

HAVE YOU HEARD? JESUS WAS NOT A CREATED BEING

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Have you read the false claim that the Father created Jesus before the world? That would mean Jesus not eternal thus not divine. However, the Bible teaches Jesus is of the same nature as the Father.

A misunderstood passage is *"He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation"* (Colossians 1:15, NKJV). Some mistakenly think "firstborn" refers to chronology; however, the Greek term *prototokos* reflects on quality or superiority. Jesus is superior to all creation. The next verse shows this: *"For by him [Jesus] were all things 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 [Jesus] and for him [Jesus]"* (Colossians 1:16, NKJV).

Also, both the Father and the Son are said to be eternal. The Father--*"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; Besides Me there is no God"* (Isaiah 44:6, NKJV). The Son--*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty"* (Revelation 1:8, NKJV, cf. 1:11; 21:6; 22:13). Paul wrote that Christ is divine hence not created, *"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;"* (Colossians 2:9, NKJV). Paul also stated Jesus is God, *"looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"* (Titus 2:13, NKJV).

In John 8:58, Jesus referred to Himself as "I AM" just as God had in Exodus 3:14. To claim "I AM" is equivalent to saying He is of the same nature as the Father. Those Jews clearly understood Jesus' claim to be eternal this since they immediately picked up stones to stone Him for blasphemy.

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