

Is Jesus Christ God?

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WITH BIBLE VERSE TEACHING THAT THERE IS ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL (EPHESIANS 4:6), WHOSE NAME ALONE IS JEHOVAH (PSALMS 83:18) AND THAT THERE IS BUT ONE GOD, THE FATHER AND ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST (1 CORINTHIANS 8:6) AND WITH BIBLE VERSE IMPLYING THAT JESUS WAS CREATED BECAUSE HE IS THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION (COLOSSIANS 1:15) AND THAT GOD IS THE HEAD OF CHRIST (1 CORINTHIANS 11:3), THEREFORE THE FATHER IS GREATER THAN JESUS (JOHN 14:28) AND WITH PAUL LETTERS SAYING "FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN EVERY SALUTATION, THE DEITY OF JESUS MIGHT BE QUESTIONABLE TO SOME IF THE BIBLE IS NOT READ.

The god of this system of things has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, that the illumination of the glorious good news about the Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4) just as it is written: "God has given a spirit of deep sleep, eyes so as not to see and ears so as not to hear, down to this very day." (Romans 11:8) Therefore I would have YOU know that nobody when speaking by God's spirit says: "Jesus is accursed!" and nobody can say: "Jesus is Lord!" except by holy spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:3) therefore I pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give YOU a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the accurate knowledge of Him; (Ephesians 1:17)

REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF JESUS, THE ARTICLE "IS JESUS CHRIST GOD?" THAT APPEARED IN THE Awake! MAGAZINE ON APRIL 22 2005 (http://www.watchtower.org/e/20050422/article_01.htm) ASKS THAT WE EXAMINE LUKE 1:30-35. JESUS SAID: "The witness of two men is true." (JOHN 8:17) (DEUTERONOMY 19:15) MOREOVER, WE RECOGNIZED THAT all Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16), THEREFORE I REQUEST TWO THINGS: FIRST, THAT WE IMITATE THE BEROEANS WHOM "were more noble-minded than those in Thes-sa-lo-ni'ca, for they received the word with the greatest eagerness of mind, carefully examining the Scriptures daily as to whether these things were so (ACTS 17:11) AND PAUL WHO reasoned with them from the Scriptures (ACTS 17: 2) SECOND, THAT WE EXAMINE MATTHEWS 1:18:25 ALSO, TO EMPHASIZE WHO REALLY IS JESUS (MATTHEWS 8:27; MARK 4:41) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL QUOTES ARE FROM THE New World Translation, VERSION WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

MATTHEWS 1:18-25 TEACH ¹⁸ But the birth of Jesus Christ was in this way. During the time his mother Mary was promised in marriage to Joseph, she was found to be pregnant by holy spirit before they were united. ¹⁹ However, Joseph her husband, because he was righteous and did not want to make her a public spectacle, intended to divorce her secretly. ²⁰ But after he had thought these things over, look! Jehovah's angel appeared to him in a dream, saying: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife home, for that which has been begotten in her is by holy spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you must call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this actually came about for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Jehovah through his prophet, saying: ²³ "Look! The virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will call his name Im-man'u-el," which means, when translated, "With Us Is God." ²⁴ Then Joseph woke up from his sleep and did as the angel of Jehovah had directed him, and he took his wife home. ²⁵ But he had no intercourse with her until she gave birth to a son; and he called his name Jesus.

LUKE 1:30-35 ³⁰ So the angel said to her: "Have no fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God; ³¹ and, look! you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you are to call his name Jesus. ³² This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and Jehovah God will give him the throne of David his father, ³³ and he will rule as king over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end of his kingdom." ³⁴ But Mary said to the angel: "How is this to be, since I am having no intercourse with a man?" ³⁵ In answer the angel said to her: "Holy spirit will come upon you, and power of the Most High will overshadow you. For that reason also what is born will be called holy [], God's Son.

THERE ARE THREE NOTABLE DIFFERENCES WHEN THE BIBLE IS COMPARED AGAINST THE NEW WORLD TRANSLATION. IN LUKE'S VERSE 1:32, THE WORD "HE" IS USED IN LIEU OF "THIS ONE". IN VERSE 1: 34, THE TERM "A VIRGIN" ARE USED IN LIEU OF "HAVING NO INTERCOURSE WITH A MAN" AND IN VERSE 1:35, WHICH OMITTS THE WORD "ONE" OR "CHILD". REFRAINING FROM RELIGIOUS DOCTRINES AND BASED ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THESE WITNESSES WE CAN AGREE THAT: HE IS TO BE CALLED "JESUS" WHICH MEANS, WHEN TRANSLATED "JEHOVAH SAVES" FOR HE SAVED HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. WE WILL CALL HIS NAME Im-man'u-el," which means, when translated, "With Us Is God." (Matthew 1:23 AND ISAIAH 7:14) HE WILL BE CALLED "Son of the Most High", HE WILL BE CALLED "Holy Child", "God's Son". HE WILL BE CALLED Son of the Most High.

