

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon) skillfully produces beautiful pageants and high quality promotions proclaiming their belief in *Jesus Christ*. At first glance, it's quite natural for one to assume that Mormons believe in the Jesus Christ of the Bible—but do they?

If you are considering attending or joining the LDS Church, or know someone who is entertaining Mormon Missionaries, we believe you have a right to know what the LDS do not normally reveal.

As you read this, keep in mind the warning the Apostle Paul gives about *another Jesus* (2 Corinthians 11:3-4, quoted on back of this brochure).

The Mormon Jesus

The LDS Church teaches that the spirit of their *Jesus* was born to *heavenly parents* and *became a God* by obeying all the laws of Mormonism. Read for yourself from these photocopy excerpts from official Mormon publications:

Origin of man, *Improvement Era*, Nov. 1909, pp. 76, 80.

Every person who was ever born on earth was our spirit brother or sister in heaven. The first spirit born to our heavenly parents was Jesus Christ (see D&C 93:21). He is thus our elder brother (see *Discourses of Brigham Young*, p. 26). Our spirits resemble our heavenly parents although they have resurrected bodies. We have inherited the potential to develop their divine qualities. If we choose to do so, we can become perfect, just as they are.

Gospel Principles, 1978, p. 9

His power.

Everything is governed eternally by law. "There is a law irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundation of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated; and when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to the law upon which it is predicated."¹⁰ This revelation refers to the laws of heaven, of earth, of nature, of science, of health and of brotherhood. They are God's spiritual laws.¹¹ Jesus became a God and reached His great state of understanding through consistent effort and continuous obedience to all the Gospel truths and universal laws. Whenever men put themselves in proper condition and

The Gospel Through the Ages, (General Authority) Milton R. Hunter, p. 51

The Biblical Jesus

But the Bible says that Jesus has always been God: LORD, [Jehovah, the pre mortal Jesus in LDS theology] ...even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God (Psalm 90:1-2).

But thou, Bethlehem...out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting (Micah 5:2).

The Mormon Jesus

According to Mormonism the body of Jesus was begotten as a result of a physical relationship between God the Father and Mary. As you consider the quotes and documentation below, it's important to keep in mind that the Mormon *God the Father* has "a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's" (*Doctrine & Covenants* 130:22, LDS scripture).

Mormon Apostle Bruce R. McConkie wrote that:

God the Father is a perfected, glorified, holy *Man*, an immortal personage. And Christ was born into the

learned, she replied, "Daddy, I'm confused. The teacher talked about Jesus' being God's only son. I thought all of us were God's children.

Ask, Have you ever wondered about this question? How would you answer Jenny? Discuss this with the family, letting each have a chance to express himself.

Now read to the family how a modern prophet answered Jenny's question.

A MODERN PROPHET'S ANSWER

... I want the little folks to hear what I am going to tell you. I am going to tell you a simple truth, yet it is one of the greatest truths and one of the most simple facts ever revealed to the children of men.

You all know that your fathers are indeed your fathers and that your mothers are indeed your mothers—you all know that don't you? You cannot deny it. Now, we are told in scriptures that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God in the flesh. Well, now for the benefit of the older ones, how are children begotten? I answer just as Jesus Christ was begotten of his father. The difference between Jesus Christ and other men is this: Our fathers in the flesh are mortal men, who are subject unto death: but the Father of Jesus Christ in the flesh is the God of Heaven. Therefore Jesus, as he declared, received the power of life from his Father and was never subject unto death but had life in himself as his father had life in himself. Because of this power he overcame death and the grave and became master of the resurrection and the means of salvation to us all.

We must come down to the simple fact that God Almighty was the Father of His Son Jesus Christ. Mary, the virgin girl, who had never known mortal man, was his mother. God by her begot His son Jesus Christ, and he was born into the world with power and intelligence like that of His Father. . . .

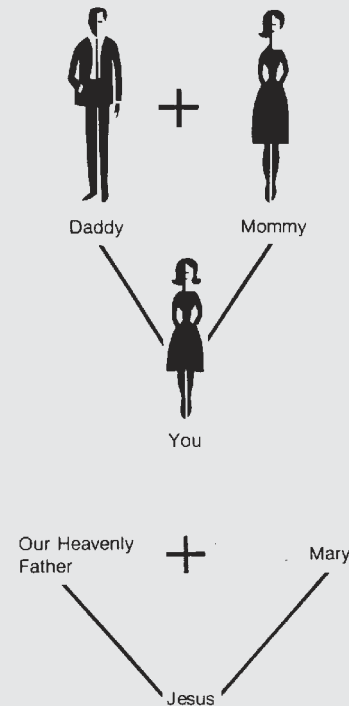
Now, my little friends, I will repeat again in words as simple as I can, and you talk to your parents about it, that God, the Eternal Father, is literally the father of Jesus Christ. (Joseph F. Smith, Box Elder Stake Conference Dec. 20, 1914 as quoted in *Brigham City Box Elder News*, 28 Jan. 1915, pp. 1-2.)

