

# Found in Appearance as a Man

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, Existing in the Form of God, thought it not comprehensible to be Equal With God; but Emptied Himself, and having taken the Form of a Servant, being-Made in the Likeness of Men. And **Being-Found in Appearance as a Man**, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-6-8)

**Found:** form the Greek word *heuretheis* a verb which means: having-been-found; from *heurisko*: Properly, to come upon, to meet with, to find, to learn, to discover: after searching. or by chance; or to find by inquiry, thought, examination, scrutiny, observation. In context, whatever the method of finding, that, or He, who is found is Jesus the Christ-Messiah: God revealed in the flesh as a flesh and blood human being - a man like unto us, yet without the stain of original sin, a second Adam, another 'original' Son of God! (compare Luke 4:38, Genesis 5:1 & Luke 1:26-35).

**Appearance:** form the Greek word *schemata* a noun which means: in-appearance, in-figure, in-fashion, in-shape; from *schema* which means: an 'outward, or visible' form of a: shape, figure, fashion, habit, form, or appearance. In context, used of Jesus' earthly physical body.; Christ incarnated into a genuine human body, which was not an "exact match with typical humanity" because His body was never touched or tainted by sin (even original sin). (This word, *schemata*, is used only once in the NT)

**Man:** form the Greek word *anthropos* which means: a man; Properly, a physical flesh and blood human being; an individual of the human race, whether male or female; in context Jesus!

The fact that He has indeed come down from heaven above, and **appeared** unto us as a flesh and blood Man is further testified by the Word of God as follows:

"I know that you are Abraham's seed; but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with My Father: and you do that which you have seen with your father.' They answered and said unto Him, 'Abraham is our father.' But Jesus said unto them, 'If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth, of which I have heard from God; this Abraham did not do.'" (John 8:37-40)

"Forasmuch then as the children (human beings) are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Jesus) also Himself likewise took part of the same (He became a flesh & blood Man); so that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and to deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For truly He took not on Himself the nature of angels; but He took on Himself the seed of Abraham (a man descended from a man named Abraham). Therefore, in all things He was obliged to be made into the likeness of His (human) brethren, so that He might be a **merciful and faithful** High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:14-18)

As a real Man, a living human being, Jesus suffered from the same physical human attributes:

- When tired He needed to sleep (Matthew 8:24)
- When hungry He needed to eat (Luke 4:1-4),
- When thirsting He needed to drink (John 19:28).
- To get somewhere He had to walk there like everyone else. (John 11:54)
- When beaten He felt the same pain as any other person would. (John 19:1-3)
- When crucified on the Cross He died a painful human death. (Mark 15:34-39)

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Jesus was born into the world as a male human Child, God incarnate - the Son of God! He was fully God revealed in human form and likeness, and thus He was fully Man – the Son of Man (a title of the humanity of Jesus). Consider the following:

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. .... And the Word was made flesh (a Man), and lived among us; and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1, 14)

“Paul, a bond-slave of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God, which He had promised beforehand by His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was made of the seed (descendent) of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” (Romans 1:1-4)

“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save those who are lost.” (Matthew 18:10-11)

“And whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:27-28)

Key to the understanding this attribute of Jesus, is that of the promised Messiah being “**Found**” to being a **Man** who is the Son of God , and the Son of Man. Consider the following:

Mary found Jesus within Her own womb: ... (Luke 2:26-38)

Elizabeth found Jesus while He was still in the womb of Mary: ... (Luke 1:39-45)

The shepherds came and found Jesus in a stable: ... (2:8-20)

Simeon and Anna came and found Jesus in the Temple of God: ... (2:25-38)

The Maji came and found Jesus, bearing gifts for a King: ... (Matthew 2:1-12)

The disciples found Jesus, when He said: 'Come follow Me' ... (Matt. 4:19; 9:9; John 1:43)

Many others found Jesus through His teachings and miracles: ...

Many other people have found Jesus throughout the ages: ...

Everyone who '**found**' Jesus found a mere human being like unto themselves, and yet so much more! Consider their responses:

Mary Responded in submission:

“The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also the Holy-One who shall be born of you shall be called **the Son of God**. And, behold, your cousin Elisabeth, she has also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me according to your word.” (Luke 1:26-38) (see also Luke 1:46-55 Mary's Song of Praise to God)

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Elizabeth, being filled with the Holy Spirit responded **with a loud voice saying:**

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the **Fruit of your Womb**. And from where is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe (the future John the Baptist) leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she who believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.” (see Luke 1:39-45)

The shepherds responded by going...

“**with haste**, and they found Mary, and Joseph, and **the babe lying in a manger**. And when they had seen it, **they made known abroad** the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all those who heard it wondered at those things which were told to them by the shepherds.” (see 2:8-20)

Simeon responded prophetically in this way:

“...he came by the Spirit into the Temple; and when the parents brought in **the child Jesus**, to do for him after the custom of the law, then he (Simeon) took Him (Jesus) up in his arms, **and blessed God**, and said, 'Lord, now let Your servant depart **in peace**, according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your Salvation (the Christ Child Jesus), whom You have prepared before the face of all people; 'a Light to Enlighten the Gentiles,' (from Isaiah 42:6), and the Glory of Your People Israel. And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.” (Luke 2:25-38)

Anna responded in this way:

“And coming in that instant she likewise **gave thanks unto the Lord, and spoke of Him (Jesus) to all those who looked** for redemption in Jerusalem.” (Luke 2:38)

