

A wooden cross is placed diagonally across an open Bible. The Bible's pages are filled with text, though it is out of focus. A dark, semi-transparent banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title in white script.

Where is Christ in the Old Testament?

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KEY PASSAGE: GENESIS 18:1-15

Genesis 18:1-3

Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. ² So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, ³ and said, “My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant.

Genesis 18:4-6

⁴ Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant.”

They said, “Do as you have said.”

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead *it* and make cakes.”

Genesis 18:7-9

⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. ⁸ So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

⁹ Then they said to him, “Where *is* Sarah your wife?”

So he said, “Here, in the tent.”

Genesis 18:10-12

¹⁰ And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

(Sarah was listening in the tent door which *was* behind him.) ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. ¹² Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”

Genesis 18:13-15

¹³ And the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear *a child*, since I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”

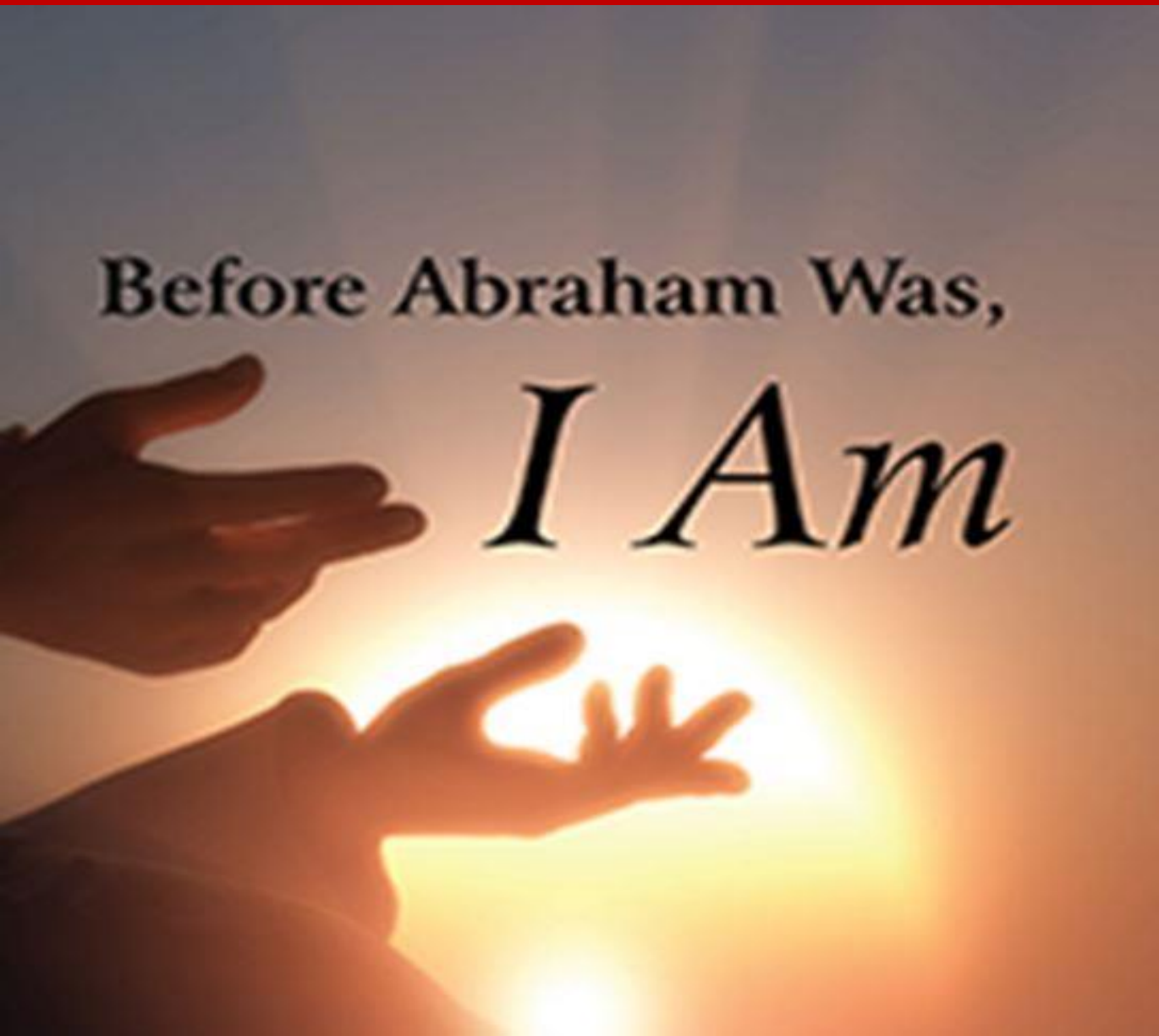
¹⁵ But Sarah denied *it*, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid.

And He said, “No, but you did laugh!”

Jesus Had No Beginning



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- 1) Jesus spoke of His timeless, divine nature, existing before Abraham

Jesus Had No Beginning



**2) Jesus was
there before
earth's time
began**

Jesus Had No Beginning



YOU ARE THE
EVERLASTING
GOD

3) He is Eternal

- ☐ Always existed
- ☐ Will exist forever

**How did Jesus manifest Himself
before His Incarnation?**



How Jesus manifest Himself in the Old Testament?



- 1) Jesus identified Himself as the **Angel of the Lord**

How Jesus manifest Himself in the Old Testament?



