Who Is This Man JESUS?

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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 (spiritual mind) 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 (eternity) and came to Earth (3 dimensional time) 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. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. (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

Friend; If You Don't Get JESUS Right Everything you know about GOD will be Wrong The Truth is; God Reveals Himself to Man through His Son (Jesus) by the Power of the Holy Spirit! Through Jesus we have seen God and can fellowship with Him (1 John 1:3)! If you really belong to God you'll have the mind of Christ in you. (1 Co. 2:16) - For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. Well, let us reason together; if the mind of Christ is in you, how then should you act and live? Will you continue to sin and live like the devil, or will you start behaving Godly because you love Jesus and fear (reverence) His name! Friend, don't be deceived by satan, a bad tree cannot produce good fruit and a good tree cannot produce bad fruit!

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matt. 7:15-23)

Let's properly understand the above scriptures correctly because some Churches misinterpret the scriptures to the destruction of their congregants. Please understand God is not talking here about sinless perfection. While on Earth we are plagued by the world's sin. But there is a great difference between the souls that struggle against sin and those that practice sin because they love it! If you are Born Again you will hate sin, but whether you have the power to overcome it is another story. Baby Christians need to grow up with strong meat (Strong Word) ministered by the Power of the Holy Spirit. If you are being taught the Word of God by a weak and carnal Church you will not have the power to overcome sin. You need to find a good Spiritual Church that teaches you the power of the WORD. Notice the Church has some powerful enemies that will destroy those Christians who are weak in Spirit and Truth! False prophets, bad trees that lie and deceive many by doing good works, notice God is talking here about the so called Christian Churches not strange or foreign religions. Scriptures declare that many Christians will lose their way in the end times which is our present.

So; Why Don't Most People Obey and Respect the GOD of the Bible?

The Truth is most people don't really believe the Holiness of God and Fear His POWER. If they did, they would change their behavior out of Love and Fear! Scripture cries out from Genesis to Revelation; GOD IS HOLY & All Powerful! He Created Heaven for those who Love Him and obey Him, and Hell for the Devil and all those who follow him!

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:

<u>I am he that liveth</u>, <u>and was dead</u>; <u>and</u>, <u>behold</u>, <u>I am alive for evermore</u>, <u>Amen</u>; <u>and have the keys of hell and of death</u>. (Rev. 1:17,18)

<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? (includes most of the Christian Churches)

Beware of other gods among Jesus Christ, if your not following Jesus according to the <u>WORD</u> and the <u>SPIRIT</u> you are in idol worship. You've created your own god according to your religion and are cursed by GOD! 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 (including the Christian Churches). The organization is called the "<u>Parlament of World Religions</u>."

The Parliament of World Religions

The modern carnal church is trying to unite all religions into one. Which sadly includes some so called Christian movements. 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. You could call yourself a Christian and Not be Born Again! How can you tell your Born Again? You can know for sure "If the Mind of Christ is In You" (1 Cor. 2:16):

Nearly 75% of the world practices 1 of the 5 most influential religions.

Christianity	Buddhism	Hinduism	Islam	Judaism	Non-Religious
2.1 Billion	376 Million	900 Million	1.3 Billion	14 Million	1.1 Billion
followers	followers	followers	followers	followers	followers
					(atheist)
					(agnostic)
					(secular)

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Chinese Traditional Religion	Bahai	Jainism	Shinto	Zoroastrianism
394 Million	7 Million	4.2 Million	4 Million	2.6 Million
followers	followers	followers	followers	followers

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 No Sinless <u>Savior</u> and they admit it! Second, they admit they are all sinners, not one of them is without sin. 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 the perfect sinless God.

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, **the hope of glory**: (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 to 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; "Son thy sins be forgiven." No one but God could say that!

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? 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 that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up 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 admit it!</u> <u>Jesus is the One True God having all power in Heaven and Earth</u>.

And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. 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 bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us). (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 every name</u>:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil. 2:6-11)

Unto Us a **SON** 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 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,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. (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

<u>Emptied Himself</u>; 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 fully God and fully Man.

Jesus in the Old Testament

Was this written after Jesus went to the Cross? This couldn't be from the Old Testament it's too accurate. Friend, this was proven to be written 750 years prior to the Birth of Jesus Christ! This proves only one thing... God wrote the Scriptures before they even came to pass. Even the skeptics have to agree to that, and His brethren (the Jews)! Amen.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. (Is. 42:1-4) ESV.

The words of Agur the son of Jakeh; the oracle. The man saith unto Ithiel, unto Ithiel and Ucal: Surely I am more brutish than any man, And have not the understanding of a man; And I have not learned wisdom, Neither have I the knowledge of the Holy One. Who hath ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in his garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou knowest? Every word of God is tried: He is a shield unto them that take refuge in him. Add thou not unto his words, Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. (Prov. 30:1-6) ASV

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (Psa. 2:1-12) ESV

Listen to me, all you in distant lands! Pay attention, you who are far away! The LORD called me before my birth; from within the womb he called me by name. He made my words of judgment as sharp as a sword. He has hidden me in the shadow of his hand. I am like a sharp arrow in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, and you will bring me glory." I replied, "But my work seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose. Yet I leave it all in the LORD's hand; I will trust God for my reward." And now the LORD speaks the one who formed me in my mother's womb to be his servant, who commissioned me to bring Israel back to him. The LORD has honored me, and my God has given me strength. He says, "You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." The LORD, the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel, says to the one who is despised and rejected by the nations, to the one who is the servant of rulers: "Kings will stand at attention when you pass by. Princes will also bow low because of the LORD, the faithful one, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (Is. 49:1-7) NLT

The Sovereign LORD has given me his words of wisdom, so that I know how to comfort the weary. Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will. The Sovereign LORD has spoken to me, and I have listened. I have not rebelled or turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard. I did not hide my face from mockery and spitting. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will. And I know that I will not be put to shame. He who gives me justice is near. Who will dare to bring charges against me now? Where are my accusers? Let them appear! See, the Sovereign LORD is on my side!

Who will declare me guilty? All my enemies will be destroyed like old clothes that have been eaten by moths! Who among you fears the LORD and obeys his servant? If you are walking in darkness, without a ray of light, trust in the LORD and rely on your God. But watch out, you who live in your own light and warm yourselves by your own fires. This is the reward you will receive from me: You will soon fall down in great torment. (Is. 50:4-11) NLB

See, my servant will prosper; he will be highly exalted. But many were amazed when they saw him. His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man. And he will startle many nations. Kings will stand speechless in his presence. For they will see what they had not been told; they will understand what they had not heard about. Who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm? My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. He was despised and rejected a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all. He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave. But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's good plan will prosper in his hands. When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins. I will give him the honors of a victorious soldier, because he exposed himself to death. He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.