

I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN

The phrases "I came down from heaven" or "I was sent from heaven" as stated by Jesus have many who believe that Jesus came into this world through natural means struggling with the words not understanding the concepts or meaning of the "Christ" or "Son of man" or "Son of God". In this booklet, we analyse those and similar statements and how understanding the forementioned titles attributed to Jesus help us to understand the meaning of those statements.

To start with, let's read from the book of John: **"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."** John 12:44 to 50. There is a lot to take in so let's break this passage down into parts for analysis.

Jesus states saying that if you believe in the words that he spoke, then you believe in God. For it was God who sent him to preach His words to the masses. It is not Jesus' own views that you believe, but the Father that spoke through him. Jesus is telling his people that it was God who sent him out into the world from his home to preach the word of truth to his people, the Jews. Then Jesus says the words, **"And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me."** This remark was not literal: God is a spirit and no one has seen Him. Jesus was talking in the spiritual sense that when people heard his message and watched his behaviour which demonstrated love, mercy and compassion, they would be seeing the love and Will of God. God IS love.

Then Jesus goes on to say, **"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."** This statement by Jesus simply means by having the truth of God's Word clarified by Jesus, mankind can understand those words which lead to everlasting life, and has freed us from the darkness of a sinful life and death. In other words, God's Word of truth is for us to walk in the light of wisdom, and not knowing the truth of God's Word is to live in darkness. When Jesus says, **"I am come a light into the world"**, he was saying he was the man prophesied to come into the world with the overwhelming ability to recognize the truth in God's Word as those earlier prophets, but even more so as he

was the Christ. It had been prophesied in the Old Testament that a man from amongst the Jewish people was to be born into the world who would fulfill the glory of God's creation (Deuteronomy 18:18, 19).

Jesus tells us that he had not come into the world to judge mankind, although the words that he preaches is God's Will, by which every person should live, and those words that he speaks will judge them in the last day. In today's world, many persons are living in ignorance by believing falsehoods created by man, in other words they are living in the darkness of worldly perversions. Jesus said that he will not judge them although those words that he spoke will judge them in the last day, because those words that Jesus spoke are God's Word which leads us to eternal life. So when Jesus spoke, he spoke the Words of eternal life. Each individual is responsible for their own actions and decisions including whether their resurrection is to life eternal or death eternal by their acceptance of good or evil. In the end it will be God's Spirit (or Word) which shall judge each person in the last day judgment.

"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak." Jesus tells the people that God sent him out into the world to speak his truth of love, and through that love that is found in Jesus we also have learned the commandments of God in their true perspective, and we also have been sent into the world to preach that truth which comes from God by His Spirit through Jesus. Jesus makes it clear that the words he speaks are not his own, but comes from the Spirit of God.

The following verses, in most parts, have the same meaning as the previous verses, ***"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world ... Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world ... That they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them: that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and them in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast love me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me."*** John 17:14, 17, 18, 21 to 25. These are inspiring words to those who follow the teachings of Jesus. Let us again search into parts of these verses to interpret them.

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. " How true are these words in today's world. Not only are the anti-Christ's ears closed to the truth, but also their minds to reasoning. If you speak the words of truth to the world and it is contrary or disagreeable to society's way of life of lustfulness and of wild, uncontrollable revelry, the world will hate you because you are from the agency of God and they hate the words which are not of this perverted world. For further consideration: ***"But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."*** John 8:40 to 47.

Returning to the words from John 17, then Jesus asks of God: ***"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hath sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."*** Jesus was sent out into the world to speak the truth of God's word, so he asks God that his disciples be made righteous in that truth, for he also sent them out into the world. From this verse it is clear that Jesus was sent out from his village environment into the world.

Then Jesus goes on to say, that his followers also become one with God, in which they will experience an abundance of the Spirit of God dwelling in them. ***"That they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou has sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them: that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one."*** Notice how Jesus says his followers may be one with God as he, Jesus, was by the Word given to him by the Spirit of truth, by God the Father. ***"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son ; and if a son, then a heir of God through Christ."*** Galatians 4:6, 7. We see that the truths of God comes to us through his teachings, and we can become heirs to the Kingdom of God by the Spirit of truth in Jesus.

