Who Is This Man <u>JESUS</u>?

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Simply put, <u>JESUS IS GOD</u>! There is Only One God but Exists in <u>Three Persons</u>; (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). They are all equal in nature and power. Not long after man's creation; man rebelled (sinned) against God and lost fellowship and spiritual position with God. Sin cannot exist in the presence of God and it looked like man was forever going to be forsaken by God. But, God's Great Love and Mercy made a plan to rescue (redeem) mankind. This plan was set in motion before the Earth was even created. (1 Pet. 1:18-21): This plan of redemption was so wonderful that even the Angels were extremely curious and desired to understand it. (1 Pet. 1:12): Jesus stepped out of heaven and came to Earth to become a man and pay for mankind's sin. Jesus, the WORD of God became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1): Ministered 33 years and sacrificed Himself on a Cruel Roman Cross for our sins.

The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. <u>The Son of God appeared for this purpose</u>, <u>to destroy the works of the devil</u>. (1 John 3:8) NASB

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for 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. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. (Col. 1:15-20) NASB

So; Do You Really Know and Respect the GOD of the Bible? People don't really think about the Holiness of God and of His POWER. Scripture cries out from Genesis to Revelation; <u>GOD IS HOLY</u>:

In the year of King Uzziah's death <u>I saw the Lord sitting on a throne</u>, <u>lofty and</u> <u>exalted</u>, <u>with the train of His robe filling the temple</u>. Seraphim were standing above Him, each having six wings: with two each covered his face, and with two each covered his feet, and with two each flew. <u>And one called out to another and said</u>, "<u>Holy</u>, <u>Holy</u>, <u>Holy, is the LORD of armies</u>. <u>The whole earth is full of His glory</u>." And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. Then I said, "Woe to me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of armies." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your guilt is taken away and atonement is made for your sin." Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Is. 6:1-8) NASB

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (Rev. 1:17,18)

God is All Powerful; Who can say to Him; What Are You Doing?

<u>God is Omnipresent</u> (present everywhere at the same time): <u>God is Omniscient</u> (knowing everything): <u>God is Omnipotent</u> (having unlimited power, able to do anything, having ultimate power and influence):

<u>I am God</u>, and <u>there is no other</u>; <u>I am God</u>, and <u>there is none like me</u>. <u>I make known the end from the beginning</u>, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: <u>My purpose will stand</u>, and <u>I will do all that I please</u>. (Is. 46:9,10) NIV

Are You Sure You're Following the Right Jesus?

Beware of other gods Among Jesus Christ. You've heard it said that all religions are equal. <u>But is that really True</u>? Religion claims to make factual statements about spiritual reality. Christ presented Himself as the One and Only qualified Savior and God! There are 4,300 religions in the world. The modern churches of the world recently came together to try and unite all religions into one big unified faith. The organization is called the "<u>Parlament of World Religions</u>."

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The modern carnal church is trying to unite all religions into one. To which I say; <u>Baloney</u>. I'd rather divide the church with the Truth of Christ than to unite the church with the lies of satan.

You are either in Christ (thru the Holy Spirit) or with the world and the devil. Nearly 75% of the world practices 1 of the 5 most influential religions.

Christianity 2.1 Billion followers	Buddhism 376 Million followers	Hinduism 900 Million followers	Islam 1.3 Billion followers	Judaism 14 Million followers	Non-Religious 1.1 Billion followers
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You should know Jesus is universally liked and admired by these other religions. Wonderful things are said about Him but it is generally believed that He was a religion for the westerners and not the religions of the east. They say He was a great teacher, a great moral leader, that's why the religions of the world admire Him. There are some facts we need to know; all religions (with the exception of Christianity) have <u>No Sinless</u> <u>Savior</u> and they admit it! Second, <u>they admit they are all sinners</u>, <u>not one of them is</u> <u>without sin</u>. Compare that to the relation we have with Jesus. I remind you that Jesus is not a religion but a relationship with GOD (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Jesus (the Only Son of God) is Sinless therefore He is qualified to pay for our sins. Man's whole problem is <u>Sin</u>. Unless Sin is removed from mankind, we can never hope to go to an eternal heaven and fellowship with a perfect sinless God.

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is <u>Christ in you</u>, <u>the hope of glory</u>: (Col. 1:27)

Are All Religions Really the Same?

A lot of people think all religions are essentially the same but only superficially different. But when you compare them Christianity they are absolutely different! Oh yes, they all talk about love like Christianity but are founded on a completely different meaning.

Jesus is the Only One qualified to say; "<u>Son thy sins be forgiven</u>." No one but God could say that!

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, <u>thy sins be forgiven</u> <u>thee</u>. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,
Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? <u>who can forgive sins but God only</u>? 3

And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But <u>that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth</u> to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) <u>I say unto thee</u>, <u>Arise</u>, <u>and take up</u> thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion. (Mark 2:5-12)

Can a prophet or leader from another religion make that claim? <u>No they can't and they</u> <u>admit it</u>! Jesus is the One True God having all power in Heaven and Earth.

