

Jesus Is The Firstborn
Ps.89:27; Heb.1:6; Rev.1:5
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Col.1:15 He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

How is Jesus the Firstborn? What does that mean for Jesus to be Firstborn? How does Jesus being the Firstborn affect you and me?

We see throughout the Old Testament that the term "firstborn" is used in many ways to portray something greater in the future. (type and antitype) Ex.4:22 God speaks of Israel as being His firstborn. Jer.31:9 refers to God being the Father to Israel and Ephraim as His firstborn.

We also see how God gave distinction in the law to the firstborn. (Ex.13:2; 13:12-16; Num.3:12-13) We see too that the firstborn of Egypt were struck down in substitution for the firstborn of Israel. Later God took a counting of the firstborn of Israel who the Levites were exchanged for and the excess had to pay a ransomed price. (Num.3:43-51) It is suggested that the number of Egyptian firstborn are equaled to the firstborn of Israel and they were exchanged for the Levites who become the Holy ones of God to serve Him. (Num.8:19)

Our culture does not put the same emphasis on the firstborn as they did during the days of the Old and New Testament times but we can see that God

attached a huge significance to the importance of the firstborn. It is understandable that we do not see as clearly the pointing to Jesus as redeemer as we would like too except perhaps thru Abram and his firstborn (of promise) Isaac. (Gen.22:2-19)

It is True that Jesus is Mary's firstborn. (Lk.2:7) It is likewise true that Jesus is God's Firstborn Son. (Lk.1:30-33; Mat.1:20-21) Not only was Jesus the firstborn child of Mary but He was also the Firstborn from God thru the Holy Spirit. Because these things are true this made it possible for Jesus to be another kind of "Firstborn"; The Firstborn from the dead. (Heb.1:5-6; Rev.1:5)

Jesus is truly the first to be born from Mary and first to be born from God; both in regards to the flesh. (and spirit) More importantly Jesus is the first to be born from the dead. (Rev.1:5) It is in this that He is also called the Firstborn of the Dead. Why is this important? Simply put, being firstborn implies more siblings to be born later. (Rm.8:29; Heb.2:11-15)

Jesus is the firstborn from the dead and all who accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior shall be born again in like fashion: thus qualified for the resurrected from the dead never to die again! (1Cor.15:20-26; 42-57; Phil.3:20-21) *(Live once, die twice; live twice, die once: the second death has no power. 'Chuck Missler')*