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BASIC CHRISTIANITY 101 Lesson 3 of 4

Who was Jesus Christ? Was Jesus God?

Whom do men say that I am? ... Who do you say that I am? (Mark 8:27)

*“²⁴ Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you and ye believed not ³⁰ I and my Father are one. ³¹ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? ³³ The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, **makest thyself God.**” Jesus answered them the scriptures cannot be broken; ³⁶ Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?” (John 10:24, 30-34)*

It angered Jews when Jesus said, **“I and my Father are one.”** When Jesus said this He equated Himself as being God and as God’s equal. Was Jesus God? _____.

If you took a survey asking people, “Who was Jesus Christ?” You would receive an assortment of answers as His disciples said people gave in Mark 8:28.

Jehovah Witnesses say, Jesus was Michael the ark angel or a created spirit creature.

Muslims say, Jesus was one of seven great prophets.

Mormons say, Jesus was Satan’s brother.

Buddhist say, Jesus was only a good man.

Atheists say, Jesus was delusional to think He was God.

Orthodox Jews say, Jesus was a false teacher (rabbi).

“The Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, **making himself equal with God.**” (John 5:18)

Regarding Jesus’ identity, many people “greatly err not knowing the Scriptures.” So let’s “search the Scriptures” to find if Jesus was equal with God.

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, **thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**” Phil. 2:5-6)

Paul here informs us that before the world, Jesus existed in the form of God and did not think it unconscionable that He was His equal. (Phil 2:6 KJV)

The *flesh and blood* minds of men cannot handle this revelation. (Matt. 16:17)



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Jews are to pray twice a day, “Hear, O Israel: the LORD OUR GOD IS **ONE** LORD.”
(Deuteronomy 6:4)

Thus when they heard Jesus say, “I and the **Father** are **one**” they wanted to kill him for such a bold statement in the ears of a Jewish man or woman.

Likewise, when Philip asked Jesus, “Lord show us the Father, and it will suffice us.” recall Jesus’ response, ““Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, **Philip**? Whoever has seen me has seen the **Father**. How can you say, ‘Show us the **Father**? (John 14:9)

(Jesus was telling Philip that by seeing Him Philip was seeing the Father.)

Ephesians 4:6 says that there is, “**one God and Father** of all....” And Isaiah says that the Messiah\Christ will be called “**the everlasting father**” (Isaiah 9:6). Yet, Jesus referred to Jehovah as “**Our father which art in heaven...**” Since there is only “one” God and Father, then either Jesus or Jehovah is an impostor or Jesus and Jehovah are one according to “Scripture which cannot be broken.”

Jesus the *everlasting father* and Jehovah “*our father which art in heaven*” are one in the same as Jesus said, “I and my Father are one.” (John 10:30) And If you have seen me you have seen the father. (John 14:9)

Cults attempt to lessen the deity of Jesus’ equality such as Jehovah Witnesses that states Jesus the Messiah was to be called “**the mighty God**” in Isaiah 9:6. But Jehovah is **God Almighty** (Gen. 17:1) God Almighty is greater than the mighty God as Jesus said, “the father is greater (mightier) than I.” (John 14:28)

God Almighty > the mighty God

This was until He raised Himself from the dead, and stated “All power has been given unto me” wherein He again became equal with God with the equality He had with God before Jesus come into the world as a son of man. (John 10:17, Phillipian 2:6)

Yet, Jehovah is called “the mighty God” in Psalms 50 it states:

“The mighty God, even the LORD [Jehovah] hath spoken....” (Ps 50:1)

- When the word LORD is in all capital letters it is the Father’s name **Jehovah**.

Here Jehovah Himself, like Jesus the Messiah is called **the mighty God**. (Isa. 9:6)

Also in Revelation 1:8 Jesus calls Himself “**the Almighty**” the same title as God.



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(Right now “all power in heaven and in earth” (this is all the power there is) has been given unto Jesus. Eventually, He was give it all back to the Father)

Jesus the Messiah was prophesied to be called **Immanuel**. (Isa. 7:14)

Emmanuel being interpreted means “**God with us.**” (Matt. 1:23)

The apostle Thomas, known as doubting Thomas had no doubt about this when he stated, “**My LORD and My God.**” (John 20:28) Making Jesus equal with God according to the Scriptures.

Jesus referred to Himself as “**The LORD thy GOD**”. Recall when Jesus was resisting Satan’s temptation, Jesus spoke to the devil saying, “It is written, “Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy God.” (Luke 4:12) The word LORD was in all caps again Jesus was making Himself equal with God. For “The LORD our God is one LORD.” Thus, Jesus stated that He and Jehovah are one by referring to Himself as the Lord God.

In Malachi 3:6, Jehovah states, “For I am the LORD, I change not....”

Can Jesus Christ match Jehovah’s changelessness?

The New Testament declares, “Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever” the same as Jehovah. (Hebrews 13:8)

Jehovah states:

“**I am the first, and I am the last;** and beside me there is no God.” (Isa 44:6)

Jesus states:

“**I am** Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, **the first and the last.** (Rev. 22:13)

Logically, there cannot be two first and two last so either one of them is lying or the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Christ of the New. (John 10:30)

Before there were New Testament Scriptures Jesus said “**Search the scriptures;** for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and these are they which **testify of me.**” (John 5:39) His name was not mentioned in the Old Testament, the major character that the Scriptures testifies of as God was Jehovah and Jesus says that was Him.

When Jesus said “Search the Scriptures” there was only the Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi that plainly testified of the mighty acts of Jehovah God, yet Jesus said it was testifying of Him thus equating Himself as Jehovah God, so when Scripture in the Old Testament is testifying of God the Father, it was testifying of Jesus who said, “I and the Father are **one.**” (John 10:30)



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Jehovah states,

“I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no **savior**.” (Isa. 43:11)

Yet, the Bible states,

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Savior**, which is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11)

Either Jehovah lied when He said that there was no savior beside him, or His angels lied when they said as savior was born in the city of David called Christ the Lord.

The only one referred to as savior in the New Testament is Jesus where He is called savior 24 times, whereas Jehovah who said there was no savior beside Him is called savior in the Old Testament only 12 times. Jesus is called savior twice as many times as Jehovah who said there was no savior beside me, so Jesus and Jehovah are one.

“In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. ... and **the Word became flesh** and dwelled among us. (John 1:1,14)

Jesus was God, the word made flesh.

In Hebrews 1:8, God the Father is quoted from the Old Testament calling His only begotten Son, **God**.

*“But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, **O God**, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.”* (Heb. 1:8)

Thus, as Jesus said He was equal with God, His Father shows this equality by calling the Son, Jesus, God. For Jehovah said, in Isaiah 45:21 that **there was no God beside me** and He cannot lie, yet He calls Jesus God indicating the He and the Son are one. (Titus 1:2)

Jehovah has “created all things” according to Revelation 4:11. Yet, **Jesus** “created all things” according to John 1:3 and Colossians 1:16

Logic makes the above impossible. Either one of these verses are untrue or Jesus and Jehovah God are one God. (John 10:30, Deut. 6:4)

Let's here the conclusion of the whole matter by the Apostle Paul in 1 Tim. 3:16

“ And without controversy great is the mystery of **godliness: God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” (1 Tim. 3:16 KJV)

Who was manifest in the flesh? Jesus. So, was Jesus God? Yes!



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