Jesus again expounds as he has so often done, that these words of truth he speaks are not his own. What Jesus means by saying that is God had chosen him and anointed him with His Spirit and had sent him out into the world to expound His Word to all those that would hear him. From that glory that God had given him, Jesus made it known to those who love him. Jesus was one with God in His Word, making him one with His Spirit by it dwelling in him. Jesus went on to ask that the Word of God be given to his believers, that they also receive through him that Spirit of the Word, so they too may become one with the Father by that same Spirit. What love Jesus has for his fellowman, that the glory bestowed upon him by God, he asked that his believers also receive from God the same glory that he himself received. And how can we receive that truth which entitles us to eternal life? Keep the commandments of God and the testimony of His Son, Jesus the Christ.

"...that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me." From these words, we are told that when Jesus comes back to set up the kingdom of God, those who have believed on him will be with him in that kingdom that God has given Jesus also the glory to set up the renewed earth.

God had known about the future birth of the man Jesus, just as God had known every individual who would exist even before the world was created. ***"Before I formed thee in the womb I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee..."*** Jeremiah 1:5a; ***"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world..."*** Ephesians 1:4a. These verses are referring to knowing the essence of the individuals before they are born. We do not understand the infinite power of God's foresight before the existence of the world. Due to this fact, many people do not believe in the power of God simply because they cannot imagine any power beyond their own abilities. It was the foreknowledge with God of the future that he made the world. Would God have created this world if He could not have foreseen that there would not be one out of his planned creation that would be in full submission to His Will? There was a man and that man was Jesus, and his believing followers. ***"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir to all things, for whom also he made the worlds."*** Hebrews 1:2. Jesus did not make the worlds, but because of him were they created. God would have foreseen evil coming into the world by man through Adam, although God also foresaw the man, Jesus, who would bring obedience, love and righteousness. Because of Jesus, mankind will be saved, but sad to say, not all. ***"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be***

made alive." I Corinthians 15:21,22. Most churches teach that the Spirit came down from heaven and developed in a woman in the casing of flesh, claiming that Jesus literally existed in heaven, and in time because of this doctrine they had to call Mary the mother of God, being that she gave birth to Jesus who they claim is God. With this belief, none of mankind whom God created had overcome sin so his creation would have been a failure. Their theory is that Jesus is truly God enshrined in the flesh and blood of man. One problem with this theory is that Scripture tells us that Jesus was tempted, but God cannot be tempted like man: **"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man."** James 1:13. God seen who was to be His Christ, foreseeing the man Jesus, who would be endowed with the Holy Spirit, that truth of God's Word. If God did not foresee any good coming from His creation, why then would God have created the world? Genesis tells us that God made the world and that it was "very good". God would not have made the worlds, but for the sake of one totally obedient man, he did. God could see not only his adopted son, but those who would believe by faith in God's Spirit of truth. **"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, for whom also he made the worlds."** Hebrew 1:2; **"Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."** Galations 4:7; **"Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?"** James 2:5.

When Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father, Jesus answered with words that most people today would not understand, unless they had listened closely to Jesus' words to realize that the words he spoke were not his own, but were from the Spirit of God which came down from heaven. **"Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake."** John 14:8 to 11. We find that Philip had been with Jesus for a long time and listened to what he said, and even accepted his teachings. Yet Philip did not see that when Jesus spoke he was not speaking his own ideology, but of the Spirit of God which dwelt in him. So even though Philip had accepted Jesus as God's Christ, he had not understood that Jesus spoke the Word of God, he being the conduit of God's Will and the Spirit being upon him. What came down from heaven was the Spirit of the truth or the Word. And brothers and sisters, we too can receive the Spirit of truth or God's spiritual Word, by receiving the teachings of His begotten Son, Jesus. When we accept Jesus' words, we are accepting the Word of God, then also the Father is

within us by the Spirit, and we are in the Father. ***"Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me."*** John 17:7, 8. Jesus says that the words that he speaks are God's, and if we accept those same words, we follow God's Sayings, His Spirit being within us. There is joy knowing his apostles and we also have received his words and believe them. But there is also a sadness we bear that most Christians of today are misguided and do not abide in the teachings of Jesus and by not doing so are making a mockery of God by not living by His Commandments. ***"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."*** Matthew 5:18; ***"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*** Revelation 12:17.

