**WHAT JESUS WAS**

Not who he was but what he was. And the prior question: Why he was? Why did God need Jesus to be the special being he was?

Didn’t God say “Good”, again and again, to the universe He made in Genesis (Genesis 1:3, 10, 12, 15)? And, this being God’s universe, wasn’t it Perfectly Good? Did He know it wouldn’t stay that way? Or was that God’s Good plan all along?

Adam, the actual “first of us”, was created perfectly good (Genesis 2:5-7). Sadly, he wasn’t able to hold that thought. . .when he encountered the perfect storm. His first sin did something that wrecked human goodness (Genesis 3); God’s plan now needing a patch. A patch that was made of what Jesus was.

When Adam sinned, something changed in what was human. No longer perfect, Adam, and all the generations to be fathered by him, went from immortal to mortal (Genesis 3:19). From sin-free to sinful.

Something in sin unleashed death. When a human egg cell is fertilized, more than biology happens. Genesis tells us that humans are made “in the image of God” (Genesis 1:26). Certainly, we are not God, but just as certainly, there is something in us that separates us from every other living thing.

Theologians have traditionally labelled that something a “soul”. A spiritual “image of God” aspect that is, in fact, immortal. Conception imbues a soul, imparting this immortal spiritual aspect. What was only physical becomes a unique hybrid (Genesis 2:7). A physical spirit.

But a divorce process was initiated by evil creeping into the Garden of Eden. The immortal soul leaves the dying body (Matthew 10:28). The soul then entering some sort of spiritual half-way house until Judgment Day (1st Corinthians 15:22-23, Revelation 6:9-11).

Biologic death is not original equipment. Human immortality engineering collapses when the sin thing gets added in (Genesis 2:17), but apparently the deadly sin aspect can be nullified (John 10:18). God resurrected immortality with a parthenogenesis patch (Luke 1:31-33).

God’s patch placed the virgin-born Jesus outside of the father-ing line of Adam’s sin curse, thus restoring an original sinless physical immortality to his humanity (John 10:18). A second Adam. But this was not enough to make Jesus into the required Adam 2.0 to be the Christ.

To be humanity’s Christ, Jesus, our second Adam, had to have the same architecture as the rest of us. But some special engineering, some wondrously awesome engineering, had to be generated (1st Corinthians 15:45-46).

Adam 2.0 needed an additional layer of being, to be the perfect Lamb of God. Body and soul and. . .something else. Three ingredients welded into a single unique Christ. God forging a threefold being, the like of which, this unique son of His will pass on to all believers (*ibid*).

This third element made Jesus into something beyond creation. In fact, so wondrous as to be beyond anything we can imagine or accurately describe (*ibid*).

When God spoke the universe into being by His creative will, His Word, He Himself, wasn’t a part of it. He did something though, that is immeasurably significant. He occupied this universe. Genesis 1:2 tells us that the Spirit of God was in and hovering over His new creation.

This “hovering”, shepherding role, of the actual Spirit of God, benefiting His people who seem always to stumble and need some kind of rescue (e.g., Judges 3:10). But the hovering Spirit was only the first planned step.

Adam was created out of dust. God breathed the breath of life into him (Genesis 2:7) and made him in His image with a soul (Genesis 1:27). Adam, like the rest of creation, could have the Spirit of God hover over, or come upon, or even walk with him, to his great benefit. But this Spirit did not occupy or become one with him. That is until the messiah interface.

In the most astounding event of all creation, God allied Himself, alloyed Himself with humanity (Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:35). The Christ actually became a temple of God when the Holy Spirit’s essence interfaced with a living, human egg cell, creating a divine aspect, a temple presence, in the being of Jesus. . .in the body of Mary (1st Corinthians 6:15-20).

A miraculous physical, spiritual, Godly, tri-brid. Believers could then be brought, through the Messiah, into this unified status with God (*ibid*). . .temples of His Holy Spirit. Precisely as Jesus described it in the gospel of John (John 17:21).

 But believers wouldn’t share this divine component until the most important part of the plan came to pass (Acts 2:38-39). The ultimate mission of the Christ: To be the perfect Lamb of God. The required suitable, infinitely valuable, sacrifice to redeem humanity from the double death of sin (Revelation 21:8).

All the stand-in sacrifices of sheep or lambs in the Jewish Temple were only symbolic. The physical spilling of blood and even death of animals has no spiritual, much less divine weight (Hebrews 10:1-5). Atoning for a sin against the Divinity requires this sacrifice to come with an actual divine cost (*ibid*).

Sin, and the justice of God, were owed this costly payment for the evil that enslaved Adam’s humanity. For the evil that could only be washed away by the payment of a double death of immeasurable value.

Jesus, as God’s Messiah, was the perfect and failsafe human. An immortal, and therefore, most importantly, eternal home and Temple for the Holy Spirit. A human, now able to worship God on a supreme level, sharing a divinely conscious existential joy, wonder and power in and of God’s created universe (1st Corinthians 2:9-16).

But this unique perfect being was also the only acceptable, only available, necessary sacrifice. Of course, this was God’s perfect plan. Why Jesus needed to be what he was.

The hybrid, now tri-brid, Christ had to be born to die. Born to be the Way for the rest of us to come into God’s family. God leading Jesus to preach the Truth to power. The truth leading him to a cross. The cross producing eternal Life: The Way. The Truth. The Life. (John 14:6)

Divine Justice required this only, eternally immortal, Temple being. As this unique son of God, he had to be hammered to pieces on the anvil of sin (John 2:19) at an immense cost to both humanity and the Divinity. . .precisely as outlined in the Gospels (Luke 23:46).

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Thus, was accomplished the promise of Genesis to annihilate the inevitable evil that had entered God’s perfect universe, that had possessed, enslaved God’s chosen ones (Genesis 3:15). A kingdom God could now populate with His redeemed. Ultimately, all entering His new creation.

So, it falls on those with the perspective of God to recognize and hold dear, His messianic patch that paved a Way for every believer to the eternal new heavens and new earth. A perspective of the wondrously awesome plan of God. . .riding on what Jesus was.