

ship in the past eternity if his own existence dates back only to the time of his birth in the manger of Bethlehem ?

Then, think of the obvious meaning and force of such passages as these : " I and My Father are one." " And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die." " The Son of man must be lifted up ; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." " All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." " I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself ; that where I am, there ye may be also." " Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory."

Now then, here are a few declarations from among many to the same effect made by Jesus Christ respecting himself. Either they are *false*, or they are *true*. It is only the most confirmed and abandoned infidel who can accept the former alternative. You believe the words of Jesus to be absolutely true. What view do they present of his person and character ? Do they