The Magi responded as follows:

“And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the **young child (Jesus)** was. When they saw the star, **they rejoiced with exceeding great joy**. And when they came into the house, they saw **the young child** with Mary His mother, **and they fell down, and worshipped Him**; and when they had opened their treasures, **they presented unto Him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh**. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.” (Matthew 2:1-12)

The disciples responded in this manner:

“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishermen. And He said unto them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' **And right away they left their nets, and followed Him**. And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them; **and they immediately left the ship, and their father, and followed Him**.” (Matt. 4:18-24)

“And after these things He (Jesus) went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi (Matthew), sitting at the receipt of custom: and He said unto him, '**Follow Me**'. And he left all, rose up, **and followed Him**. And Levi made Him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.” (Matthew 9:9)

One of the two who heard John (the baptist) speak, and followed Him Jesus, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He (Andrew) first found his own brother Simon, and said unto him, **We have found the Messiah**, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. **And he brought him to Jesus**. (John 1:40-42)

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The disciples responses continued:

"The following day Jesus went forth into Galilee, and found Philip, and said unto him, 'Follow Me.' Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said unto him, 'We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write (the promised Christ-Messiah), Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' And Nathanael said unto him, 'Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?' Philip saith unto him, 'Come and see.' And Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, 'Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!' And Nathanael said unto Him, 'From where do You know me?' Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you. And Nathanael answered and said unto Him, 'Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.'" (John 1:43-49)

Some who believed responded in this way:

"And the multitudes that went before Him, and who followed Him, cried out, saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord (the Father): Hosanna in the highest.'" (Matthew 21:9)

But not all responded to Christ Jesus as :

"And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices, and said, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' And when He saw them, He said unto them, 'Go show yourselves unto the priests.' And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when He saw that He was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Are there not any found returned to give glory to God, accept this stranger. And He said unto him, 'Arise, go your way, your faith has made you whole.'" (Luke 17: 11-19)

One found Jesus, and worshiped Him; nine, even though they were healed did not. One believed that Jesus was God appearing in the flesh; the nine did not find Jesus to be God revealed in the flesh, in spite of their healing!

Even today many people, those who have never seen Jesus in the flesh (face to face) stumble in unbelief over the truth that Jesus is God Revealed in the form and likeness of a human being, a Man like unto ourselves. Consider these scriptures that were written long ago about this nature of Jesus, truths which also apply to us today:

"And by-confession, great is the Mystery of Godliness: God, Who was Revealed in the Flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, proclaimed in the nations, believed in the world, taken up in glory." (see 1 Timothy 3:14-16)

In this was Revealed the Love of God toward us, that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is Love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."  
(1 John 4:9-10)

"And you, who were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind through wicked works, yet now He has reconciled you In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight; ... to fulfill the word of God: the Mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now is Revealed to His saints; to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this Mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the Hope of Glory."  
(see Colossians 1:21-27)

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One of the apostles of Jesus, Thomas, did not believe in the resurrection of Jesus, that the dead body of Jesus had arisen alive, and that He had appeared to some again as a living flesh and blood human being, a living Man again. Please consider this remarkable story as found in the Gospel of John (John 20:19-29):

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said unto them, 'Peace be unto you.' And when He had said this, He showed unto them His hands and His side (His crucifixion wounds). Then the disciples were glad, when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be unto you; as My Father has sent Me, even so send I you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said unto them, 'Receive you the Holy Spirit. Whoever sins you remit, they are remitted unto them; and whoever sins you retain, they are retained.' But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said unto them, 'Except I shall see in his hands the wound of the nails, and put my finger into the wound of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days His disciples were again within, and Thomas with them. Then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in their midst, and said, 'Peace be unto you.' Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach here your finger, and behold My hands; and reach here your hand, and thrust it into my side; and do not be faithless, but believing.' And Thomas answered and said unto Him, '**My Lord and my God.**' And Jesus said unto him, 'Thomas, **because you have seen Me, you have believed: blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed.**'"

And so it is with people today, who have yet seen Jesus the Father's Christ-Messiah, and yet believe in Him.

- Blessed are those who do believe that Jesus is God Revealed in the Flesh;
- Blessed are those who do believe that Jesus previously Existed in the Form of God;
- Blessed are those who do believe that Jesus is Equal With God;
- Blessed are those who do believe that Jesus Emptied Himself, and became a Servant for us;
- Blessed are those who do believe that Jesus was-Made in the Likeness of Men;
- Blessed are those who do believe that Jesus was Found in Appearance as a Man;
- Blessed are those who do believe that Jesus humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

## Jesus Was Found in Appearance as a Man

**that is, Jesus was found to be God Revealed in the Flesh!**

**In all things Jesus was made into the same form and fashion as we His brethren!**

**As a Man Jesus suffered from the same physical human attributes as we do!**

**As a Man Jesus humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death,  
even the death of the Cross!**

**And the Son of Man, Jesus came to save those who are lost,  
by ministering to us, and by giving His Life as a ransom for as many of us ...  
who truly believe that He is God revealed in the Flesh – the Savior of Mankind!**

**Truly Lord Jesus, we have found You to be the Son of Man, and ...  
... the Son of God Revealed in the Flesh – The Father incarnate!!**

**Thank You Jesus for becoming a Ransom for us, and a Light to enlighten us!  
All Praise, and Glory, and Honor, be Yours always and forever – Truly Truly!**