

Let's reflect deeply on the identity of our Lord Jesus Christ through Scripture.

The Reality of Jesus' Divine Identity

Imagine a high-ranking person disguising themselves as a servant, wearing humble clothes beneath their status. Such a person would likely be mocked, despised, and rejected by others who don't recognize their true identity. But if those who scorned him truly understood who he was, none would dare to disrespect or mock him; instead, they would honor and fear him.

This is exactly what happened to Jesus. Though He was crucified, His persecutors did not know His true identity. They assumed He was just a criminal or a mere prophet, but He is far greater — He is the **Alpha and Omega**, God Himself manifested in human flesh. Even the Apostle Paul acknowledges in 1 Corinthians 2:7-8

“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”

This “hidden wisdom” is the profound truth of Jesus’ divinity and incarnation — that God became man, a mystery beyond human understanding but foundational to the Christian faith (cf. John 1:14).

Jesus as the Alpha and Omega

The book of Revelation reveals this divine identity clearly. In Revelation 1:8, God declares:

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord God, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”

The titles **Alpha and Omega** (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) symbolize God’s eternal nature — He is the beginning and the end, existing outside of time. Jesus applies this title to Himself, making a clear claim to divinity (cf. Revelation 22:13).

Revelation 21:5-7 shows this Alpha and Omega actively working in history:

“And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

Here, God promises new creation and eternal life freely to all who believe. The relationship of God and believer as Father and child is profound — a divine adoption through Jesus Christ (Romans 8:15).

The Mystery of the Incarnation

Paul describes this mystery in 1 Timothy 3:16:

“Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

The **incarnation** — God becoming flesh — is the cornerstone of Christian theology. Jesus is fully God and fully man, not a hybrid, but both natures united in one person (cf. John 1:1,14; Colossians 2:9).

Jesus' Messianic Identity and Divine Lordship

Jesus also challenged religious leaders to rethink His identity (Matthew 22:42-46:

“What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.

He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.”

Here Jesus exposes a divine paradox: He is the descendant of David (human Messiah), yet David calls Him “Lord” — a title for God Himself. This reveals Jesus’ dual nature as both human and divine.

Why This Matters

Knowing Jesus only as the “Son of David” or “Son of God” without understanding His full divinity limits our understanding of salvation. The Bible affirms that salvation comes through **Jesus Christ, God incarnate**, whose blood redeems us (Hebrews 9:14; 1 John 1:7).

This truth can be difficult to grasp — just as it is hard to understand that God has no beginning or end (Psalm 90:2). But faith calls us to accept these mysteries by the Holy Spirit’s help.

Believing that Jesus is God in the flesh deepens our gratitude and reverence. It reminds us that our salvation is not from the blood of any mere man but from the blood of the eternal God who loved us enough to become human and die for us.

For Further Study

- Titus 2:13: *“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”* — A direct reference to Jesus as God and Savior.
- Isaiah 9:6: *“For unto us a child is born... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”* — A prophecy of Jesus’ divine nature.

May the Lord help us all to grasp this profound truth and live in the power of Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega.

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