Was Messiah The Savior on Mt. Sinai?

Before answering that question, let's consider what all of normative believers in Messiah know to be truth,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. ²[a]He was in the beginning with Elohim. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. John 1:1-3

And, For ${}^{l}\underline{a}^{l}$ by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. l7 He ${}^{l}\underline{b}^{l}$ is before all things, and in Him all things ${}^{l}c^{l}$ hold together. Col. 1:16-17

Clearly, the Messiah was present at or, actually, before Creation!

John 8

56 Your abba Avraham rejoiced to see the yom of My coming: and he saw it and had gilah. 1

57 Then said the Yahudim to Him, You are not yet fifty years old and You have seen Avraham?

58 YAH-USHA said to them, Ahmein, ahmein, I say to you, Before Avraham was, I AM. ²

Even the authoritative Aramaic translation of the Torah, Targum Onkelos, reads,

And they heard the voice of the Word of the YHUH Elohim walking in the garden in the evening of the day (Gen. 3:8)..... Behold now the heavens, and number the stars, if thou art able to number them; and He said to him, So will be thy sons.[12]And he believed in the Word of the YHUH, (Memra da Yeya,) and He reckoned it to him unto justification. (Gen. 15:6)

It acknowledges the presence of 'the Word of the YHUH' at Creation and in dozens of other places in the Torah!

So, Was Jesus/Yahusha at Mt. Sinai?

Let's consider one other concept, before answering that.

Even if they do not always agree on the finer points of the 'echad' (one/united) nature of the Father and the Son, Christendom widely regards Jesus/Yahusha as being of the same essence, and in perfect unity with the Father.

Messianic Rabbi Itzhak Shapira <u>would argue for Yahusha</u> as a 'manifestation of the Father,' demonstrating one perspective of the connection between Father and Son from a very Judaic source.

The bottom line is that even Yahusha said, 'I and the Father are one,' and 'If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.'

So, knowing that Jesus/Yahusha was at Creation and acknowledging His unity with the Father, was He at Mt. Sinai during the giving of the Torah?

Frankly, that seems like a total 'no-brainer,' but prior to digging deeper in the Scriptures, I'm not sure I ever contemplated the answer, or more importantly, the implications!!

Consider Exodus 24:9-11,

Then Moses went up ${}^{l}\underline{a}{}^{l}$ with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the Elohim of Israel; and under His feet ${}^{l}\underline{b}{}^{l}$ there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, ${}^{l}\underline{c}{}^{l}$ as clear as the sky itself. 11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw Elohim, and they ate and drank.

Besides having this wonderful flavor of the Divine Holy One desiring so much to be with His people and seeing that desire manifest again at the 'Last Supper' as He eats with His people, this is an amazing account of humans in the presence of the Living Elohim.

¹ Genesis 22.

BUT, can humans see Elohim the Father face to face?

No one has seen Elohim at any time; the only begotten Elohim who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. John 1:18

And, Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from Elohim; He has seen the Father. John 6:46

I think it is clear from multiple angles that Jesus/Yahusha was on Mt. Sinai, and He is the One Moses spoke with and the elders ate with.

Why is this significant?

Well, the Torah, Elohim's instructions, sometimes called 'Law,' was given on Mt. Sinai and Moses knew Elohim face to face. Additionally, parts of the Torah were spoken from the Mountain directly to Israel. Targum Onkelos translates Exodus 19:16-17 as,

And it was the third day at morning; and there were voices, and lightnings, and mighty clouds upon the mountain, and the voice of the trumpet exceedingly strong; and all the people trembled who were in the camp. And Mosheh led forth the people out of the camp to meet the Word of the YHUH; and they stood at the lower parts of the mount. Jesus/Yahusha gave the Law!

Let that sink in!

Yahusha gave the Law!!!

This poses a sizable conundrum for most of Christendom that argues that Jesus 'did away with the Law.'

The theological and doctrinal implications are staggering.

Yahusha also said,

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. <u>John 14:15</u> Ponder the sheer gravity of that statement and its implications!

Exod. 33:18-23.

Other related thoughts: James 4:12 refers to Yahusha as the Lawgiver

Could Yahusha die for a covenant His Father made? Or, was He 'sent' before the covenant was made, and was HE the One who made the covenant with Israel, the Bride?

Who walked through the pieces at the Abrahamic Covenant? Gen. 15:1 says 'the Word of the YHUH' came to Abram... Did Yahusha make that covenant as well? (I think so...)

And, BTW, we are NOT being "reformed", but TRANSFORMED! Reformation is external, transformation is INTERNAL! Just as motivation is external and INSPIRATION is INTERNAL! Also, I want to throw this in, too...the difference between a test and a temptation: The tester wants us to pass, the tempter wants us to fail. YHVH tests us, but never tempts us! Ha Satan tempts us!