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What do these passages teach us about Jesus? About God? Why is it important to understand that the God of the Old Testament is the God of the New Testament and vice versa?

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