

*“So, whose birthday is it?”*

*Matthew 15:29-30; 16:13; 22:42-45*

*Mark 8:27*

*“If we protect the castle at every point except that point at which it is being assaulted, we will lose the battle.”*

**Martin Luther**

**If you don't know the true meaning of Christmas, you don't know what you have as a Christian.**

**The Gospels were written to explain who Jesus Christ is and what He did with a specific purpose.**

**Jesus Christ is doing exactly what was prophesied or predicted about the Messiah.**

**Those with negative attitude were blind and deaf to what He had done and said: so, they wanted a sign!**

**Matt 21:10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”**

**You must ask and understand the answer to that question before you can understand and answer the question: What did He do?**

**Jesus Christ is pointing out the second line of information in the Old Testament that Messiah is not only human;**

**He is God!**

**This is the prophecy of the virgin birth, because Mary is going to conceive without male participation; it will be a supernatural virgin conception.**

**Eve will be given a male descendant who will devastate the head of Satan and his crushed head is a fatal wound.**

**This sets the stage because as we go through church history from the beginning to today; there are 2 accurate things about Jesus: He is true humanity and undiminished deity.**

**He's not someone invented in the NT; the story has its roots in the first mention of the Gospel in Genesis 3 and it was understood that way by Eve.**

**Only God is eternal, so therefore eternality means that Jesus Christ is full deity.**

**When Jesus Christ says: *Ego Eimi*,**

**He's making a clear absolute claim to be God.**

**So, Did Jesus become the Son of God; was there a time when He wasn't the Son of God?**

**Has there always been a Father Son relationship between the First and Second persons of the Trinity?**

***Or is Sonship a role or a function of the Second person of the Trinity which He acquired at some time in human history?***

**The phrase “Son of God” is emphasizing God!**

**Jesus' title of ‘*Firstborn*’ indicates that He deserves a preferential share in honor and inheritance; it's not indicating chronology.**

**Hebrews 11:17**

***“By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only/only begotten son,”***

**He is the Son of Man emphasizing His humanity but beyond that, in Daniel 7, it refers to the divine King that comes to lead the 5th kingdom that destroys the other 4 world kingdoms.**

**He is the Son of God in *Luke 3:38*, an important title; He is eternally the Son God and that is foundational to understanding *whose birthday it is*.**

**Adam represented all mankind and was our federal head; Jesus Christ is head of all believers.**

**Abraham secures a bride for Isaac and the Holy Spirit secures a bride for Jesus Christ.**

**Both Moses and Jesus are rulers over Israel and both had to die before their people could enter the promised land.**

**The redeemer had to be a kinsman; Jesus Christ couldn't pay the penalty for our sins unless He was human being.**

**The blood of the Passover lamb had to be applied to the door posts and it foreshadowed the application of the blood of Christ or that His work on the cross has to be applied to each individual person.**

**The Old Testament makes it clear;**

**in prophecies, direct statements, symbolism and titles given to Messiah, that He would be both fully God and fully man.**

**Whose birthday is it?**

***In a loud voice they were saying:***

***“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”***

***Then I heard every creature in Heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea and all that is in them, saying:***

***“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb***

***be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” Revelation 5:12-13***