We who live by the words of God's Christ believe that Jesus' words came down from heaven by God's Spirit and that God adopted Jesus as the first fruit of the resurrection, becoming the literal Son of God by the Spirit and the resurrection. At his baptism, God accepted Jesus as His Son, and it was soon afterwards Jesus was sent out into the world to preach the good tidings.

Every Christian should analyze the words spoken by Jesus and compare them to that spoken by the leaders, priests and ministers of their Christian denominations. As a true believer, we would listen to all the words of Christ to receive the Spirit of truth, and flee from the falsifiers. ***"Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."*** John 6:67 to 69. There are many people that make the claim they believe in Jesus, and are true believers in the Christ, however, just how true to the faith are they? Many confess belief in Jesus and perform many good deeds, yet do not abide in Jesus' teachings. For instance, who keeps ALL ten commandments which Jesus taught us to keep?. To not listen to his words of wisdom, is to not listen to God, for God's words came down to Jesus by the Spirit and he, Jesus, became endowed with God's Word without measure. When Jesus was manifested with God's words, he became God's Christ, and also came to be known as the Son of God. The true Christian must give heed to all of Jesus' testimony, for they are the Words of God, therefore, if you do not listen and do all of Jesus' teachings to the best of your ability, God is not your Father. ***"But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth***

and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. John 8:40 to 42. Jesus is the Christ, for he was chosen of God to speak His Will. So to be the Christ is not just a title, but the Christ is the representative of God, because he is that voice of God in the flesh.

Bread and water are important for a person's sustenance, for without them, a person would die. And this is why we find 'bread' representing the Word of God in Scripture. For in God's Word is life eternal to every person who will accept it in its fullness. Jesus was that life-giving bread by becoming the Word which came down from heaven. And being the Word, or Christ of God, Jesus contained within himself the Spirit of God the Father. ***"Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."*** John 6:31 to 51. Read on from 57 to 65.

In verses 31 and 32, the Jews speak to Jesus about the manna that came down from heaven from God when they were in the Sinai desert wandering. Jesus

responds to the Jews, pointing out that the bread that Moses gave them to eat only sustained the people for a time but in the end, they still died, because his bread was not life-saving, nor did Moses' bread come down from heaven.

With respect to verses 33 to 36, we find the Jews asking for the bread of life after Jesus claimed that he was the bread of eternal life that came down from heaven. They did not comprehend that Jesus was saying to them that to gain eternal life, they should listen to his words of life, which is the life-giving bread and to gain that bread of life, they must believe in him, for God's Word is life.

In verses 37 and 38, Jesus is saying that those who understand his speech will come to him by the Will of God. Jesus we can say was 'born again' when the Spirit of God was bestowed on him without measure at his baptism, for it was the Spirit of God which dwelt within him that moved him.

From verses 39 and 40, Jesus again makes an outstanding remark, that those who believe in him were given to him by God, and that none of those souls shall be lost, for in the last day they shall be raised to be with him. And that is the Will of the Father.

Again in verses 41 to 44 Jesus repeats himself. From verses 41 and 42 the Jews are disturbed by Jesus saying, "***I am the bread which came down from Heaven.***" The Jews had no idea what Jesus was talking about based on their answer, for they knew all the family of Jesus; they knew his parents, sisters and brothers and they would have known Jesus from his childhood to an adult. He said again that it is the Father who calls one out to be his disciple and that the Spirit will raise them up in the last day. John 1:14 tells us what came down from heaven: "***And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...***" And John 1:33b "***... Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Spirit.***"

Verses 45 and 46 says that those who desire to hear truth will be taught of God. And for them to learn the truth of God, they will come to Jesus. For they will receive that teaching from the Spirit of God which dwells within the Son. The main prophets that Jesus speaks about are Isaiah, Jeremiah and Micah. From verse 46 comes the misunderstanding that Jesus literally saw God. I may use the expression '*I know God*' and also use the term '*I have seen God*', that does not mean that I have seen God literally in form, but I have known God through His works of creation, and His commandments of love and mercy. No person has seen the full Will or desires of God to the extent that Jesus did. For he gave everything for his love of God, even his earthly life. Due to Jesus' profound and deep understanding of the Will of God, he could, in that sense, see God clearly.