ACCORDING TO WIKIPEDIA CHRIST IS NOT JESUS LAST NAME. THE WORD CHRIST IS THE ENGLISH TERM FOR THE GREEK WORD ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ (CHRISTÓS), AND THE HEBREW WORD מָשִׁיחַ (Mašîáh, USUALLY TRANSLITERATED MESSIAH). WHICH LITERALLY MEANS "THE ANOINTED ONE", ONE WHO WAS ANOINTED WITH OIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF RISING TO A HIGHER POSITION AMONG THE ANCIENT ISRAELITES. JESUS FOLLOWERS PROCLAIMING THAT HE WAS THE MESSIAH FORETOLD BY JEWISH PROPHECIES, GRANT HIM THE TITLE CALLING HIM CHRIST JESUS OR JESUS CHRIST.

WAS JESUS CREATED?

Have you not come to know or have you not heard? Jehovah, the Creator of the extremities of the earth, is a God to time indefinite. He does not tire out or grow weary. There is no searching out of his understanding. (ISAIAH 40:28) Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel from time indefinite to time indefinite. And all the people proceeded to say, "Amen!" and a praise to Jehovah. (1 CHRONICLES 16:36) [His] kingship is a kingship for all times indefinite, and your dominion is throughout all successive generations. (PSALMS 145:13) SINCE JEHOVAH IS GOD from time indefinite to time indefinite AND JOHN 1:2-3 TEACHES THAT JESUS² "was in [the] beginning with God.³ All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence." THEREFORE IMPLYING THAT JESUS WAS CREATED IMPLIES THAT JEHOVAH WAS ALSO CREATED. ISAIAH 9:6 TEACHES For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us; and the princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. THE NEW WORLD TRANSLATION UTILIZES [] TO POINT OUT TO THE READER THAT IT IS ADDING WORDS TO THE TEXT. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTICED, THE ESSENCE DOES NOT CHANGE WHEN THE [WORD] IS REMOVED FROM THE TEXT. COLOSSIANS 1:16-18 TEACHES¹⁶ because by means of Him all [other] things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All [other] things have been created through him and for him.¹⁷ Also, he is before all [other] things and by means of him all [other] things were made to exist,¹⁸ and he is the head of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that he might become the one who is first in all things. THEREBY COLOSSIANS 1:15 TEACHES THAT JESUS "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn (HEIR) over all creation." THE PASSAGE DOES NOT SAY THAT HE WAS THE FIRST CREATED, BUT THE FIRST-BORN, BEGOTTEN BY GOD, BORN OF GOD. THE THOUGHT IS THAT JESUS "HAS BEEN" BEFORE CREATION, HE EXISTED BEFORE CREATION BEGAN. (JOHN 1:1-2) BORN OF GOD; INSTEAD OF BEING CREATED BY GOD, BEFORE ANY CREATURE WAS CALLED INTO EXISTENCE. JOHN 8:58 TEACHES "Jesus said to them: "Most truly I say to YOU, Before Abraham came into existence, I have been."(EXODUS 3:14)

WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN?

JOHN 12:34 Therefore the crowd answered him: "We heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever; and how is it you say that the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?"

THE SCRIPTURES TEACH THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF MARY, BUT JOSEPH IS NOT THE FATHER SINCE HE HAD NO UNION WITH MARY UNTIL JESUS WAS BORN. IN THE GOSPELS OF MATTHEWS, MARK AND LUKE, JESUS IS REFERRED TO AS "SON OF DAVID" AND THE VERSE ALSO SAYS THAT GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID BUT JESUS CLARIFIES THE ENIGMA ONES IN FOR ALL. (MATTHEWS 22:41-46; MARK 12:35-37; LUKE 20:41-44)

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together Jesus asked them: "What do YOU think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him: "David's." He said to them: "How, then, is it that David by "the holy spirit" (Mark 12:36) inspiration calls him 'Lord,' saying, "in the book of Psalms,"[110:1] (Luke 20:42) 'Jehovah said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet"'? If, therefore, David calls him 'Lord,' how is he his son?" And nobody was able to say a word in reply to him, nor did anyone dare from that day on to question him any further.

