

## **Jesus: Taste & See that the Lord is Good**

### **Jesus is Eternal**

**John 1:1-2**

*“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!” Psalm 34:8a*

*“If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” 1 Peter 2:3*

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1-2*

### **Main Idea: The Eternal Jesus Is the Only Anchor for Our Souls**

#### **Three Realities of Jesus’ Eternal Existence:**

##### **I. Jesus Was**

*“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1*

*“In the beginning was the Word...” John 1:1a*

*“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led astray by diverse and strange teachings...” Hebrews 13:7-9a*

##### **II. Jesus Is**

*“He certainly existed, as virtually every competent scholar of antiquity, Christian or non-Christian, agrees, based on certain and clear evidence.” Bart Ehrman*

While historians have no issue with the historical man named Jesus from Nazareth, followers of Jesus believe that he is no less present with us today.

*“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Matt 18:20*

*“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20*

*“If we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.” 2 Timothy 2:13*

##### **III. Jesus Always Will Be**

*“Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.” Isaiah 9:7*

*“‘I am the Alpha & the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is & who was & who is to come, the Almighty.’” Revelation 1:8*

*“And, ‘You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.’” Hebrews 1:10-12*

Jesus Was, Jesus Is, Jesus Always Will Be. He is our Great High Priest and so much better than any other high priest...

*“The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:23-25*

Old Testament priests were responsible to go between the people and God and offer sacrifices on their behalf, but these priests were not able to save, forgive, or redeem anyone. Jesus is the **FOREVER** Great High Priest who can **SAVE**, to the uttermost, sinners like us, and he always lives to **MAKE INTERCESSION** for us once we are his.

*“You and I, who though saved are still sinners, may safely put our case into his hands, for see who he is – ‘Jesus Christ the righteous. Jesus.’ Ah! Then he is an advocate such as I want, for he loves me and takes an interest in me...” Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

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