In verses 47 to 51, Jesus again says that they who believe in him will have everlasting life. He goes on to speak in a positive voice, **"I am the bread of life"**. As previously said, the bread represents the Spiritual Word of God which is life saving. So when Jesus speaks of the Jewish fathers who ate manna and are all dead, Jesus is not talking of their physical death, but that they are Spiritually dead. Jesus mentions to the Jews that the bread which comes down from heaven, if mankind consumed it, that he would not die, and that living bread comes only from him, Jesus, who gave his life (body) for that bread (Word). The simple truth is that the bread (the Word) that Jesus gives us is what can give us eternal life, just as physical bread can sustain an individual's life.

We have spoken of the Word that came down from heaven. We must also not confuse the reader, for in the latter part of John 6:51, Jesus quickly switches to the offering of himself in death for the Word, for he speaks of his body as the fleshly bread, not only because he represents the Word of God, but that the body through the mouth speaks the Word of God. And he is now offering himself (body = bread) up for the love of the Word which is contained in him bodily. The following verses will also give the reader a fuller understanding of the Word and the man Jesus. **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."** John 1:1. The "beginning" represents not the start of something, but its eternal existence. If we were talking about the beginning of our solar system and galaxies, then there would be a beginning. However, the verse is talking about the pre-existence or the eternal existence of the Word with God. The Word of God involves more than the commanding energetic force of creation -- it is a source that we can not find a word to express it. We think it may be one of the seven Spirits of God. We do know that God's Spirit is a radiating force just as the sun's rays which covers our earth and permeates our solar system. **"And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."** Genesis 1:2b; **"For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."** Psalm 33:9; **"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:"** Acts 2:17. The Word of God we are told in John 1:1, existed from the beginning, then we are told that the Word was with God. God's Words is always with Him, for it is an intricate part of Him. Lastly we are told that **"the Word was God."** All through the Old Testament we are told the Word comes from God, except when it quotes Biblical characters speaking God's Words. God often had inspired men speak His Words by the Holy Spirit. And what about the New Testament? Much the same thing; the Word is God's Spirit being spoken by His inspired apostles. The only person who was given God's Word with great power was Jesus. **"For he whom God hath sent [ie. to preach to his people the Israelites] speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him."** John 3:34; **"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."** Colossians 1:19. Even though Jesus knew he was the Christ, he said that

the words he spoke were not of himself, but were from the Spirit of God which dwelt in him. "... **take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.**" Matthew 10:19b, 20; **"And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."** John 12:50; **"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."** John 14:10. Jesus never said that he was the Word in the sense of being God the Father, although he did say that God's Spirit dwells within him, that is, the Word of God.

In Matthew, Jesus tells his believers that the Father's Spirit which dwells in them will put His Words within their mouths (Matthew 10:19, 20 as quoted in previous paragraph). The Will of the Father comes to us by His Spiritual Word. The Word is with God, therefore it is in the Father. **"And the Word was made 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 1:14. We have already read how God had endowed Jesus with His Spiritual Word without measure, and here in verse 14, we are told that God manifested His Word upon a man of flesh, and that man of obedience was designated as God's spokesman on earth to do His Will. So what do we have that came down from heaven? It was God's Spiritual Word upon a man. **"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe."** John 1:6, 7. John came to bear witness of Jesus. A witness to what? Only to see and baptize that man of wisdom who was to come into the world? No! It was for more than that. In the following verses, the true purpose of John is revealed at the baptism of Jesus. **"And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Spirit. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."** John 1:32 to 34; **"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him."** Matthew 3:16; **"And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him."** Mark 1:10; **"If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth."** John 5:31 to 33. We have read how that John witnessed the Spirit of God (or His Word) descending upon Jesus, and that was the day that Jesus became God's Christ (the Word in the form of flesh). And at what age did this happen? Jesus, we are told

was about thirty years of age. **"And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age .."** Luke 3:23a. This is interesting to note because it was the Jewish custom that men did not begin the services to God until fully matured in scriptural teachings. **"From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation."** Numbers 4:3. See also verses 35, 39, 43 and 47 of the same chapter.