Is Jesus the Son of Man?

THE TERM "SON OF MAN" HAS TWO CHARACTERISTICS IN THE BIBLE. THE FIRST AND MOST LOGICAL IS PRECISELY THE LITERAL TERM "SON OF A MAN". THE TERM IS FIRST MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF NUMBERS 23:19: "God is not a man that he should tell lies, Neither a son of mankind that he should feel regret. Has he himself said it and will he not do it, And has he spoken and will he not carry it out?" PSALMS 146:3 TEACHES, "Do not put YOUR trust in nobles, Nor in the son of earthling man, to whom no salvation belongs." IN THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL, THE TERM IS SON OF MAN IS USED OVER 90 OCCASIONS REFERRING TO EZEKIEL THE PRIEST.

THE SECOND TERM IS SPIRITUAL. IT IS SYMBOLIC OR REPRESENTATIVE OF A SUPERNATURAL BEING, FOUND IN:

- DANIEL 7:13 "I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! with the clouds of the heavens someone like a son of man happened to be coming; and to the Ancient of Days he gained access, and they brought him up close even before that One.
- PSALMS 80:17 "Let your hand prove to be upon the man of your right hand, Upon the son of mankind whom you have made strong for yourself.
- MATTHEWS 9:6, MARK 2:10, LUKE 5:24 "But in order for YOU to know that the Son of man has authority on the earth to forgive sins—" he said to the paralyzed man: "I say to you, Get up and pick up your little bed and be on your way home."
- JOHN 1:51 "(Jesus) further said to him: "Most truly I say to YOU men, YOU will see heaven opened up and the angels of God ascending and descending to the Son of man."

Why did Jesus refer himself as the Son of Man?

CONCLUDING THAT NEITHER JOSEPH NOR DAVID WERE THE FATHER OF JESUS, HOW IS IT THAT JESUS CALLS HIMSELF SON OF MAN? IN THE SAME MANNER THE TERM "SON OF MAN" HAS TWO CHARACTERISTICS, SO DOES JESUS, WHO ALSO HAS TWO CHARACTERISTICS. FIRST CHARACTERISTIC IS THAT OF A MAN, BORN OF MARY AND DESCENDANT OF ADAM (MATTHEWS 1). SECOND CHARACTERISTIC IS THAT OF GOD; SO THAT DANIEL'S AND SALOMON'S PROPHECIES MAY BE FULFILLED, BECAUSE ONLY JEHOVAH CAN ATONE FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD. JESUS SAID, "Most truly I say to YOU, The hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who have given heed will live. (JOHN 5:25 1 JOHN 2:25)(SEE SALVATION IS FROM GOD) because it is in (JESUS) that all the fullness of the divine quality dwells bodily (COLOSSIANS 2:9).

MARK 2:5-12 TEACH THAT ⁵ when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic: "Child, your sins are forgiven."
⁶ Now there were some of the scribes there, sitting and reasoning in their hearts: ⁷ "Why is this man talking in this manner? He is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins except one, God?" ⁸ But Jesus, having discerned immediately by his spirit that they were reasoning that way in themselves, said to them: "Why are YOU reasoning these things in YOUR hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and pick up your cot and walk?' ¹⁰ But in order for YOU men to know that the Son of man has authority to forgive sins upon the earth,"—he said to the paralytic: ¹¹ "I say to you, Get up, pick up your cot, and go to your home." ¹² At that he did get up, and immediately picked up his cot and walked out in front of them all, so that they were all simply carried away, and they glorified God, saying: "We never saw the like of it." (MATTHEWS 9:2-8; LUKE 5:20-26) IT IS WORTH NOTICING THE SUPERNATURAL POWER THAT JESUS HAS TO DISCERNED MEN HEART.

We Worship One God!

