

WHO IS JESUS? – APOLOGETICS BOOKLET



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JESUS ASKED AN IMPORTANT QUESTION



WHO DO YOU THINK JESUS IS?

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WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT HIMSELF?



DO YOU KNOW?

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THE MOST COMPELLING ARE JESUS' "I AM" STATEMENTS



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE? OR, WHY THEY'RE SO IMPORTANT

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GOD REVEALED HIS NAME TO MOSES

"I AM THAT I AM"

"say unto the children of Israel, 'I AM' hath sent me unto you." EXO 3:14

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WHEN JESUS SPOKE "I AM" HE WAS REVEALING HIMSELF TO BE GOD!



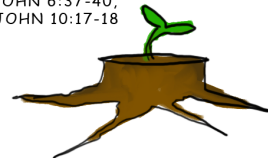
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JESUS ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE THE SAME POWER & AUTHORITY AS GOD



OWNS ALL GOD'S POSSESSIONS JOHN 16:15

RAISE THE DEAD, INCLUDING HIMSELF JOHN 6:37-40, JOHN 10:17-18



AUTHORITY TO RULE & JUDGE ALL CREATION MATT 28:18 JOHN 5:22-23

SINLESS JOHN 8:46



AUTHORITY TO DISCLOSE THE FUTURE JOHN 13:19



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HAS GOD'S NAME JOHN 17:11

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LET'S LOOK AT WHAT JESUS SAID TOGETHER

HE CALLED HIMSELF...

THE SON OF GOD
JOHN 3:16-21



THE LORD
MATT 22:42-45,
MARK 12:32



THE TEMPLE
JOHN 2:19-21



THE MESSIAH
JOHN 4:25-26



THE SON OF MAN
MARK 14:62
MATT 26:64



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"I AM" HOLDS MORE MEANING IN HEBREW & GREEK THAN IT DOES IN ENGLISH

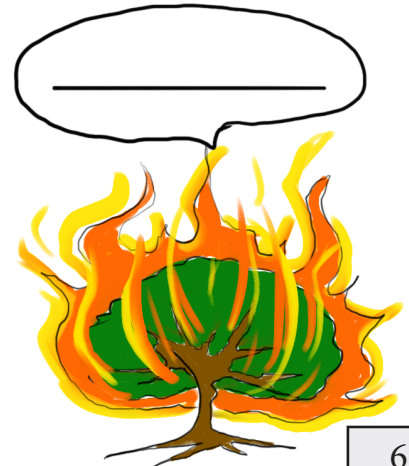
הָיָה = hāyâ (haw-yaw)
Exo 3:14

ἐγώ εἰμί = egō (eg-o')
eimi (i-mee')
John 8:58

MEANING EVER EXISTENT, ALL PRESENT ONE

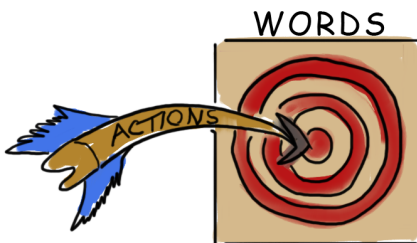
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DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT NAME THE LORD CALLED HIMSELF IN THE BURNING BUSH?



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BUT DID JESUS' ACTIONS MATCH HIS WORDS?



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES JESUS CALLED HIMSELF "I AM"?

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
JOHN 6:35



BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS BORN "I AM"
JOHN 8:58



I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
JOHN 8:12, 9:5



I AM THE VINE
JOHN 15:1,5

I AM THE DOOR
JOHN 10:7



I AM THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE
JOHN 11:25



I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD
JOHN 10:11



I AM THE WAY, TRUTH, & LIFE
JOHN 14:6



& MORE!