It should be pointed out that it was prophesied by Moses that a man endowed with the Word of God would come out from amongst the people of Israel. **"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him."** Deuteronomy 18:18, 19.

It should be made clear that Jesus, in the years preceding his baptism, had grown in the knowledge of the scriptures, but he performed no miraculous works for he did not have the full spiritual wisdom without measure. We read he only received the Spirit and with it, the power to perform miracles, at his baptism. Only after his baptism do we hear of miracles he performs, the first being of turning water into wine in Cana. **"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory: and his disciples believed on him."** John 2:11. The baptism is also the time that God chooses Jesus as His Son and not before. **"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."** Matthew 3:17; See also Mark 1:11. **"And the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."** Luke 3:22. Although Jesus had not yet become the literal Son of God by the resurrection from the dead, he had become the Son of God (the Christ) by the Spirit (Word) which dwelt within him. **"But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God."** Matthew 26:63; **"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."** Matthew 16:16; **"She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."** John 11:27; **"And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ."** Luke 4:41. Jesus was chosen of God to be His Christ (Word in flesh) on earth, not because God is a respecter of persons, but because Jesus was FULLY obedient to God. God wants full obedience to His Word from every one of us, but we have failed God horribly. Thank God, for the man and woman who brought Jesus into the world.

We see the words 'Son of man' often in the Bible, with the word 'Son' appearing with a capital letter. This phrase is used because Jesus was born by man and woman as any ordinary man, but as prophesied, he would speak the words of God (Deuteronomy 18:18,19). We have read how Jesus was endowed with the Holy Spirit without measure and John the Baptist was witness to this endowment. Having the spiritual likeness of God, the Christ was also known as the 'Son of God' through both the possessing of the Word of God and because of his resurrection by God.

To summarize our findings, it was not Jesus the man of flesh or his spirit that came down from heaven, but the Word or the Spirit of truth which came down from heaven and rested upon Jesus. Due to the spiritual way Jesus spoke, he was often misunderstood. It is easy to understand that when it is quoted, "Jesus was sent forth," we know he was sent forth by the Spirit to spread the truth of God's Word throughout his nation, which he did; there was no direct vocal command to go forth. When Jesus says *"I came down from heaven,"* or *"I came from the Father,"* we should now understand that he meant the Spirit of God which dwells in him came down from heaven; he embodied God's goodness, love and mercy, thus, it is like he was "heaven sent". What truly makes man who he is, is the spirit: the body does nothing on its own, until the spirit (or mind) of man commands it. If your life has fallen into a pattern of worldliness, it is your own spirit which has directed you. It is Satan's spirit which has coveted your spirit to follow his path of lust and ultimately destruction, BUT you can replace that worldly spirit with the Spirit of God, by allowing your spirit to come to that Light, so you can become one with God. ***"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."*** Notice that God's Spirit must enter us through Jesus, but you cannot enter into the kingdom of God having your own worldly spirit. Mankind has to change and be born again in character. ***"For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."***

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:8 to 18. If a person has the Spirit of truth, they understand that Jesus knew he was the chosen of God, the Christ, and he was the Son of God spiritually and by the resurrection. When Jesus spoke to the Jews, he often spoke to them in parables, so they who did not have the Spirit would stumble over his words. He also spoke about spiritual things in mysterious or symbolic terms so that many who did not open their ears and mind to Jesus' teachings would not understand him. Let us remember that at Jesus' baptism, when the Spirit descended from God the Father and abode upon him, it was then that Jesus became the Word made flesh, the Son of God. The Word of God came down and abode within Jesus and led him in his preaching and since we know that the Christ was the embodiment of the Word, in that sense, he came down from heaven.

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