

The Logos Made Flesh

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
—John 1:14

Long before Jesus lived on the earth, he was in the heavens as a spirit being with his father, Jehovah God. He is called the Logos, which means *word* or *mouthpiece*. It is a Greek word.

The Scriptures also call him the *Alpha* and *Omega* (Revelation 21:6), which means the *first* and the *last*. He was the first and last work of God's creation (Revelation 22:13).

The Logos created marvelous worlds and creatures, always according to God's instructions. The Logos had more power and skill than anyone except God himself. He never worked against God's plans and he took great pleasure in doing God's will.

This dear son of God, the Logos, is described in Colossians 1:15-18 as the image of God, God's firstborn, the creator of all things in heaven and earth. Although the Logos was a spirit being, he was not immortal—he could die.

Even in that long ago time the Logos said he would come to earth as a human baby, grow up as a perfect man and then give up his human life for Adam. This would take away the sentence of death that was upon Adam and every person who has ever lived.

If the Logos had been immortal, he could not have died in Adam's place. To be immortal means having life within one's self—not dependent on anyone or anything else for existence.

God and the Logos loved each other and together they created

the universe and all that is in it. One of the most loving things they did was to create man (Genesis 1:26). How sad it made them feel when Adam disobeyed the command to not eat the fruit of a certain tree. However, God knew that Adam would fail the test of obedience and he had already arranged for his redemption.

The Logos was willing to give up the honor and glory that he had in heaven and the close association he had with his Father because he loved mankind. He humbled himself to take on a nature a little lower than that possessed by the angels (Hebrews 2:9).

In John 17:5 Jesus prayed only to be restored to the life he previously had with his Father as the Logos. But because he had remained faithful, God rewarded him with the glory and honor of the divine, or immortal, nature!



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a spirit being, called "The Logos."