

The True Jesus of Scripture IV

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As we continue to study the true Jesus of Scripture, we come to the question that we briefly focused on in our last study. "What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him, Lord, how is he his son?" (Matt. 22:42-45).

Cults like the Jehovah Witnesses will have you believe that Jesus is Michael the Archangel, a created being. But as we have seen previously, that Jesus is not the Jesus of the Bible but a false one that cannot save. The Jesus of the Bible is God incarnate as the church has taught throughout history, as the Apostles themselves have taught as well, and as Jesus was trying to prove to the Pharisees in Matthew 22:41-46.

Jesus' nature was 100% man as we have studied in our last article, but He also was 100% God as we have been studying throughout these articles and as we shall see again.

The Scriptures teach that Jesus pre-existed in heaven with the Father before coming to this world. Jesus said in John 6:32-38; "... For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world... And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me"

The Scriptures also teach that Jesus had glory with the Father before coming to this world. Jesus said in John 17:4-5; "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

To further see the true person of Jesus, we must see Him in the Old Testament. The Prophet Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 6:1,5; "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." The interesting thing about this is that John the Apostle wrote about Isaiah's vision. He wrote that the person that Isaiah saw was Jesus. In John 12:36-41; "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them. But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our

report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Isaiah said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Isaiah, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.”

Isaiah saw the Lord God of the Old Testament in Isaiah 6 as he wrote about. But once again, John clarified who Isaiah saw. He said that Isaiah said these things “...when he (that is Isaiah) saw his (that is Jesus) glory, and spake of him (that is Jesus).” The true nature of Jesus is divine. Unfortunately the cults will not want to admit that because that would be very devastating for their group and it will also cause their followers to start questioning their other doctrines as well. But regardless what these cults might believe or teach, Jesus is the God of the Old Testament. There is no other way around this fact.

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