You believe that there is one God. GOOD! Even the demons believe that and they tremble with fear. (James 2:19 NIV) You worship what You do not know; we worship what we know, because salvation originates with the Jews. (John 4:22)

- EXODUS 34:14 For you must not prostrate yourself to another god, because Jehovah, whose name is Jealous, he is a jealous God.
- EXODUS 20:5 AND DEUTERONOMY 5:9 You must not bow down to them or nor be induced [be led] to serve them, because I Jehovah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me.
- GENESIS 24:26-27,48 ²⁶ And the man [ABRAHAM'S SERVANT] proceeded to bow down and prostrate himself before Jehovah ²⁷ and say: "Blessed be Jehovah the God of my master Abraham, who has not left his loving-kindness and his trustworthiness toward my master. I being on the way, Jehovah has led me to the house of the

- brothers of my master.”⁴⁸ And I proceeded to bow down and prostrate myself before Jehovah and bless Jehovah the God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the true way to take the daughter of the brother of my master for his son.
- REVELATION 19:10 At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me: “Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God; for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying.”
 - REVELATION 22:8-9⁸ Well, I John was the one hearing and seeing these things. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel that had been showing me these things.⁹ But he tells me: “Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who are prophets and of those who are observing the words of this scroll. Worship God.”
 - MATTHEW 4:10 Then Jesus said to him: “Go away, Satan! For it is written, It is Jehovah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service.”

OF WHOM DID THE DISCIPLES SPOKE, JEHOVAH OR JESUS?

- MARK 1:1 [The] beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ
- ACTS 4:16-18¹⁶ ...Because, for a fact, a noteworthy sign has occurred through them, one manifest to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ Nevertheless, in order that it may not be spread abroad further among the people, let us tell them with threats not to speak anymore upon the basis of this name to any man at all.” ¹⁸ With that they called them and charged them, nowhere to make any utterance or to teach upon the basis of the name of Jesus.
- ACTS 5:42 And every day in the temple and from house to house they continued without letup teaching and declaring the good news about the Christ, Jesus.
- ACTS 8:5,12⁸ Philip, for one, went down to the city of Sa-mar'i-a and began to preach the Christ to them. ¹² But when they believed Philip, who was declaring the good news of the kingdom of God and of the name of Jesus Christ, they proceeded to be baptized, both men and women.
- ACTS 8:35 Philip opened his mouth and, starting with this Scripture, he declared to him the good news about Jesus.
- ROMANS 15:19 with the power of signs and portents, with the power of holy spirit; so that from Jerusalem and in a circuit as far as Il-lyr'i-cum I have thoroughly preached the good news about the Christ.
- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:4 The god of this system of things has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, that the illumination of the glorious good news about the Christ, who is the image of God.
- GALATIANS 1:6-8⁶ I marvel that YOU are being so quickly removed from the One who called YOU with Christ's undeserved kindness over to another sort of good news. ⁷ But it is not another; only there are certain ones who are causing YOU trouble and wanting to pervert the good news about the Christ. ⁸ However, even if we or an angel out of heaven were to declare to YOU as good news something beyond what we declared to YOU as good news, let him be accursed.

WAS JESUS WORSHIPED AND GLORIFIED?

- MATTHEWS 14:33 Then those in the boat did obeisance [WORSHIPED, BOWED DOWN, DID HOMAGE] to him, saying: “You are really God's Son.”
- MATTHEWS 28:9 And, look! Jesus met them and said: “Good day!” They approached and caught him by his feet and did obeisance [BOWED DOWN TO WORSHIP, DID HOMAGE] to him.
- MATTHEWS 28:16-17¹⁶ However, the eleven disciples went into Gal'i-lee to the mountain where Jesus had arranged for them, ¹⁷ and when they saw him they did obeisance, [WORSHIPED] but some doubted.
- LUKE 24:51-53⁵¹ As he was blessing them he was parted from them and began to be borne up to heaven. ⁵² And they did obeisance [WORSHIP, DID HOMAGE] to him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they were continually in the temple blessing God.
- JOHN 9:35-39³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and, on finding him, he said: “Are you putting faith in the Son of man?” ³⁶ The [man] answered: “And who is he, sir, that I may put faith in him?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him: “You have seen him and, besides, he that is speaking with you is that one.” ³⁸ Then he said: “I do

put faith [in him], Lord.” And he did obeisance [WORSHIP, DID HOMAGE] to him. 39 And Jesus said: “For [this] judgment I came into this world: that those not seeing might see and those seeing might become blind.”

- JOHN 12:20-23²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those that came up to worship [Him] at the festival. ²¹ These, therefore, approached Philip who was from Beth-sa'i-da of Gal'i-lee, and they began to request him, saying: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²² Philip came and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus. ²³ But Jesus answered them, saying: “The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified.”

WAS JESUS WORSHIPED AND GLORIFIED BY KINGS AND ANGELS?

