

## Study Paper No. 4

# Was Jesus Christ the Seed of David Or *Out of the Seed of David?*

**John 16:28** I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

### The Emanation of Jesus Christ

Introduction: Jesus made several statements like this. I hope this is a special short study on the Coming Forth of Jesus Christ, or His Emanation. We must ask, does the emanation of Jesus Christ refer to His Divine Being or His Human Being? I do not believe in a generated God, or One God coming out of another God, therefore I must say that this refers to Christ's Human Being. I am not saying it refers to His person because His Divine nature, God the Eternal Word, is a part of His person. Therefore, I must conclude that this refers only to His Human Nature of Being. Please do correct me if I am in error.

The Greek term translated *CAME FORTH* is a very special term. I define it later in this study. It seems to have to do with origins or emanations. As to the Origin of Christ's Human Being or Nature, He came forth or emanated from God the Father. As to the Origin of His Divine Nature or Being, He had no origin. God the Eternal Word is self-existent just as the Father and Holy Spirit are. In Their essential Nature and Being, members of the Holy Trinity possess the Divine Attribute of Self-Existence.

### Imperial Christianity

Imperial Christology, from the Great Whore, tells us that the Father produced Jesus Christ in His Divine Person, by an act called Eternal Generation. I deny this and join with the early dissenters who maintained that He was the Eternal God-Man. Many held both to the Heavenly origin of His flesh and His antiquity as the God-Man.

### His Complex Person

As we study the Complex Person of Jesus Christ, His person having two natures, we become aware of two different and contrasting concepts about the origin of His humanity. These may be known as the Earthly Origin of Christ's Humanity and the Heavenly Origin of Christ's Humanity. In this brief study, I want to give an overview of why I *deny* the common and received concept of the earthly origin of Christ's humanity. I favor the heavenly origin of Christ's humanity. Paul said:

**I Cor. 15:44** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

**45** And so it is written, *The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam a quickening spirit. (In the Greek, was made, is not present)*

**46** Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

**47** *The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.*

**48** *As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.*

**49** *And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*

### The Federal Headships

I cannot enter into this great doctrine here, but I hope to later. However, let me make a brief statement or two. Paul gave us clear proof that Jesus Christ, as a MAN, is the heavenly man. He is not of this earth. The First Adam was an *earthy man* and the Second Adam is a *heavenly man*. Paul contrasts the two distinct Federal Headships. They have very different and distinct origins.

### Adam from the Earth and Christ is from Heaven

If anyone objects and says that Christ is from heaven as to His Divine Nature but not His human nature, let me re-direct us to Paul's statement, *THE SECOND MAN, THE LORD IS OUT FROM HEAVEN.*

*The first man is (ek) out of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord out of (ek) heaven.*

*And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*

Note also that Paul said that the Second Man is the LORD out of HEAVEN. He did not say that our Lord returned to heaven as a man, which is true, but that our Lord is the man out of heaven. He is therefore a man out of heaven or heavenly man as far as His origins are concerned. At this time, *I will not* discuss Christ as the Father's Manna as He taught about Himself in John 6. I want to be as brief as I can in dealing with this question.

### The Seed of David

Please note the important difference between Jesus coming **OUT OF** the seed of David, and His Being the Seed of David. Did Jesus Come **out of the Seed of David or is He the Seed of David?** Here are the three primary verses many use to say that Jesus is the Seed of David:

John 7:42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

**42** ouci {NOT} h {THE} grafh {SCRIPTURE} eipen {SAID,} oti {THAT} ek {OUT OF} tou {THE} spermatov {SEED} dabid {OF DAVID,} kai {AND} apo {FROM} bhyleem {BETHLEHEM} thv {THE} kwmhv {VILLAGE} opou {WHERE} hn {WAS} dabid {DAVID,} o {THE} cristov {CHRIST} ercetai {COMES?}

42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

**Romans 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;**

**3 peri tou {CONCERNING} uiou {SON} autou {HIS,} tou {WHO} genomenou {CAME} ek {OF [THE]} spermatov {SEED} dabid {OF DAVID} kata {ACCORDING TO [THE]} sarka {FLESH,}**

**3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;**

**2 Timothy 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:**

**8 mnhmoneue ihsoun criston eghgermenon ek nekrwn ek spermatov dabid kata to euaggelion mou**

**8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:**

**DO THESE VERSES SAY THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS AND IS THE SEED OF DAVID?**

No, they DO NOT. Let us remember that the King James Translators were most Nicenists and Chalcedonians. They held to the same concept as the Talmudic Jews did about the natural origin of the Messiah as the very seed of David. I deny that the King James Translators translated properly these verses in question.

**JESUS CHRIST IS NOT THE SEED OR SPERM OF DAVID, BUT CAME OUT OF MARY WHO WAS THE SEED OR SPERM OF DAVID.**

Let me take each of these verses from the Greek New Testament and see if they teach that Christ is the seed of David or came out of the Seed of David?

