴⁸ As *was* the man of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly Man, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly.⁴⁹ And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

He is Only Begotten of the Father & Conceived by the Power Holy Spirit

Matthew 1:18¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:20²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:35³⁵ 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.*”

Matthew 3:17¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

He was Born in Bethlehem

Luke 2:4-7⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.⁶ So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Fulfilled prophesy of Micah 5:2)

He was Exalted before/Humbled Himself to Come/Is Exalted

Philippians 2:5-11⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

He is THE Savior – Not the Saved

Matthew 1:21²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Luke 2:11¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Isaiah 53:5⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

2 Corinthians 5:21²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Isaiah 53:6⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

1 Peter 2:24²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— by whose stripes you were healed.

1 John 4:14¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world.

Hebrews 9:27-28²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.