- MATTHEWS 2:11 And when they went into the house they saw the young child with Mary its mother, and, falling down, they did obeisance [BOWED DOWN, FALLING DOWN ON THEIR FACES THEY WORSHIPED HIM] to it. They also opened their treasures and presented it with gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.
- REVELATION 5:12-14¹² saying with a loud voice: “The Lamb that was slaughtered is worthy to receive the power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.” ¹³ And every creature that is in heaven and on earth and underneath the earth and on the sea, and all the things in them, I heard saying: “To the One sitting on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever.” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures went saying: “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.
- REVELATION 7:10-12¹⁰ And they keep on crying with a loud voice, saying: “Salvation [we owe] to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell upon their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! The blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power and the strength [be] to our God forever and ever. Amen.”
- HEBREWS 1:6 But when he again brings his Firstborn into the inhabited earth, he says: “And let all God's angels do obeisance to him.”

DID MEN PRAY DIRECTLY TO JESUS?

- ACTS 7:59 And they went on casting stones at Stephen as he made appeal and said: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”
- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:2 to the congregation of God that is in Corinth, to YOU who have been sanctified in union with Christ Jesus, called to be holy ones, together with all who everywhere are calling upon the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. SEE ALSO ZACHARIAH 13:9

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO LIFT UP THE NAME OF JESUS?

- JOHN 3:14-15¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone believing in him may have everlasting life.
- JOHN 3:36 He that exercises faith in the Son has everlasting life; he that disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him.
- JOHN 5:22-24²² For the Father judges no one at all, but he has committed all the judging to the Son, ²³ in order that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He that does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Most truly I say to YOU, He that hears my word and believes him that sent me has everlasting life, and he does not come into judgment but has passed over from death to life.
- JOHN 12:32 And yet I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw men of all sorts to me.”

DID MEN CALLED JESUS GOD?

- ISAIAH 9:6 For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us; and the princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
- JOHN 20:28 In answer Thomas said to him: “My Lord and my God!”

SAUL WHOM LATER CHANGED HIS NAME TO PAUL, PROCLAIMED THAT HE WAS a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. (Acts 23:6) out of the family stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew [born] from Hebrews; as respects law, a Pharisee; as respects zeal, persecuting the congregation. (Philippians 3:5-6) Saul, began to deal outrageously with the congregation. Invading one house after another and, dragging out both men and women, he would turn them over to prison. (Acts 8:3) His conduct formerly in Ju'da-ism, that to the point of excess he kept on persecuting the congregation of God and devastating it. (Galatians 1:13) IF SAUL WAS A PHARISEE WHO ACKNOWLEDGED JEHOVAH AS GOD, WHY DID SAUL PERSECUTE THE CONGREGATION OF GOD? BECAUSE IT WAS CHRIST'S CONGREGATIONS.

(GALATIANS 1:22 GWT) AFTER HAVING AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS (ACTS 9), THE APOSTLE PAUL ACKNOWLEDGES JESUS CONGREGATION AS THE CONGREGATION OF GOD (GALATIANS 1:13), AND BEGINS TO BRING THE MESSAGE THAT EVERYONE SHOULD **REPENT AND TURN TO GOD** BY DOING WORKS THAT BEFIT REPENTANCE. ON ACCOUNT OF THESE THINGS, THE JEWS SEIZED HIM IN THE TEMPLE AND ATTEMPTED TO SLAY HIM. (ACTS 26:20-21)

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11 TEACH THAT JESUS CHRIST⁶ who, although he **was existing in God's form**, gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should **be equal to God**.⁷ No, but he **emptied himself** and took a slave's form and came to be in the likeness of men. (GWT: ALTHOUGH HE WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD AND EQUAL WITH GOD, HE DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS EQUALITY. INSTEAD, HE EMPTIED HIMSELF BY TAKING ON THE FORM OF A SERVANT, BY BECOMING LIKE OTHER HUMANS, BY HAVING A HUMAN APPEARANCE.)⁸ More than that, when he found himself in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient as far as death, yes, death on a torture stake.⁹ For this very reason also God exalted him to a superior position and kindly gave him **the name that is above every [other] name**,¹⁰ **so that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend** of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground,¹¹ and every tongue should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. (ACTS 4:12) Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for **there is not another name** under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved."

Did JEHOVAH CALL JESUS GOD?

