

*Does “I am” mean I existed in the spirit? At Jesus’ birth did he have the Son’s spirit or the Son’s and the Father’s spirit?*

Jesus claimed that he existed before Abraham was even born (Jn 8:58). The Jewish leaders understood this—which was why they tried to stone him (v. 59).

Jesus is God, the second person of the trinity (Is 40:13; 48:16). The trinity was revealed at Jesus’ baptism when the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove (Mt 3:16) and when he was approved by the Father (v. 17).

When Jesus was born of a woman (Gal. 4:4), he took on a new nature (Jn 1:14). He offered his own body (He 10:5, 10; 1 Jn 1:1–3) for us (1 Pe 3:18; 4:1) fulfilling all righteousness (Mt 3:15) reconciling us to God (2 Co 5:18–21).

God remains the same (Mal 3:6).