

The True Jesus of Scripture **By Greg Rangel**

What manner of man is this? That has been a question that people have asked for almost 2000 years. You ask people this question today and you will get many different answers. Some will say that he was nothing but a man, and a sinner at that. Others will say that he was a philosopher, a good man, or a good teacher. While others like the Mormon's believe that he was the brother of Lucifer (devil). The JW's say that Jesus was Michael the Archangel, a created being.

What manner of man is this? The answer you give and believe determines whether you will go to heaven or hell. Is Jesus the Son of God? Well, throughout the New Testament Jesus said who He was.

In John 8:58 He said, "...Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am." What did Jesus mean by this? What was He referring to? When the Lord God appeared to Abraham in a bush and told him that He was going to send him to Egypt to take the children out of bondage, Moses asked God in Exodus 3:13 "...Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you" (Exodus 3:14).

The Lord God told Moses that He was "I AM." Jesus identified Himself as the "I AM" in John 8:58. When the Jews heard Jesus say that He was the "I AM," they knew that He was claiming to be THE God of the Old Testament. There was no doubt in their minds. That is exactly why they wanted to stone Him.

John the Apostle confirmed the true person of Jesus numerous times in his Gospel. He wrote in John 5:17-18 saying; "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore 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 also wrote in John 10:30-33 "I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 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."

Notice once again that the Jews clearly understood that Jesus was claiming deity. He was making Himself equal with God and then claiming to be God. Also notice that Jesus knew that the Jews clearly understood His Words. Jesus was claiming to be the God of the Old Testament because He is.

I dare say that people often misunderstand the many titles that pertain to Jesus. One of those titles has been "Son of God." People that have a distorted view of the true nature of Jesus would often say that "Jesus is not God, He is the Son of God."

This type of argument has no reasoning in itself and this is why. Philippians 2:5-11 and many more Scriptures tell us that Jesus became man. He took upon Him the form of a servant and humbled Himself. And that is where His title the “the Son of Man” comes from. And His title “Son of God” relates to His divine nature.

Now, when cults say that Jesus is not God but the Son of God, they once again have a distorted view on His nature and have no reasoning in that argument. By using that argument on both titles one will clearly see that their argument makes no sense. This is how it would sound: “Jesus is not God, He is the Son of God,” and “Jesus is not man, He is the Son of Man.”

If being the “Son of Man” makes Jesus 100% man, being the “Son of God” makes Jesus 100% God. Being the “Son of...” means that one takes the true and “full” nature of his father. Therefore Jesus is fully man and fully God because He IS the “Son of Man” and “Son of God.”

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