PSALMS 45:6-7, HEBREWS 1:5-10⁵ For example, to which one of the angels did (Jehovah) ever say: "You are my son; I, today, I have become your father"? And again: "I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son"?⁶ But when he again brings his Firstborn into the inhabited earth, he says: "And **let all God's angels do obeisance** [*BOWED DOWN, FALLING DOWN ON THEIR FACES THEY WORSHIPED*] **to him**."⁷ Also, with reference to the angels he says: "And he makes his angels spirits, and his public servants a flame of fire."⁸ But with reference to the Son: "**God is** your throne forever and ever, and [the] scepter of your kingdom is the scepter of uprightness."⁹ You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why **God**, your God, anointed you with [the] oil of exultation more than your partners."¹⁰ And: "**You at [the] beginning, O Lord**, laid the foundations of the earth itself, and the heavens are [the] works of your hands. (PSALMS 102:25)

"**God is your throne**" IS TAKING HIS HOLY NAME IN A WORTHLESS WAY AND MAKING A MOCKERY OF JEHOVAH'S NAME (EXODUS 20:7) JEHOVAH IS NOT AN OBJECT. THE BIBLE READS IN HEBREWS 1:8-10 AS FOLLOWS:

8BUT ABOUT THE SON HE SAYS, "YOUR THRONE, **O GOD**, WILL LAST FOR EVER AND EVER, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM. 9YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED WICKEDNESS; THEREFORE **GOD**, YOUR GOD, HAS SET YOU ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS BY **ANOINTING YOU** WITH THE OIL OF JOY." 10HE ALSO SAYS, "IN THE BEGINNING, **O LORD**, YOU LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE **THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS**."

Did JESUS COMPARE HIMSELF TO GOD?

REVELATION 1:8 TEACHES "I am **the Al'pha and the O-me'ga**," says Jehovah God, "**the One who is and who was and who is coming, the Almighty**." AND REVELATION 11:16-17 TEACH 16 And the twenty-four elders who were seated before God upon their thrones **fell upon their faces and worshiped God**, 17 saying: "We thank you, Jehovah God, **the Almighty, the One who is and who was**, because you have taken your great power and **begun ruling as king**."

BUT IN REVELATION 1:7 TEACHES THAT IS JESUS WHO IS COMING: "7 Look! He **is coming** with the clouds, and every eye will see him, and those **who pierced him**; and all the tribes of the earth will beat themselves in grief because of him. Yes, Amen.

THEN IN REVELATION 1:13, 17-18 JESUS SAYS: ¹³ "and in the midst of the lampstands someone like a **son of man**, clothed with a garment that reached down to the feet, and girded at the breasts with a golden girdle. 17 And when I saw him, I fell as dead at his feet. And he laid his right hand upon me and **said**: "Do not be fearful. **I am the First and the Last**, 18 and **the living one**; and I became dead, but, look! **I am living forever and ever**, and **I have the keys of death and of Ha'des**."

THEN THROUGHOUT REVELATION 22:12-16 JESUS IS SPEAKING AND SAYS: ¹² "Look! **I am coming** quickly, and the reward I give is with me, to render to each one as his work is. ¹³ **I am the Al'pha and the O-me'ga, the first and the last, the beginning and the end**."¹⁶ "**I, Jesus**, sent my angel to bear witness to YOU people of these things for the congregations. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star."

THEN IN REVELATION 21:5-6 JESUS AGAIN SAYS: "5 And the One seated on the throne said: "Look! I am making all things new." Also, he says: "Write, because these words are faithful and true." 6 And he said to me: "They have come to pass! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To anyone thirsting I will give from the fountain of the water of life free." (JOHN 4:10-14)

IF JESUS IS SEATED ON THE THRONE, MAKING ALL THINGS NEW AND HE IS THE ONE WHO IS COMING AND HE IS THE ONE WHO IS AND WHO WAS, THE FIRST AND THE LAST, THE BEGINNING AND THE END AND HE IS THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THEN HE IS THE ALMIGHTY. (ISAIAH 9:6)

JOHN 5:16-18 TEACH "16 So on this account the Jews went persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things during Sabbath. 17 But he answered them: "My Father has kept working until now, and I keep working. 18 On this account, indeed, the Jews began seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath but he was also calling God his own Father, making himself equal to God."

