Questions Many Have Never Asked....

"Jesus answered . . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God . . . verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God . . . I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

John 3: 5, 7.

Q. So, when was Jesus converted (born again)?

Choose one:

(1) At His baptism?

(2) At His Christening?

(3) When He turned 12 years of age
   (at His Bar Mitzvah)?

(4) At His birth?

(5) At His resurrection?

(6) Never . . . !

The surprising answer next week.

Bible Answers to Questions Many Have Never Asked....

Q. So, when was Jesus converted (born again)?
(1) At His baptism?

**NO.** Before he baptized Jesus, John "preached, saying, There cometh one . . . the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose." Mark 1:7.

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh (beareth) away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

The Lamb acceptable to God had to be "without blemish" -- spotless! If Jesus was converted or born again, it had to happen before John baptized Him!

**John the Baptist affirmed this fact by refusing, at first, to baptize Jesus:** "John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" Matthew 3:14.

(2) At His Christening?

**NO.** Jesus, as a babe, was taken by His parents to the Temple to be circumcised, not christened. Luke 2:21-24, 27 last part.

(3) When He turned 12 years of age?

**NO.** The record of Scripture reveals, "the child grew, and waxed strong in Spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him." Luke 2:40.

"Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of Passover. And when he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem . . . And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it."

"And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." Luke 2:41-43, 46, 47.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS WITHIN HIM BY 12 YEARS OF AGE.**

(4) At His birth?

**YES!** See below . . .

(5) At His resurrection?

**YES!** See below . . .

**Here's below:**

**YES! At His birth.** Jesus was conceived in Mary by the Holy Ghost: "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered . . ."
The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

"For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him ("to him God gives the Spirit without limit . . ." NIV). The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand."  John 3:34, 35 KJV.

**JESUS WAS BORN CONVERTED!**

**YES! At His resurrection**, Jesus was "born again!"
Altered in flesh and Spirit, Jesus, at His resurrection, became what we will become in altered flesh and Spirit at His coming:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."  I John 3:2.

(6) *Never . ..?*

**NO! JESUS NEVER SINNED!**

Of necessity to redeem us, Jesus became *us* in the flesh. **YES, fallen flesh** with all its liabilities, weaknesses and temptations. He could be fleshly tempted; He could bleed; He could be weary, thirsty, cry and die:

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of OUR INFIRMITIES;

but was in all points tempted like as we are, **YET WITHOUT SIN.**"  Hebrews 4:15.

**JESUS NEVER SINNED!**
THEREFORE, **HE NEVER NEEDED CONVERSION!**

*The Christ (One anointed with oil), was filled with the Holy Spirit at conception.*  Christ possessed the uncorrupted Spirit of *sinless Adam.*

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:"
Philippians 2:5, 6.

**Jesus was God become flesh.** Jesus possessed the genetic flesh of the "cursed unto death" sinful Adam!

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God (Spirit) with us (in flesh)."  Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23.
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