

WHO IS JESUS (1)

2 John 1

Truth! Why concentrate on the truth of Jesus?

The church was battling false representations of Jesus in its earliest development.

First there were the Judaizers, who held that Gentiles who did not observe Jewish rituals could not be Xians.

Had to sacrifice in the Temple; observe washings and rituals...well...

Then there were false apostles, who specialized in attacking Paul's credibility.

Later came Docetists, Gnostics, and many others who distorted the truth.

2 John is testimony to the fact that no question consumed more time than "Who is Jesus?"

CS Lewis, writes the following:

"Trying to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Jesus: '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 a level with a man who says he is a poached egg—or 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 up with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that option open to us. He did not intend to".

The modern Jew says that Jesus was not a prophet, nor divine, certainly not the Son of God...definitely not God in the flesh!

Jesus was just another Jewish man who led a revolt against Rome and was crucified for his trouble. Just like many others who tried the same thing.

Well let's examine that.

If there is NO TRUTH in who Jesus is...

Then everything Jesus spoke about is not true, and does not exist.

He never healed anyone, he never cast out any demons, never forgave sins

He never defeated the snake in the garden.

The devil is still in control...he was never defeated

The same devil after the garden is alive today, doing the same thing.

Jesus never said any wonderful truths about a new kingdom coming to the Earth.

There is no heavenly Father, there is only an unapproachable Old Testament Yahweh.

There is no new covenant, just the old covenant. If there is no new covenant,

And there is no remission of sins through the blood of Christ,

Then we are all dead in our sins.

If there is no Jesus we are still in the old covenant!

There is no heaven, there is no father's house, there is only sheol, the place of the departed dead.

There is only the grave. There is no forgiveness of sin, there is no healing, there is no new creation life,...

There is just here and now and that's all there is.

And as Paul said we are of men most miserable.

So we REALLY need to know the truth of JESUS! The TRUTH!!!

First, **He is God in the flesh.**

John 10:30, "I and the Father are one."

The Jews who heard that knew EXACTLY what Jesus was saying...

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy,
because You, being a Man, are calling Yourself God."

In John 8:58

"'Very truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!'" In response to this statement, the Jews again took up stones to stone Jesus.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word...*and the Word was God*. Thirteen vs later 1:14...*The Word became flesh*.

When Thomas declared to Jesus, "My Lord and my God"... Jesus does not correct him. (Jn 20)

The apostle Paul describes Jesus as "our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

The apostle Peter says the same, calling Jesus "our God and Savior" (2 Peter 1:1).

Hebrews 1:8; quoting Psalm 45:6

But about the Son, God (THEOS) says, "Your throne, O THEOS, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom."

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

So what for me?

He is God in the flesh and He is *now God in you!*

All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. I pray for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, *as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us...AND...* the glory which You gave Me I have given them, *that they may be one just as We are one*: I in them, and You in Me

Col 1:27:

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: *which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

Rom 8:

And if Christ is in you...the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies...

John 14

Spirit of truth...dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

At that day you will know that *I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.*

Gal 4

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gal 2

You were (past) buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were (past) raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive (past) together with Him, having (past) forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out (past) the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us.

And He has (past) taken it out of the way, having (past) nailed it to the cross.

Having (past) disarmed principalities and powers,

He (past) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

I am now in a triumphal procession led by Jesus (2 Cor 2)

I am more than a conqueror (Rom 8)

I can do all things (Php 4)

I am an overcomer (1 Jn 4)

I am His workmanship created IN X Jesus (Eph 2)

I am a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a MAN of his own possession (1 Pet 2)

I have been crucified with X. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me (Gal 2)

Want the truth?

Jesus is GOD in the FLESH and now GOD is in me!