JOHN 8:49-59 TEACH 49 Jesus answered: "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and YOU dishonor me. 50 But I am not seeking glory for myself; there is One that is seeking and judging. 51 Most truly I say to YOU, If anyone observes my word, he will never see death at all." 52 The Jews said to him: "Now we do know you have a demon. Abraham died, also the prophets; but you say, 'If anyone observes my word, he will never taste death at all.' 53 You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died, are you? Also, the prophets died. Who do you claim to be?" 54 Jesus answered: "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father that glorifies me, he who YOU say is YOUR God; 55 and yet YOU have not known him. But I know him. And if I said I do not know him I should be like YOU, a liar. But I do know him and am observing his word. 56 Abraham YOUR father rejoiced greatly in the prospect of seeing my day, and he saw it and rejoiced." 57 Therefore the Jews said to him: "You are not yet fifty years old, and still you have seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them: "Most truly I say to YOU, Before Abraham came into existence, I have been." 59 Therefore they picked up stones to hurl [them] at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple. THE REASON WHY THE JEWS PICKED UP STONES TO HURL AT JESUS WAS BECAUSE HIS PROCLAMATION "I HAVE BEEN" IS A DIRECT QUOTE FROM JEHOVAH, WHEN MOSES ASKED UNDER WHOSE AUTHORITY WAS HE SENT TO FREE THE ISRAELITES. (EXODUS 3:14) THE BIBLE ON JOHN 8:58 READS, "I AM" IN COMPARISON EXODUS 3:14-15(NIV) READS, God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM", this is what you are to say to the Israelites I AM has sent me to you. 15...This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."

JOHN 10:30-39 TEACH THAT JESUS SAID 30 I and the Father are one." 31 Once more the Jews lifted up stones to stone him. 32 Jesus replied to them: "I displayed to YOU many fine works from the Father. For which of those works are YOU stoning me?" 33 The Jews answered him: "We are stoning you, not for a fine work, but for blasphemy, even because you, although being a man, make yourself a god." 34 Jesus answered them: "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said: "YOU are gods"?' [PSALMS 82:6 GENESIS 3:5] 35 If he called 'gods' those against whom the word of God came, and yet the Scripture cannot be nullified, 36 do YOU say to me whom the Father sanctified and dispatched into the world, 'You blaspheme,' because I said, I am God's Son? 37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me. 38 But if I am doing them, even though YOU do not believe me, believe the works, in order that YOU may come to know and may continue knowing that the Father is in union with me and I am in union with the Father." 39 Therefore they tried again to seize him; but he got out of their reach.

IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT IF JESUS WAS CONVEYING TO THE JEWS THAT HE WAS "A GOD" (JOHN 1:1), THE JEWS WOULD CONSIDER JESUS AS CRAZY, SCHIZOPHRENIC OR DEMONIC POSSESSED AND WOULD HAVE NOT HAD RAISED A SINGLE STONE TO STONE HIM (JOHN 8:52) BUT IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE JEWS UNDERSTOOD JESUS PROCLAMATION NOT TO BE AS "A GOD" BUT AS "JEHOVAH GOD HIMSELF" ACCUSING HIM OF BLASPHEMY.

MATTHEWS 26, LUKE 23 AND MARK 14 BEARS WITNESS THAT THE "ASSEMBLY" ACCUSED JESUS OF BLASPHEMY. MARK 14:53-64 TEACH 53 They now led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the older men and the scribes assembled. 54 But Peter, from a good distance, followed him as far as in the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting together with the house attendants and warming himself before a bright fire. 55 Meantime the chief priests and the whole San'he-drin were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they were not finding any. 56 Many, indeed, were giving false witness against him, but their testimonies were not in agreement. 57 Also, certain ones were rising and bearing false witness against him, saying: 58 "We heard him say, 'I will throw

down this temple that was made with hands and in three days I will build another not made with hands.”⁵⁹ **But neither on these grounds was their testimony in agreement.**

⁶⁰ Finally the high priest rose in their midst and questioned Jesus, saying: “Do you say nothing in reply? What is it these are testifying against you?”⁶¹ But he kept silent and made no reply at all. Again the high priest began to question him and said to him: “Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed One?”⁶² Then **Jesus said: “I am; and YOU persons will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven.”**

⁶³ At this the high priest ripped his inner garments and said: “What further need do we have of witnesses?”⁶⁴ **YOU heard the blasphemy.** What is evident to YOU?” **They all condemned him to be liable to death.**

UNDER WHOSE NAME DID THE APOSTLES BAPTIZED?

- **ACTS 10:48; ACTS 2:38** Peter [said] to them: “Repent, and let each one of YOU **be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** for forgiveness of YOUR sins, and YOU will receive the free gift of the holy spirit.