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LET'S LOOK AT SOME OF THE THINGS JESUS DID

AUTHORITY OVER PHYSICAL HEALTH HEALING,

- SICK,
- BLIND,
- DUMB,
- LAME,
- DEAF



Matt 15:29-31

AUTHORITY OVER SPIRITUAL HEALTH

- FORGIVES SIN
- TOUCH THE UNCLEAN,
- MAKE UNCLEAN CLEAN,



Mark 2:5

Luke 5:14, 17:14

AUTHORITY OVER PHYSICAL/NATURAL REALM

- CALMS STORM,
- WITHERS FIG TREE,



Mark 4:39

AUTHORITY OVER SPIRITUAL REALM

- CAST OUT DEMONS



Luke 4:31-36

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PETERSAYS "YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE"
JOHN 1:1-18
REV 19:13

NATHAN & PETER CALL HIM "THE SON OF GOD"
JOHN 1:49, MATT 16:16



THOMAS SAID "MY LORD & MY GOD"
JOHN 20:28



JOHN CALLS HIM "THE WORD" & GOD
JOHN 1:1-18
REV 19:13



THEY WORSHIPPED HIM

PETER & NATHAN CALL HIM "THE MESSIAH/ KING OF ISRAEL"
JOHN 1:49; MATT 16:16

MATT 2:2 & 11, 14:33, 28:9 & 17
JOHN 9:38



JOHN THE BAPTIST SAID "THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD"
JOHN 1:1-18
REV 19:13



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LET'S LOOK AT SOME OF THE THINGS JESUS' ENEMIES SAID



"He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
Mark 2:7



"...What do we have to do with You, Son of God?..."
Matt 8:29

"...blasphemy, you a mere man, claim to be God."
John 10:33

"...I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"
Mark 1:24

"...He has claimed to be the Son of God."
John 19:7

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WHAT DID THE APOSTLES SAY?

OUR ONLY SALVATION
ACTS 4:12
ACTS 16:31



ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST
HEB 6:29-7:1-3



AUTHORITY TO RULE & JUDGE ALL CREATION
ACTS 10:42
COL 2:10



ALPHA & OMEGA THE FIRST & THE LAST
REV 1:8, 21:6, 22:13



THE UNCHANGING IMAGE & FULLNESS OF GOD
COL 1:15-19 & 2:9
HEB 13:8



KING OF KINGS LORD OF LORDS
REV 19:16



LAMP & TEMPLE
REV 21:22-23

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REDEEMER & RIGHT ARM OF SALVATION
ISA 49:26, 51:5,9, 52:10, 53:1,



SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL
GENESIS 48:15
PSALM 23, 95:7
ISAIAH 40:10-11



ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST
PSALM 110:4



ETERNAL KING, AUTHORITY TO RULE & JUDGE ALL CREATION
DAN 2:44, 7:13-14
PSALM 110



ALPHA & OMEGA THE FIRST & THE LAST
ISAIAH 48:12



MESSIAH GOD, THE HOLY & RIGHTEOUS ONE OF ISRAEL
ISA 43:3, 14-15, 45:11, 47:4, 48:17, 49:7, 53:11, 54:5, 55:5
PSA 189:18, & MORE!



THE SERVANT & SACRIFICE WHO BORE ALL OF OUR SINS
ISA 53

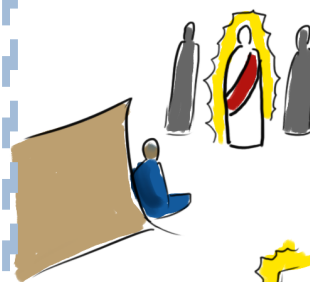


LIGHT OF NATIONS
ISA 49:6

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LET'S TAKE A LOOK TOGETHER

GENESIS 18:1-5 WE SEE THE LORD (YAHWEH) APPEAR TO ABRAHAM @ HIS TENT, ALONG WITH 2 OTHER MEN



THEY EAT WITH ABRAHAM



& ABRAHAM WASHES THEIR FEET

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WHAT DID JESUS' ENEMIES THINK OF HIM?



DO YOU KNOW?

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WHAT DID JESUS' DISCIPLES SAY ABOUT HIM?

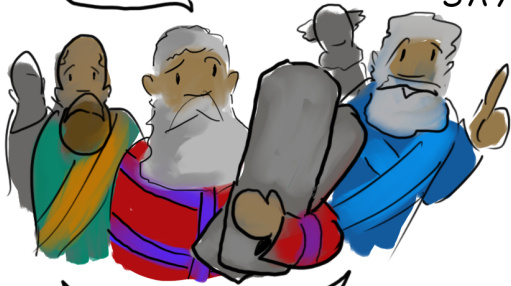


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WHAT DID THE PATRIARCHS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT SAY?

