

Before the Beginning is the Image of the Invisible God

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Before the beginning is the Word, the image of the invisible God, the **exact representation** of His being.

Before the beginning, the self-image of God is one who is **a tangible, loving, and sacrificial savior**.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who is **descended from the human tree** of Eve.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of **a holy suitor** of a pure and lovely bride, full of grace.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of **a humble fetus** developing in his mother's womb.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of **an infant** caringly wrapped and placed in a manger.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of **an infant nursing** lovingly at his mother's breast.

Before the beginning the image of God is that of **boy growing up** with loving obedience in a holy family.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of **a man being immersed** in the waters of a penitent.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of **a man tempted** in the desert by his worst enemy.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of **one who teaches, heals and delivers** from bondage.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who **makes disciples & apostles** from simple men.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of **a servant king** riding humbly on a beast of burden.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who **overturns the tables** of worldly powers.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who **humbly washes the feet** of beloved disciples.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who **transforms a ritual meal** into a sacrament.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who prayerfully, trustfully and **lovingly obeys**.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who is **handed over** to base men again and again.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who is **unjustly condemned** by worldly authorities.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who is **lacerated** in body and crowned with thorns.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who **carries his cross** and then is nailed upon it.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who **dies slowly in agony** while hanging on a tree.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who is **buried underground** in the tomb of men.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one **risen in triumph** over sin, Satan and death.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of one who is **ascended and sits** eternally enthroned.

Before the beginning, the image of God is that of **a bridegroom** welcoming his bride to the feast of joy.

In the beginning, God spoke the Word and all things and all life and all light and **all images came to be**.