UNDER WHOSE NAME WERE MIRACLES PERFORMED?

- **ACTS 3:6** However, Peter said: “Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I do have is what I give you: **In the name of Jesus Christ the Naz·a·rene**, walk!”
- **ACTS 4:10** let it be known to all of YOU and to all the people of Israel, that **in the name of Jesus Christ the Naz·a·rene**, whom YOU impaled but whom God raised up from the dead, by this one does this man stand here sound in front of YOU.
- **ACTS 16:18** This she kept doing for many days. Finally Paul got tired of it and turned and said to the spirit: “I order you **in the name of Jesus Christ** to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

WHOSE SPIRIT GUIDED THE APOSTLES?

- **ACTS 16:7** Further, when getting down to Mys·i·a they made efforts to go into Bi·thyn·i·a, but **the spirit of Jesus** did not permit them.
- **PHILIPPIANS 1:19** for I know this will result in my salvation through YOUR supplication and a supply of **the spirit of Jesus Christ.**

WHO IS THE ANTICHRIST?

JOHN TEACH: 7 For many deceivers have gone forth into the world, **persons not confessing Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.** (2 **JOHN 1:7, SEE JOHN 1:14**) **22** Who is the liar if it is not the one that denies that Jesus is the Christ? **This is the antichrist, the one that denies the Father and the Son.** **23** Everyone that denies the Son does not have the Father either. He that confesses the Son has the Father also. (1 **JOHN 2:22-23**) **1** Beloved ones, **do not believe every inspired expression,** but test the inspired expressions to see whether they originate with God, because many false prophets have gone forth into the world. **2** YOU gain the knowledge of the inspired expression from God by this: **Every inspired expression that confesses Jesus Christ as having come in the flesh originates with God,** **3** but every inspired expression that does not confess Jesus does not originate with God. Furthermore, this is the antichrist’s [inspired expression] which YOU have heard was coming, and now it is already in the world. (1 **JOHN 4:1-3**)

IN MATTHEWS 7:22-23, OF WHOM WAS JESUS SPEAKING WHEN HE SAID **22** Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many powerful works in your name?’ **23** And yet then I will confess to them: I never knew YOU! Get away from me, YOU workers of lawlessness. **OBVIOUSLY, OF EVERYONE WHO RECOGNIZES JESUS AS THE SON OF MAN BUT NOT AS GOD.**

SALVATION BELONGS ONLY TO GOD

- **PSALMS 146:3** Do not put YOUR trust in nobles, Nor in the son of **earthling** man, **to whom no salvation belongs.**
- **PSALMS 78:22** For **they did not put faith in God, And they did not trust in salvation by him.**
- **ISAIAH 45:20:22** ²⁰ “Collect yourselves and come. Bring yourselves up close together, YOU escapees from the nations. Those carrying the wood of their carved image have not come to any knowledge, neither have **those praying to a god that cannot save.** ²¹ Make YOUR report and YOUR presentation. Yes, let them consult together in unity. Who has caused this to be heard from a long time ago? [Who] has reported it from that very

time? Is it not I, Jehovah, besides whom there is no other God; a righteous God and a Savior, there being none excepting me? ²² “Turn to me and be saved, all YOU [at the] ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no one else.

- HOSEA 13:4 “But I am Jehovah your God from the land of Egypt, and there was no God except me that you used to know; and there was no savior but I.”
- ISAIAH 49:26; 60:16 And I will make those maltreating you eat their own flesh; and as with the sweet wine they will become drunk with their own blood. And all flesh will have to know that I, Jehovah, am your Savior and your Repurchaser, the Powerful One of Jacob.”
- ISAIAH 43:11,12,25 ¹¹ I—I am Jehovah, and besides me there is no savior.” ¹² “I myself have told forth and have saved and have caused [it] to be heard, when there was among YOU no strange [god]. So YOU are my witnesses,” is the utterance of Jehovah, “and I am God. ²⁵ “I—I am the One that is wiping out your transgressions for my own sake, and your sins I shall not remember
- PSALMS 37:29 And the salvation of the righteous ones is from Jehovah; He is their fortress in the time of distress.
- ACTS 4:10-12 ¹⁰ let it be known to all of YOU and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom YOU impaled but whom God raised up from the dead, by this one does this man stand here sound in front of YOU. ¹¹ This is ‘the stone that was treated by YOU builders as of no account that has become the head of the corner.’ ¹² Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved.”