

This week our topic of study is on worship of Jesus. Basically, tonight we are going to unravel a very simple topic. God alone deserves worship, and He will share His glory with no one, and yet, God has declared in His Word that Jesus must be worshiped.

If we could put our topic into a question, I'd word it this way:

**Does the Bible teach us that worship belongs to Jesus even though worship only belongs to God?**

If God alone is to be worshiped and Jesus is to be worshipped, that must mean He is God. I'll break our study down tonight into 6 categories.

**Category #1** - The Bible teaches us that God alone is to be worshiped.

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| Exodus 34:14 -  | God is clear. No one else is to be worshiped other than Him.  |
| Exodus 20:1-5 - | The first commandment listed from the giving of the Law to Israel at Sinai was about God alone being worshiped. |
| Isaiah 42:8 -   | God will not give His glory to any other. His praise must not go to idols.                                      |
| Matthew 4:10 -  | Jesus declared that only God is to be worshiped.  |

**Category #2** - The Bible teaches that angels of God refuse to be worshiped.

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| Revelation 19:9-10 - | John the apostle is rebuked by an angel for attempting to worship an angel. The angel told John to worship God. |
| Revelation 22:8-9 -  | John wrote about him being rebuked by the angel and confirmed that God was to be worshipped.                    |

**Category #3** - The Bible teaches that men of God refuse to be worshiped.

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| Acts 10:25-26 - | Peter refused to be worshipped.   |
| Acts 14:8-18 -  | Paul and Barnabas rebuked the crowds at Lystra for thinking they were gods. |

**Category #4** - The Bible teaches that wicked men attempt to be worshiped.

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| Acts 12:20-24 -       | Herod was killed by God for accepting glory that only belongs to God.   |
| 2 Thessalonians 2:4 - | The man of lawlessness/son of destruction (Antichrist) will demand worship of himself. (Also Revelation 13:8) |
| Revelation 19:20 -    | The end of the Antichrist will be him thrown alive into the lake of fire. (Also Daniel 7:11,26)               |

**Category #5** - The Bible teaches that Satan wants to be worshiped as God.

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| Ezekiel 14:12-14 - | Satan's fall was due primarily to his sin of pride. He wanted to replace God. |
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Matthew 4:8-11 - Satan tempted Jesus to worship Him. Jesus refused to sin in the midst of the temptation.

**Category #6** - The Bible teaches that Jesus is to be worshiped.

John 5:18,22 - Jesus claimed equality with God, and He taught that He must be honored equally with the Father.

Luke 24:50-53 - The disciples worshiped Jesus. Jesus never rebuked anyone for worship of Himself.

Matthew 2:10-11 - The magi came to worship Jesus after His birth.

John 9:35-38 - The man healed of blindness worshiped Him.

Hebrews 1:5-6 - God the Father commands the angels of God to worship Him.

Psalms 2:12 - Honor is to be given to the Son - Jesus.

We started tonight with a question: Does the Bible teach us that worship belongs to Jesus even though worship only belongs to God? Our answer is **Yes! The Bible teaches that worship belongs to Jesus while teaching us that worship only belongs to God.**

This is another evidence that Jesus is God.