I WROTE ABOUT HIM
JOHN 5:46



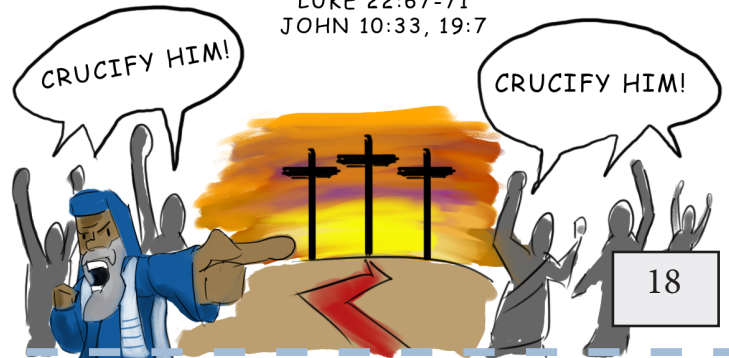
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?

SO DID WE!
JOHN 5:39,
ACTS 10:43

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THE ENEMIES OF JESUS BELIEVED SO COMPLETELY THAT JESUS WAS CALLING HIMSELF GOD THAT THEY HAD HIM CRUCIFIED FOR BLASPHEMY

MATT 26:64-68]
MARK 14:62-65
LUKE 22:67-71
JOHN 10:33, 19:7



CRUCIFY HIM!

CRUCIFY HIM!

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BUT WAIT! WHO ARE THESE OTHER 2 MEN?



DO YOU KNOW?

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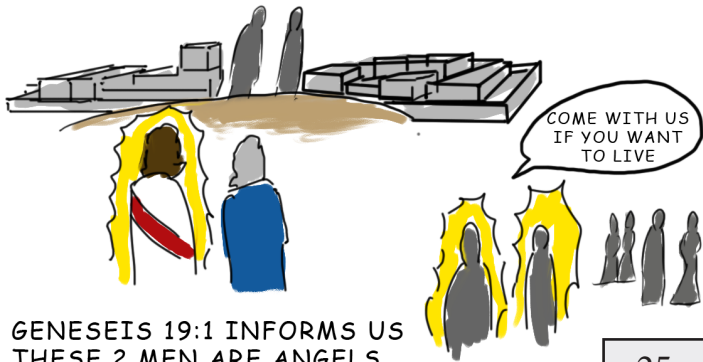
DID YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MOMENTS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WHERE JESUS APPEARS & IS CALLED LORD GOD (YAHWEH) & HE INTERACTS WITH HIS FATHER WHO IS ALSO REFERRED TO AS LORD GOD (YAHWEH)?



SAY WHAT!

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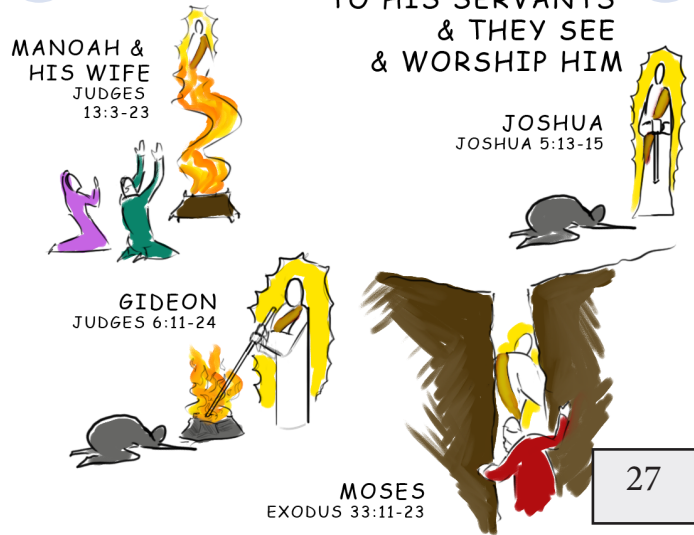
LET'S LOOK @ GENESIS 18:22; IT SAYS THE THE 2 MEN LEFT FOR SODOM WHILE THE LORD GOD (YAHWEH) REMAINED WITH ABRAHAM



GENESEIS 19:1 INFORMS US THESE 2 MEN ARE ANGELS COME TO SAVE LOT'S FAMILY BEFORE SODOM IS DESTROYED

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THERE ARE ALSO MOMENTS WHEN GOD APPEARS AS AN ANGEL TO HIS SERVANTS & THEY SEE & WORSHIP HIM



