

Parallels between the stories of Jesus and Osiris-Dionysus

Dionysus, a Greek **God**, and **Osiris**, an Egyptian **God** were viewed as mythical characters. **Osiris** may have been the first **god-man**. His story has been found recorded in pyramid texts which were written prior to **2,500 BCE**. These and other saviors were truly interchangeable. Coins have been found with Dionysus on one side and **Mithras** on the other. A person who was initiated into one of the mysteries had no difficulty switching to another Pagan mystery religion.

In the **3rd CE**, these **god-men** were referred to by the composite name "**Osiris-Dionysus**."

Life events shared by Osiris, Dionysus and Jesus

The following stories appear both in the Gospels and in the myths of many of the **god-men** conception: **God** was his father. This was believed to be literally true in the case of **Osiris-Dionysus**; their **God** came to earth and engaged in sexual intercourse with a human. The father of **Jesus** is **God** in the form of the **Holy Spirit Matthew 1:18**. A human woman, a virgin, was his mother.

Birth: He was born in a cave or cowshed. **Luke 2:7** mentions that **Jesus** was placed in a manger - an eating trough for animals. One early **Christian** tradition said that the manger was in a cave. His birth was prophesied by a star in the heavens.

Ministry: At a marriage ceremony, he performed the miracle of converting water into wine. He was powerless to perform miracles in his home town. His followers were born-again through baptism in water. He rode triumphantly into a city on a donkey. Tradition records that the inhabitants waved palm leaves. He had **(12)** disciples. He was accused of licentious behavior. Execution, resurrection, etc: He was killed near the time of the Vernal Equinox, about **Mar-21**.

He died "*as a sacrifice for the sins of the world.*" He was hung on a cross. After death, he descended into **hell**. On the **(3)** third day after his death, he returned to life. The cave where he was laid was visited by three of his female followers. He later ascended to heaven.

Titles: **God** *made flesh*. *Savior of the world*. *Son of God*

Beliefs about the **God-man**: He is "**God** *made man*," and equal to the Father. He will return in the last days. He will judge the human race at that time. Humans are separated from **God** by sin. The **god**-man's sacrificial death reunites the believer with **God** and atones for **Sin**. All of the Pagan myths had been circulating for centuries before **Jesus** birth (circa **4 to 7 BCE**).