

This Is Jesus

THIS IS JESUS:

Born of a virgin
Born in obscurity
Born into poverty and slavery
A born leader
Born at the right time
Born to inspire
Born to die

THIS IS JESUS:

Pre-existing humanity
Pre-eminent over creation
Predicted by prophets
Preceded by signs and wonders
Pronounced by the angels of heaven

Emerging from the grassroots
With a band of lowlifes and prostitutes
Followed by fishermen and outcasts
He brought help to the harassed
To the one's society had passed on
Trampling on traditions
He was feared by politicians
Hated by high society
And those who held to their false piety
The powerbrokers and the ambitious
The rule makers and the religious
Because He promoted equal opportunity
To join a new community
To mingle with divinity
But in the end...
He was rejected by His own people
Declared to be evil
Betrayed by His inner circle
And abandoned by His friends
Crucified by those who could not comprehend
The reason He'd been sent
How, even in death, He was making amends
For their sins

THIS IS JESUS:

The carpenter who constructed the entire universe with his hands
Only to be nailed to a piece of wood by those he'd made in the first place
The preacher who spoke the world into existence
But said nothing in His own defense

A nomadic wanderer who has become the home of all humanity
Though He was an uneducated peasant
He spoke the very wisdom of God
Though He had not a penny to his name
He freely offered the wealth and riches of heaven
A vagabond philanthropist

THIS IS JESUS:

In every affliction, He is our comfort
He's what we've come *for*
He is the one door
The beginning, end and middle
He gives wisdom to the simple
While confounding the know-it-alls
He is the cosmic wakeup call
From our complacency
From our "wait and see" attitude
He is action
He is passion
In our hunger, He's satisfaction
But in our satisfaction, He whets our appetite
He is colour to our black-and-white
Though we are flawed, He is perfection
When we are lost, He's our direction
In our weakness, He's our protection
And in death, He is resurrection

He is The Way
He is The Truth
And He is Life

He is the first and the last
Future, present and past
He is the centre and the circumference
In our want, He is abundance
He is the Light that both blinds and reveals
He is the Truth that both exposes and conceals
He is our sun and our shield
The messenger and the message
God's perfect image
He is the weight of the world, and yet his burden is light
He is the deepest depth and the highest height
He is King of all kings, yet the servant of slaves
He has the name above all other names
He is Jesus – The God who saves

Acting both as judge and advocate
He is more than adequate
Fully human, fully divine
Down to earth, yet utterly sublime

THIS IS JESUS:

He is the end and the means
And everything in between
The meter and the melody
The Healer and the remedy
He is the rhyme and the reason
Always on time, always in season
He is the fountain of youth
The source of original truth
He is the pinnacle of life's ascent
Perfection's embodiment
Filled with every good intent
He is the goal of a life well-spent

To love Him is the greatest vocation
To know Him is the purest occupation
He's the True North of our orientation
He is the sum of life's equation

Words cannot explain Him
The world cannot contain Him
He divides history into before and after
With power like a nuclear reactor
He is stronger, better and faster
He is our master
Our redeemer
Our leader
He's everything for which we search

He's the head of the church
Not a building with a steeple
But a community of rescued people
And He is our story's author
The One who, with living water
Quenches our thirst
When we seek Him first

THIS IS JESUS:

The mystery of divinity
Conceived through virginity
Now the ruler of infinity
Second person of the trinity

With God, indivisible

He is the visible – touch, taste, smell, sight and sound – of the invisible God

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