

# Philippians Series

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# The Deity of Jesus Christ in the New Testament Philippians 2:5–11





## **Two Fundamental Questions:**

**Who was Jesus *Before* He Came?**

**What was Jesus *When* He Came?**

## **We have learned:**

- 1. Php. 2:5–11 was written in context to provide an example of humility and serving one another which is stated in Php. 2:1–4.**
- 2. That Christ Jesus preexisted His incarnation as undiminished deity. Php. 2:6**
- 3. At the Incarnation God the Son did not surrender or give up any divine attribute, or anything essential to deity. Such a surrender would not have been possible.**

- 4. God the Son voluntarily restricted the use of His divine attributes to solve the problems, temptations, and challenges He faced in His humanity, and veiled the manifestation of His eternal glory.**
- 5. However, though the visible manifestation of His glory was veiled, the glory of His Person was made manifest through His words and works.**

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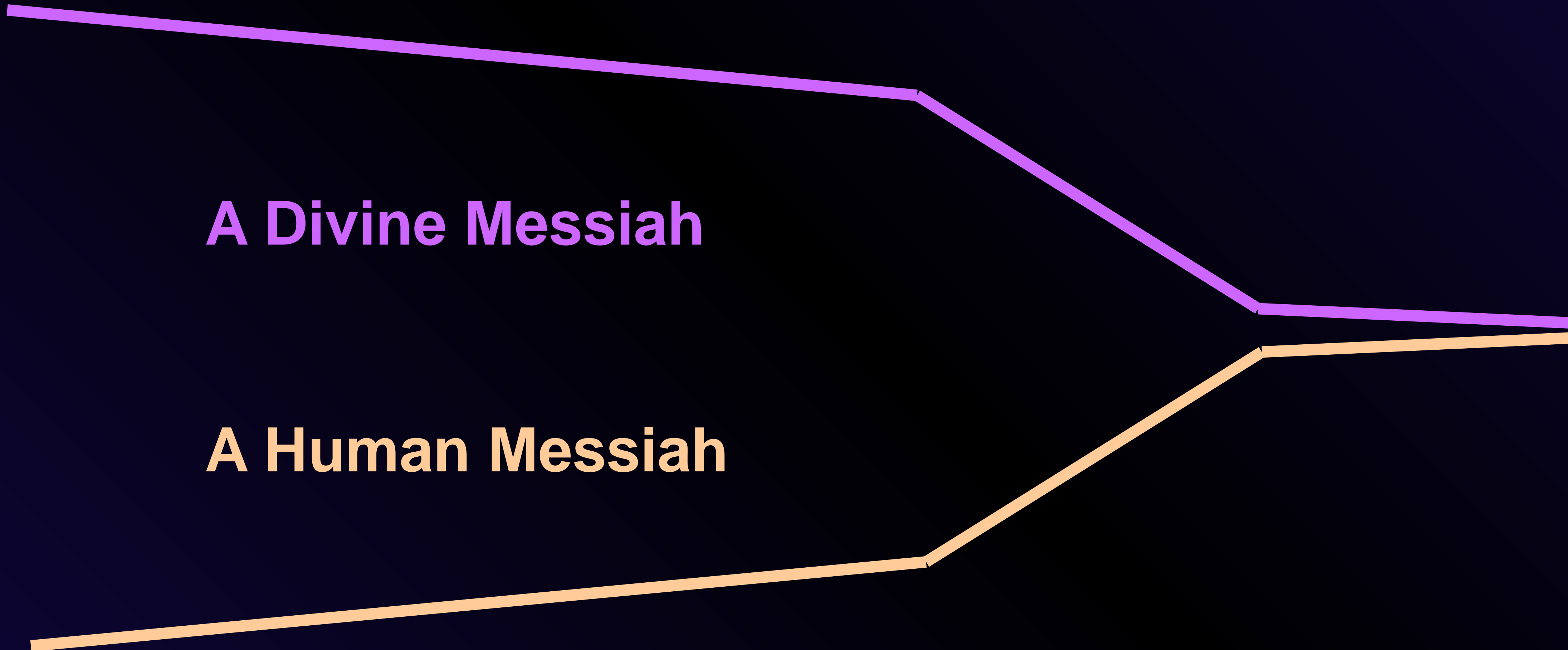
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# Two Streams from the Old Testament Converge in Jesus of Nazareth

**A Divine Messiah**

**A Human Messiah**





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## **New Testament Passages on Preexistence/Eternality**

**John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”**

**John 1:2, “He was in the beginning with God.”**

**John 1:3, “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”**

**John 1:4, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”**



**John 1:14, “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.**

**John 1:15, “John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, ‘This was He of whom I said, “He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.” ’ ”**