MANOAH & HIS WIFE JUDGES 13:3-23

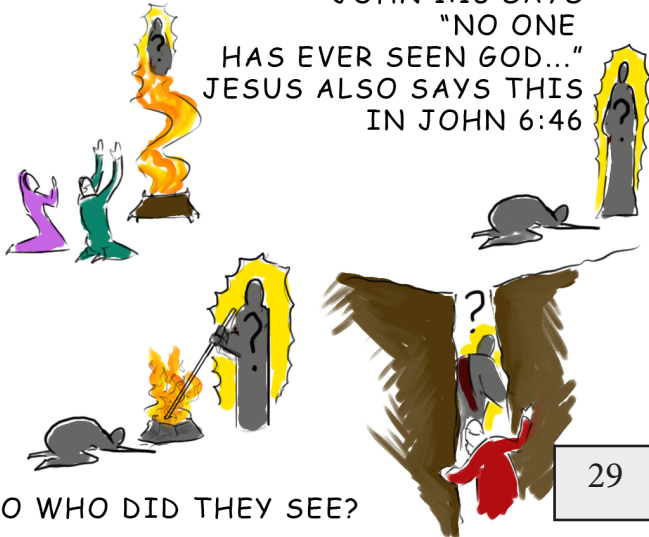
JOSHUA JOSHUA 5:13-15

GIDEON JUDGES 6:11-24

MOSES EXODUS 33:11-23

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JOHN SAYS SOMETHING STRANGE IN HIS GOSPEL; JOHN 1:18 SAYS "NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD..." JESUS ALSO SAYS THIS IN JOHN 6:46



SO WHO DID THEY SEE?

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WHAT DID THE CHURCH FATHER'S [THE DISCIPLES OF THE DISCIPLES] SAY ABOUT JESUS?



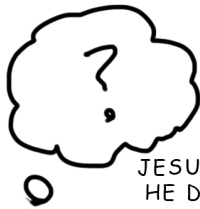
DO YOU KNOW?

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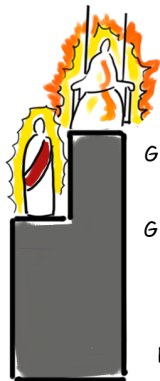
WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OBJECTIONS TO JESUS BEING GOD?



JESUS IS FIRST BORN, BEGOTTEN, & THE BEGINNING OF CREATION



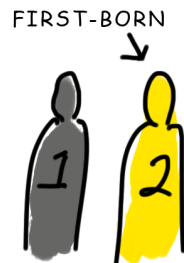
JESUS CLAIMS HE DOES NOT KNOW WHEN HE WILL RETURN



JESUS SAYS THAT "ONLY GOD IS GOOD", & THAT THE FATHER IS GREATER THAN HIM, & HE IS SAID TO BE @ THE RIGHT-HAND OF GOD

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THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES, EPHRAIM IS CALLED THE FIRST-BORN IN JEREMIAH 31:9 BUT HE'S ACTUALLY THE 2ND BORN (GEN 41:50-52)



ISAAC IS REPEATEDLY CALLED FIRST-BORN DESPITE ISHAMEL BEING 1ST (GEN 22:2,12,16.)

JACOB IS PROPHESED TO BE FIRST-BORN; & ESAU GAVE UP HIS BIRTHRIGHT (GEN 19:25-34)

DAVID IS CALLED FIRST-BORN (PSALM 89:27) DESPITE BEING #8 IS IN HIS FAMILY (1 SAM 16)

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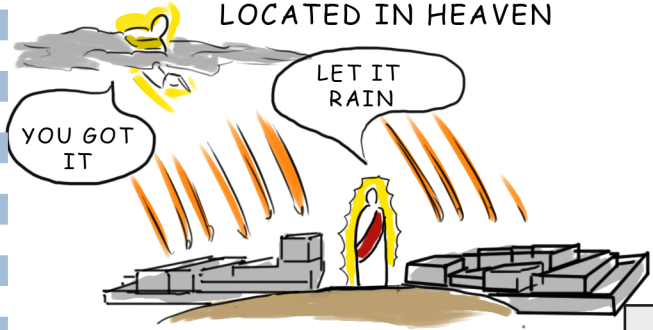
IF THIS WERE AN ORDINARY ANGEL, THESE SERVANTS OF GOD WOULD BE BREAKING THE 1ST & 2ND COMMANDS OF GOD BY WORSHIPPING & OFFERING SACRIFICES TO AN ANGEL



