

## GOD the Son - "Jesus is GOD... honor Him!" - John 5:17-23

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**No person has ever divided human history, except Jesus Christ.** All written dates reference His first coming (BC-AD).

**Encyclopedia Britannica** devoted 20,000 words to Jesus; more than Aristotle, Alexander the Great, Buddha, Caesar, Cicero, Confucius and Mohammed *combined*.

**Scholars and skeptics debate: Who is Jesus?** The most important question on earth is: who am I in relationship to Jesus?

**The one issue that the world consistently gets wrong, is the identity of Jesus:**

- "A good man" (Jn 7:12)
- "John, Elijah, Jeremiah a prophet" (Mt 16:14)
- "Earthly king" (John 6:15)
- "Tax evader" (Luke 23:2)
- "Demon possessed" (John 10:20)
- "Illegitimate child of Mary" (the Talmud)
- "A prophet" (Islam)
- "Ascended master" (Hinduism)
- "Highest model of all religion" (David Strauss)
- "More than a man" (Napoleon Bonaparte)

**Re-cap of John 5:** Jesus attends a festival, probably Passover. He visits the Pool of Bethesda, and heals a man who had been sick for 38 years. The impotent man meets omnipotent man. It was the Sabbath. Although God's Law didn't prohibit doing good on the Sabbath, Jesus broke the man-made rules. This angered the Jews, and they confront Jesus.

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- **Jesus declares that GOD the Father, is His own unique Father!**
  - **Kenneth Wuest** -"God was His privately owned, unique Father, a Father in a way in which no one else had Him for a Father, making Himself equal with the Deity."
    - **"Son of God" or "God the Son"**
      - a. Not"God is everyone's Father"
      - b. Not"we are all children of God"
      - c. Claiming to have the *divine nature* of God Himself (False religions say Jesus didn't claim to be God, but even his enemies recognized the claim.)
        - Jn 10:33- "You being a man make yourself out to be God!"
        - Over 100 verses state that Jesus is GOD in human flesh!!
          - A. **Quencher of thirst** - John 4:13-14
          - B. **Satisfier of hunger** - John 6:35
          - C. **Light of the world** - John 8:12
          - D. **Comes from heaven** - John 8:23
          - E. **Predated the existence of Abraham** - John 8:58/li>
          - F. **Door of salvation** - John 14:6
          - G. **Exact representation of God the Father** - John 14:9
    - A. *"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman*

or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” - CS Lewis

- **Col 1:15NLT** - “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.”
- **Heb 1:3NLT** - “The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God..”
- **John 14:9NLT** - “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!”
  - “You pray to a God who stepped out of Heaven, in the body of Christ; He knows all about the pain of earth, but brought us all the resources of heaven.”

## II. As God the Son, Jesus has the Power of **RESURRECTION**. (v.21)

*"For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so **the Son gives life to whom He will.**"*

- **4 Resurrections from the dead:**
  - i. Lazarus (John 11)
  - ii. Young girl (Mark 5:22-43)
  - iii. Young boy (Luke 7:11-14)
  - iv. Jesus raised Himself! (John 20)
- **John 5:25NLT** - “I assure you that the time is coming, indeed it’s here now, when the dead will hear my voice—the voice of the Son of God. And those who listen will live.”
- **John 11:25NLT** - “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.”
- **Rev 1:17–18NLT** - “Don’t be afraid! I am the First and the Last. I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.”

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- **Matt 11:27**NLT - “My Father has entrusted everything to me.”
- **Matt 28:18–19**NLT - “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations..”
- **John 17:1–2**NLT - “Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so He can give glory back to you. For you have given Him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given Him.”

- A. Jews thought they were worshiping God, while rejecting Jesus!!
  - Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses make the SAME ERROR today!!
  
- A. If you don't honor both the Father and Son equally, you don't honor either!!
  - Even the Father honored the son - Matt 17
- A. Honor Him by receiving Him as Savior, pleasing Him as Lord in your life!!
  - Everlasting life is as easy as believing, trusting and relying on what Jesus said about Himself as God!
    - “No Jesus, no peace - Know Jesus, know peace!”
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