# **The Full Deity of Jesus Christ**



# **1. Eternity. Jesus has the attribute of Eternity.**

**John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”**

**John 8:58, “Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.’ ”**

**Col. 1:17, “And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”**

**Heb. 1:11, “They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment;”**

## **2. Immutability. Jesus never changes.**

**Heb. 1:10, “And: ‘You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.**

**Heb. 1:11, “They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment;**

**Heb. 1:12, “Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.”**

**Heb. 13:8, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”**



### **3. Self-existence.**

**John 1:4, “In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.”**

**John 5:26, “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,”**

**4. Life. This does not refer to life that is derived; but that He has life in Himself.**

**John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’ ”**

**John 5:26, “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,”**

**Acts 3:15, “and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.”**

## **5. Fullness of Godhead.**

**Colossians 2:9, “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,”**



## **6. Holiness.**

**Hebrews 7:26, “For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;”**

## 7. Sovereignty.

**Matthew 28:18, “And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’ ”**

**John 5:27, “and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.”**

**John 17:2, “as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.”**

**Acts 2:36, “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”**

**1 Cor. 12:3, “Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”**

**Php. 2:9, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,**

**Php. 2:10, “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,”**



**Col. 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”**

**1 Pet. 3:22, “who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.”**

## 8. Omnipotence.

**Luke 8:25, “But He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, ‘Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!’ ”**

**John 10:18, “No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”**

**1 Cor. 15:25, “For He (S) must reign till He (F) has put all enemies under His (S) feet.”**

**1 Cor. 15:28, “Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.”**

**Php. 3:21, “who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”**

**Col. 1:16, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”**

**Col. 1:17, “And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”**



**Heb. 1:3, “who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”**

**Heb. 7:25, “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”**

**2 Tim. 1:12, “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”**

**9. Omniscience. Jesus has Omniscience according to 1 Corinthians 4:5; Colossians 2:3; Revelation 2:23.**

**Matthew 11:27, “All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”**

**John 1:48, “Nathanael said to Him, ‘How do You know me?’  
Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Before Philip called you,  
when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.’ ”**

**John 2:25, “and had no need that anyone should testify of  
man, for He knew what was in man.”**

**John 10:15, “As the Father knows Me, even so I know the  
Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”**

**John 13:1, “Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”**

**John 13:11, “For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, ‘You are not all clean.’ ”**

**John 16:30, “Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.”**



**John 18:4, “Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, ‘Whom are you seeking?’ ”**

**1 Cor. 4:5, “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.”**

**Col. 2:3, “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”**

## 10. Omnipresence.

**Matthew 28:20, “teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

**John 3:13, “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.”**

**John 14:13, “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”**

**John 14:20, “At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”**

**John 14:23, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.’ ”**

# **Jesus Christ's Own Assertions about His Deity**



**John 3:16, “For God loved the world in this way: He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. [RD]**

**John 3:17, “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”**

**John 6:41, “The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, ‘I am the bread which came down from heaven.’”**

**John 6:42, “And they said, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, “I have come down from heaven”?’”**



**John 6:50, “This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.**

**John 6:51, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”**





**John 6:58, “ ‘This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.’**

**John 6:59, “These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.”**





**John 6:62, “What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?”**





**John 7:29, “But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.”**

**John 7:30, “Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.”**

**John 8:23, “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 8:42, “Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.’ ”**

**John 8:56, “ ‘Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.’**

**John 8:57, “Then the Jews said to Him, ‘You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?’**

**John 8:58, “Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.’**

**John 8:59, “Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”**



**John 10:31, “Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.**

**John 10:32, “Jesus answered them, ‘Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?’**

**John 10:33, “The Jews answered Him, saying, ‘For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.’ ”**

**John 16:27, “for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.”**

**John 16:28, “I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”**

**John 17:1, “Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: ‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,’ ”**

# Jesus Claims

**To know Christ is to know God**

**John 8:19, “Then they said to Him, ‘Where is Your Father?’ Jesus answered, ‘You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.’ ”**

**John 14:7, “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”**

# **Jesus Claims**

**To see Christ is to see God**

**John 12:45, “And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.”**

**John 14:9, “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”?’ ”**



# **Jesus Claims**

**To receive Christ means to receive God**

**Mark 9:37, “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”**

# **Jesus Claims**

**To honor Christ is to honor God**

**John 5:23, “that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”**

# **Jesus Claims**

**Jesus and the Father are ONE**

**John 10:30, “I and My Father are one.”**



# Jesus Claims

To be the object of saving faith

**Matt. 11:28, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”**

**John 3:36, “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”**

# Jesus Claims

**John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”**

**John 17:3, “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”**

# **Jesus Claims Absolute Authority over His Disciples**

**Matt. 10:37, “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.**

**Matt. 10:38, “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.**

**Matt. 10:39, “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”**

# Jesus Claims

## Authority over the Temple

**Matt. 12:6, “Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple.”**



# **Jesus Claims**

**Authority over the Sabbath, and thus the Mosaic Law**

**Matt. 12:8, “For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”**

# Jesus Claims

## Sovereignty over the Kingdom

**Matt. 16:19, “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”**

# Jesus Claims

## Authority of God's covenants

**Matt. 26:28, “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”**