John 7:42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

John 7:42 ouci h grafh eipen oti ek tou spermatov dabit kai apo bhyleem thv kwmhv opou hn dabit o cristov ercetai

The Scripture here makes two points in identifying the Messiah. First, **that He is EK or OUT OF the seed of David.**

***The Scripture does not say that the MESSIAH IS THE SEED OF DAVID.***

Second, the Messiah is from *apo* Bethlehem. The Greek Preposition, *apo* is properly translated *from*. The Greek preposition *ek* is not properly translated, but means *out of*. *Ek* is the Greek preposition that is joined with *kaleo*, to produce *ekklesia*, and means the called out governing assembly. *Out of* is the basic and proper meaning of *ek*.

Christ is out of the Seed of David, Mary, but He is not the Seed of David. He is the Seed of His Father, God the Father, Who is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here are some additional verses containing the same Greek Word, if **my** eyes do not deceive me.

#### Verses Showing Coming Forth

John 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

John 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

John 5:44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that *cometh from God* only?

John 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

John 13:3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

John 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

John 16:30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

#### The Preposition para

Please note that these verses are all translated as FROM GOD, but in the Greek Scriptures, they are not the same propositions. In John 1:6, it is the Greek preposition **para** and means FROM. John the Baptist is from God. He is from God in both his preparations and commission. This does not mean He is from God as to his emanation, as he is the natural offspring of his earthly parents. This does not mean that God was not involved, for He was, but not in the same way as

Christ's incarnation. God was involved in John's birth just as He was in Isaac's birth.

### The Annunciation

**Luke 1:26** And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

**27** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

**28** And the angel came to her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.

**29** And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered in her mind what manner of greeting this should be.

**30** And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

**31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

**32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give to him the throne of his father David:

**33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

**34** Then said Mary to the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

**35** And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy ONE (HERE IS THE SAME GREEK WORD THAT IS TRANSLATED ELSEWHERE AS SAINT, REP) who shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Please note that we do not deny the Incarnation, the Conception, and the Birth of Jesus Christ in any way. What we do deny is that Christ emanated from Mary. Please note the following:

**Matthew 1:16** And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, OUT OF (ek) whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

**Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was in this manner: When his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child out of (ek) the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 1:20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take to thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is out of (ek) the Holy Spirit.

### Important Points

Please do consider the following:

1. In each of these verses, the Sacred Biblical Writers told us that the Lord Jesus Christ (in His Humanity Only) **did come out of the Holy Spirit.**
- 2.
3. Also note this, Jesus Christ, in His sacred Humanity did not emanate from the Holy Spirit but only from God Our Father.
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5. Jesus Christ is Out of God the Father, Out of the Holy Spirit and Out of Mary, **but He did not emanate from Mary or the Holy Spirit.**

Now let us observe:

John 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

42 eipen oun autoiv o ihsouv ei o yeov pathr umwn hn hgapate an eme egw gar *ek tou yeou* exhlyon kai hkw oude gar ap emautou elhlyua all ekeinon me apesteilen

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

#### The Origin of the Heavenly Man, Jesus Christ

In John 8:42 Jesus deals with origins. In this verse, Jesus said He came *OUT OF GOD*. He used the Greek preposition, *EK*. **As to His Origin as a Man, JESUS CAME OUT OF GOD.** Here is the Greek preposition, *out of*, or *ek* and the Greek word denoting emanation *exhlyon*. They are used together in this verse for special emphasis. This shows us that Jesus Christ did emanate out of God our Father.

Also, note here that Jesus used two different Greek terms, *ek* out of, and then *exhlyon*. This is the Greek term that means, "to come out of, to proceed, emanate, to take rise from,": *The Analytical Greek Lexicon*, page. 146.

In the next three verses, Jesus did not deal with His origin as a man, but His commission. These verses do not contain *EK*, but contain *para* and *apo*. These are the standard Greek prepositions meaning *from* without any idea of origins.

However, in these three other verses, *exhlyon* is used. Let me re-translate these verses:

John 13:3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

3 eidwv o ihsouv oti panta dedwken autw o pathr eiv tav ceirav kai oti apo yeou *exhlyen* kai prov ton yeon upagei

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

**Jesus knowing that the FATHER had given all things into His hands that FROM GOD HE CAME FORTH OR EMANATED, AND WOULD RETURN UNTO GOD.**