**2) Jesus appeared as a
Human
Person
at Mamre**

How Jesus manifest Himself in the Old Testament?



**3) Pillar of cloud
and
Pillar of fire**

How Jesus manifest Himself in the Old Testament?



**4) Commander
of the
Lord's army**

How Jesus manifest Himself in the Old Testament?



5) Prophetic imagery of Jesus

Why is Jesus worthy of Worship?



Why is Jesus worthy of worship?



1) Jesus is the Creator

- ☐ He spoke things into existence

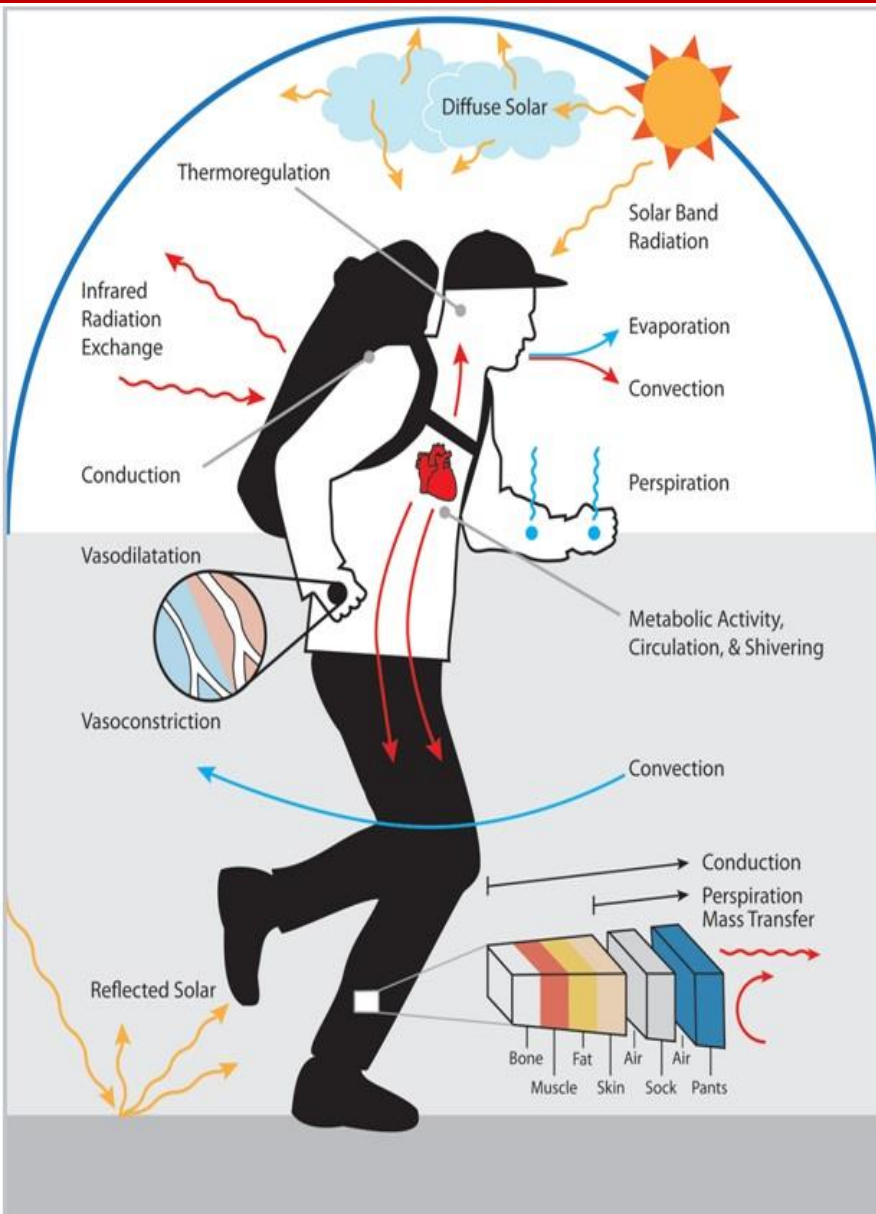
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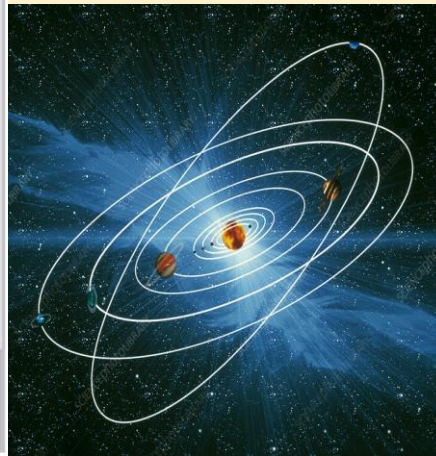
- ❑ He created man in His own image

Why is Jesus worthy of worship?



1) Jesus is the Creator

□ He fine-tunes and maintains all systems He created



Why is Jesus worthy of worship?



**2) Jesus' sacrifice
as our
sin bearer**

- ☐ **He took on
human flesh**

Why is Jesus worthy of worship?



**2) Jesus' sacrifice
as our
sin bearer**



- ☐ That He would offer Himself as the sacrificial lamb

Why is Jesus worthy of worship?



3) Jesus as Jacob's
ladder, serving as
the gateway
to heaven