And <u>when they saw him</u>, <u>they worshipped him</u>: <u>but some doubted</u>. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, <u>All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth</u>. <u>Go ye therefore</u>, <u>and teach all nations</u>, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <u>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have</u> <u>commanded you</u>: and, lo, <u>I am with you alway</u>, <u>even unto the end of the world</u>. Amen. (Matt. 28:17-20)

EMMANUEL "GOD WITH US" (Thank you Tony Evans)

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. (Matt. 1:23) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and

<u>Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, an</u> <u>bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel</u>. (Is. 7:14)

How could this happen? How can GOD who is eternal and outside of creation dwell among us? The Bible tells us a Virgin will get pregnant and have a baby boy. Theology calls this the <u>Hypostatic Union</u>. This means the union of two natures in one person unmixed forever. Sometimes in scripture He is called the <u>Son of God</u> and other times He is called the <u>Son of Man</u>. There are two natures in one person unmixed forever. Mary asked the Angel "How can this be, I've never been with a man?" The Angel said; "God all mighty will fertilize your egg with the Sperm of Deity (the Holy Spirit). This is the only time in History that this has ever occurred, that's why Jesus Christ can be both God and Man at the same time. Mary's egg legalized His Humanity, and the Sperm of Deity legalized His Deity. As the egg of humanity and the Sperm of Deity came together they produced Two Natures in One Person Unmixed Forever.

Who, <u>being in the form of God</u>, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But <u>made himself of no reputation</u>, and <u>took upon him the form of a servant</u>, and <u>was made in the likeness of men</u>: And <u>being found in fashion as a man</u>, <u>he humbled himself</u>, and <u>became obedient unto death</u>, <u>even the death of the cross</u>. Wherefore <u>God also hath highly exalted him</u>, and <u>given him a name which is above</u> <u>every name</u>: That <u>at the name of Jesus every knee should bow</u>, <u>of things in heaven</u>, <u>and things in earth</u>, <u>and things under the earth</u>; And that <u>every tongue should</u> <u>confess that Jesus Christ is Lord</u>, <u>to the glory of God the Father</u>. (Phil. 2:6-11)

Unto Us a <u>SON</u> is Given

For <u>unto us a child is born</u>, <u>unto us a son is given</u>: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and <u>his name shall be called Wonderful</u>, <u>Counsellor</u>, The <u>mighty God</u>, The <u>everlasting Father</u>, <u>The Prince of Peace</u>. <u>Of the increase of his government and</u> <u>peace there shall be no end</u>, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, <u>and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever</u>. <u>The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this</u>. (Is. 9:6,7)

This explains; that a Son was given (JESUS) before a Child was born in the form of a man. The only reason the child was born is because you previously had the Son in existence. The Son existed before the child was ever born. The Son existed in the form of God prier to the Child being born in the form of man.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (John 1:1-5)

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) <u>full of grace and truth</u>. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, <u>This was he of whom I spake</u>, <u>He that cometh after me is</u> preferred before me: <u>for he was before me</u>. (John 1:14,15)

JESUS Emptied Himself and Became a Bond Servant

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross. (Phil. 2:7,8) ASV

Emptied Himself; What does this mean? Here's a good example; Lets pretend you have a pitcher of water, the water in that pitcher represents Deity and then you have a glass which represents Humanity. When you pour the water that's in the pitcher into the glass, whatever was in the pitcher has now been deposited in the glass. That is what happened at the virgin birth as Deity was poured and deposited into frail humanity. All that is God was poured into human flesh. God became a man in the Person of Jesus Christ. Jesus emptied Himself into humanity. He did that so He can become one of us forever and still be God. He went through the growth and development process every human being goes through without losing His Deity. He cried, drank his mothers milk, etc... and because He was God, He made the cow that produced the milk He drank. So He was <u>fully God</u> and <u>fully Man</u>.

Jesus Came to Earth to Redeem Mankind Back to GOD

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but <u>a body have you prepared for me</u>; <u>in burnt offerings and sin</u> <u>offerings you have taken no pleasure</u>. Then I said, '<u>Behold</u>, <u>I have come to do your</u> <u>will</u>, <u>O God</u>, <u>as it is written of me in the scroll of the book</u>." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "<u>Behold</u>, <u>I have come to do your will</u>." <u>He does away with the first in order to</u> <u>establish the second</u>. And <u>by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And <u>every priest stands daily at his service</u>, <u>offering repeatedly the same sacrifices</u>, which <u>can never take away sins</u>. But <u>when</u> <u>Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified</u>. And <u>the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us</u>: (Heb. 10:5-15)</u>

Before the Earth was ever created; the <u>Father</u> the <u>Son</u> and the <u>Holy Spirit</u> decided that they would give the Son a human body so He could come down and live among men. God knew man would fall into sin and need a Savior (1 Pet. 1:18-21). This process is called the <u>Incarnation</u>. The way to get closer to God is to get closer to JESUS. Because He is <u>EMMANUEL</u> "GOD WITH US."

Through Jesus Death; God Would Reconcile All Things to Himself For <u>it was the</u> <u>Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him</u>, and <u>through Him</u> <u>to reconcile all things to Himself</u>, <u>whether things on earth or things in heaven</u>, <u>having made peace through the blood of His cross</u>. (Col. 1:19,20) NASB