**John 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.**

***And have believed that from God I came forth or emanated.***

**John 16:30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.**

**27 autov gar o pathr filei umav oti umeiv eme pefilhkate kai pepisteukate oti egw para tou yeou **exhlyon****

**27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.**

**28 **exhlyon** para tou patrov kai elhluya eiv ton kosmon palin afihmi ton kosmon kai poreuomai prov ton patera**

**28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.**

**29 legousin autw oi mayhtai autou ide nun parrhsia laleiv kai paroimian oudemian legeiv**

**29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.**

**30 nun oidamen oti oidav panta kai ou creian eceiv ina tiv se erwta en toutw pisteuomen oti apo yeou **exhlyev****

**30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.**

***we believe that from God you have come forth or emanated.***

Jesus taught us about His origin as a man in John 8:42. *He is out of God, EK, and to emphasize this He used the Greek term **exhlyon** that means to rise from or originate from.* In His Sacred Humanity and as a Human Being He originated from God. In His complex person, as Man, He is from God, but as to His Divine Nature, He is God the Eternal Word. In His human nature, He is the Man from Heaven.

John 3:13 **And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.**

In Romans 1 Paul said that Jesus came out of the Seed of David, Mary. In John 8, Jesus said He came out of God. They are both true. Jesus did come out of God the Father in pre-creative eternity and He did come out of Mary in this present evil world during the incarnation. **HOWEVER, HE IS NOT OUT OF MARY AS FAR AS HIS SOURCE IS CONCERNED.**

I do not find any writer, anywhere in the Scriptures, who said that Jesus did **exhlyon** or emanate from Mary. Please do note, I am not able to see as well as I once did, so a verse may have escaped me. If any of you know of any verse that says *Jesus emanated from Mary*, please do let me know.

### The Issue is Not

The following are not an issue:

1. Jesus is out of God the Father;
2. Jesus is out of the Holy Spirit;
3. Jesus is out of Mary.

These are all true, but they do not mean emanation. Jesus *did emanate only from God the Father.*

Please note I Cor. 15:47 ***The first man is (EK) out of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord (ek) OUT OF heaven.***

Adam was out of the earth, but He came from God. Christ was not out of the earth, but out of heaven, but He also came from God.

NOWHERE DO WE FIND THE FOLLOWING:

1. *Jesus is out of the earth as Adam was;*
2. *Jesus emanated out of the Holy Spirit;*
3. *Jesus emanated out of Mary.*

Let me conclude this study by noting that nowhere have I found in the Greek Scriptures that ***Jesus is the Seed of David.*** This is not a denial of the Incarnation, but a denial that Jesus Christ did come from one of Mary's eggs or that God the Holy Spirit did in any way impregnate any of Mary's eggs. As to ***His Sacred Humanity***, our Lord Jesus Christ is the ***directly generated Seed of His Heavenly Father and He did emanate and come forth from God our Father.*** As to ***His Deity He is self-existent and just as ingenerate as the Father is.***

The Lord willing, I hope to study more on the subject of *The Son of David*. I also hope to give an historical presentation of the *Heavenly Origin of Christ's Flesh*.

### OBJECTION

Does not this doctrine contradict the blessed Doctrine of Christ Being our Kinsman Redeemer?

ANSWER

No, Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer, *but not because of any Adamic Kinship*. We have a Kinsman union with Him that goes back to *eternal and vital union*. Paul said:

Heb. 2:11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all OUT OF one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, *which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began*,

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, *promised before the world began*;

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

John 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: *thine they were, and thou gavest them me*; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things *whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee*.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer because of our Kinship and union with Him before He or we partook of FLESH AND BLOOD. Note, not just flesh, but flesh and blood. In addition, both the Lord Jesus Christ, in His Sacred Humanity, and the Elect of God, are of God the Father:

**Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.**

The Elect of God, those who were given unto Christ before all creation, and Christ Himself, in *His Sacred Humanity*, were out of the Father and *are of the Father*.

#### Our Eternal Union Considered in Two Parts

This is our eternal Union considered in two parts. First, the elect of God, Christ Being the Chief elect in His Sacred Humanity, and His Brothers and Sisters, ***stood in the Father before all creation.*** He and we were in the Father and stood in the Father and are out of the Father. Then, the Father generated Christ forth as a distinct Person, in His Sacred Humanity. ***We, the brothers and sisters of Christ, came forth in Christ's eternal generation with Him, in this eternal union in the Father.*** We were in the Father, and in Christ Jesus, as the members of His body, even as Eve was in Adam when Christ created Him. In this glorious union we receive grace and the promise of eternal life, before the world, from the Father Who cannot lie. This is why Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer. Our Kinship with Christ is not in or by Adam, but in and by our Eternal Union in Christ.

In our Kinsman Redeemer is founded upon our union in Adam with Christ, and Christ with us, then Christ is the Kinsman Redeemer of the Reprobates also. In the end they too will be saved because He is their Kinsman Redeemer as well as the Kinsman Redeemer of the elect. That is, if our Kinship with Christ in in Adam, which it is not.

**Let us also remember that Christ never stood in Adam, for had He, then He would have died and fallen in Adam as well as the rest of the elect.**