EXODUS 20:3-5

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WE THEN SEE SOMETHING INCREDIBLE IN GENESIS 19:24; IT SAYS THE LORD GOD (YAHWEH) WHO IS STILL ON EARTH IN PHYSICAL FORM, CALLS DOWN FIRE & BRIMSTONE FROM THE LORD GOD (YAHWEH) LOCATED IN HEAVEN



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IRENAEUS (AD 130-202) DISCIPLE OF POLYCARP



"Christ Jesus our Lord, & God, & Savior, & King..."
AGAINST HERESIES 1.10.1



POLYCARP (AD 69-155) DISCIPLE OF JOHN

"...believe in our Lord & God Jesus Christ & in his Father who raised him from the dead."
PHIL 12:2



ORIGEN (AD 185-254)

"Jesus Christ... although God, & while made a man remained the God which He was."
DE PRINCIPIIS PREFACE 4.



IGNATIUS (AD 50-117) DISCIPLE OF JOHN

"...continue in intimate union with Jesus Christ our God..."
TRALLIANS 7.2

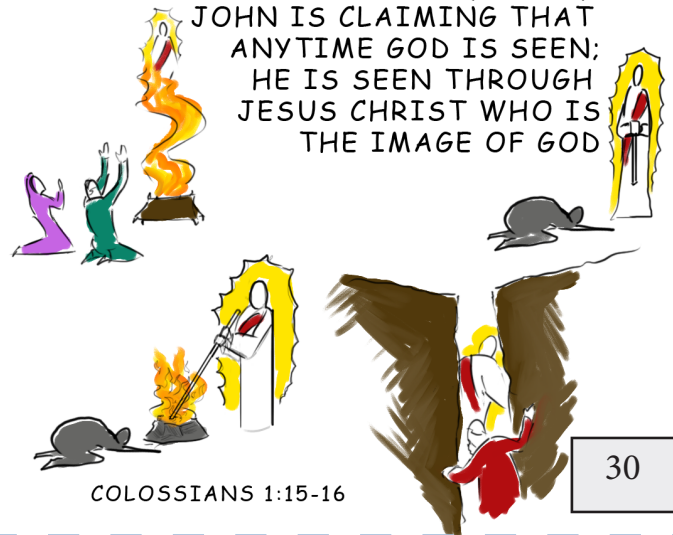


HIPPOLYTUS (AD 170-235)

"...the righteous & unrighteous... shall be brought before God the Word."
AGAINST PLATO SECTION 3.

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THE REST OF JOHN 1:18 EXPLAINS THAT GOD IS REVEALED THROUGH THE SON OF GOD (JESUS); JOHN IS CLAIMING THAT ANYTIME GOD IS SEEN; HE IS SEEN THROUGH JESUS CHRIST WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD



COLOSSIANS 1:15-16

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BUT WAIT! IT ALSO SAYS JESUS IS BEGOTTEN & THE BEGINNING OF CREATION



WHEN WAS JESUS BEGOTTEN?

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LET'S LOOK @ THEM ONE BY ONE



FIRST BORN DOES NOT MEAN JESUS WAS A CREATED BEING, THOUGH HE WAS BORN OF MARY; HE EXISTED AS GOD BEFORE TIME (JOHN 1:1-5).

IN JEWISH CULTURE FIRST BORN IS A TITLE; MEANING, INHERITIER OF HIS FATHER'S POSSESSIONS; JESUS SAID THIS IN JOHN 6:15 & 7:10



PSALM 89:27; ROM 8:29; COL 1:15, 18; HEB 12:23 REV 1:5

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SCRIPTURE TELLS US JESUS WAS BEGOTTEN WHEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD (ACTS 13:33, PSALM 2:7)



BUT HOW CAN THIS BE TRUE, IF JESUS WAS BORN TO MARY, & HE SAID HE EXISTED BEFORE ABRAHAM? (JOHN 8:58)



UNLESS BEGOTTEN IS ALSO A TITLE; EXPLAINING WHY ISAAC IS CALLED AN ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (GEN 22), & JESUS IS CALLED FIRST-BORN OF THE DEAD

(COL 1:18, REV 1:5)

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THERE ARE NO BIBLICAL SCRIPTURES THAT CLAIM JESUS WAS CREATED



BUT THERE ARE MANY SCRIPTURES THAT TELL US JESUS EXISTED ETERNALLY BEFORE TIME BEGAN

(JOHN 1:1-5, 17:5 HEBREWS 6:29-7:5)



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JESUS IN HIS HUMAN FORM IS LOWER THAN IN HIS DIVINE FORM, "...BEING MADE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS."