world as the *literal Son* of this Holy Being; he was born in the same personal, real, and literal sense that any mortal son is born to a mortal father. There is nothing figurative about his paternity, *he was begotten, conceived, and born in the normal and natural course of events*, for he is the son of God, and that designation means what it says (*Mormon Doctrine*, 1979, p. 742, under Son of God).

Mormon Prophet Joseph F. Smith also declared that Christ was conceived by the *same natural method as the children of men*. See photocopy of *Family Home Evening Manual* below.

An Illustration and Discussion to Help Further Answer Jenny's Question:

At this point, discuss in your own words how Jesus was the only begotten Son of God. You might do this by using the following illustration on a chalkboard or piece of paper.



The Biblical Jesus

But the Bible indicates, in easy to understand language, that the conception of Jesus Christ was anything but natural:

"...a virgin shall conceive..." (Isaiah 7:14)

"...that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." (Mat 1:20)

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child..." (Mat 1:23)

If Mary had conceived Jesus in the normal way would she have been a virgin at the time she was with child?

The Mormon Jesus

Mormonism teaches that the blood of their *Christ* will not atone for *certain grievous sins*, such as murder (D&C 42:18-19, 79). See photocopy below. Some try to say that this blasphemous doctrine refers to the sin (singular) against the Holy Ghost spoken of in the *Bible*, but notice that it says *sins* (plural).

ATONEMENT AND SINS UNTO DEATH. *Joseph Smith taught that there were certain sins so grievous that man may commit, that they will place the transgressors beyond the power of the atonement of Christ. If these offenses are committed, then the blood of Christ will not cleanse them from their sins even though they repent. Therefore their only hope is to have their own blood shed to atone, as far as possible, in their behalf.* This is scriptural doctrine, and is taught in all the standard works of the Church. The doctrine was established in the beginning

Doctrines of Salvation, Joseph Fielding Smith, Vol 1, p. 135.
See also *Mormon Doctrine*, Apostle Bruce R. McConkie, 1979, p. 93.

The Biblical Jesus

It should be obvious that anyone who truly believes in Christ does not deny the Holy Ghost who testifies of him. And, as in all other basic doctrines of the true Christian faith, the Bible is abundantly clear on the total sufficiency of the blood of Christ to take away *all sin*:

...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from *all sin*...If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:7, 9).

The Mormon Jesus

Mormonism teaches that their *Jesus Christ* is the spirit-brother of Lucifer (Satan). See photocopy below. Also, see McConkie's *Mormon Doctrine*, p. 192, under the subtitle *Devil*.

LUCIFER'S PLAN

The appointment of Jesus to be the Savior of the world was contested by one of the other sons of God. He was called Lucifer, son of the morning. Haughty, ambitious, and covetous of power and glory, this spirit-brother of Jesus desperately tried to become the Savior of mankind. At the great council he proposed a new plan of salvation, one which was not based on eternal truth. Regarding this event, the Lord revealed the following to Moses:

The Gospel Through the Ages, 1945, p. 15

The Biblical Jesus

But the Bible tells us that Jesus created everything that exists. Jesus is Lucifer's creator! Not his brother!

For by him [Jesus Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist (Colossians 1:16-17).

LDS Prophet Admits "Another" Jesus

Most Latter-day Saints are offended when someone says the LDS Church has *another Jesus*. But Mormon Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley has publicly stated that he has a different Jesus than traditional Christianity.

In bearing testimony of Jesus Christ, President Hinckley spoke of those outside the Church who say Latter-day Saints "do not believe in the traditional Christ. No, I don't. The traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak. For the Christ of whom I speak has been revealed in this the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times." (*Church News*, June 20, 1998, p. 7)

To all believers in Christ:

This information is presented to you out of concern for your eternal welfare. Don't miss this warning from the Apostle Paul:

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his *subtily*, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth *another Jesus*, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive *another spirit*, which ye have not received, or *another gospel*, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him...For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works (2 Cor 11:3, 4, 13-15).

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What the Mormon Church Really Thinks of Christ?