(HEB 2:7, PSALM 8:5-6).

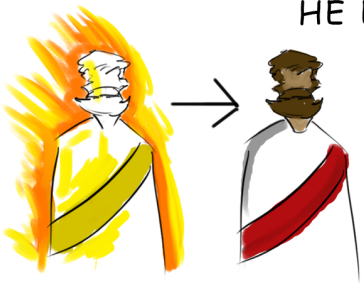
ALTHOUGH STILL GOD, HE EMPTIED HIMSELF

(PHIL 2:6)

& BECAME FULLY HUMAN

(JOHN 1:14, PHIL 2:6-9)

TO BE THE PERFECT SACRIFICE



GOD CANNOT DIE, BUT GOD AS A HUMAN CAN!

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IN HEBREWS 1:7 (DEUT 32:43, PSALM 97:7) GOD IS COMMANDING HIS HIS ANGELS TO WORSHIP JESUS,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

THIS WORD WORSHIP IN GREEK IS 'PROSKYNEO' & IN HEBREW IT'S 'SAHA'

THE WORD WORSHIP IN THIS FORM IS RESERVED FOR GOD HIMSELF



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THERE ARE 2 SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT ON THIS TOPIC,

(1)

JESUS IN HIS HUMAN STATE EMPTIED HIMSELF TO BECOME MAN (PHIL 2:6-8)

& WAS MADE LOWER THAN ANGELS (HEB 2:7)

THUS HE HAS LIMITED KNOWLEDGE COMPARED TO HIS DIVINE STATE



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WHICH BRINGS US TO THE 2ND VIEW

(2)

THE WORD "KNOW" IN MATT 24:36 & MARK 13:32 IS THE SAME FORM OF THE GREEK WORD "KNOW"

WHICH PAUL USED IN 1 COR 2:2

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified".



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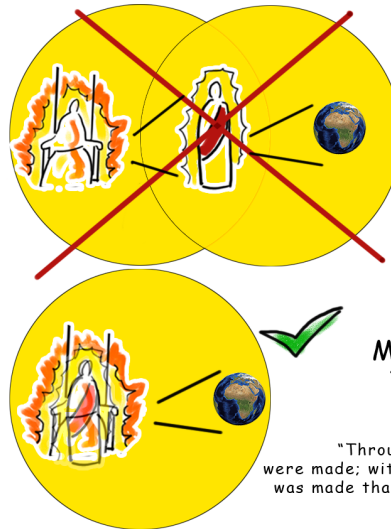
WHAT ABOUT WHEN JESUS SAYS THE FATHER IS GREATER THAN HE IS
(JOHN 14:28)



ANY IDEAS?

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WHY IS JESUS CALLED THE BEGINNING OF CREATION?
(COL 1:17-18, 1 COR 8:6, HEB 2:10, REV 3:14)



DOES THIS MAKE HIM THE FIRST CREATION OF GOD?

THEN WHY IS GOD ALSO CALLED THE BEGINNING?

(REV 21:6 & 22:13)
THE BEGINNING MEANS ORIGINATOR THE ONE IN WHOM ALL THINGS BEGIN

"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."
(JOHN 1:3)

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BUT WHY THEN DOES ONLY THE FATHER KNOW WHEN JESUS WILL RETURN?
(MATT 24:36, MARK 13:32)



ANY IDEAS?

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IF WE LOOK @ HEBREWS 1:8, PAUL CLAIMS GOD IS SPEAKING TO HIS SON SAYING...

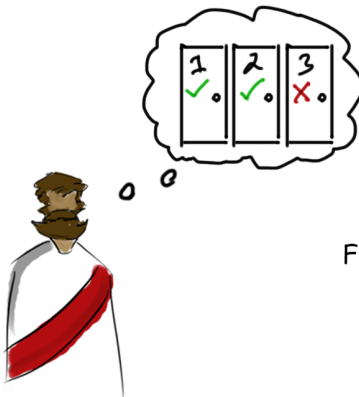


"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;"

THIS IS EVIDENCE THAT EVEN GOD SAYS JESUS IS GOD

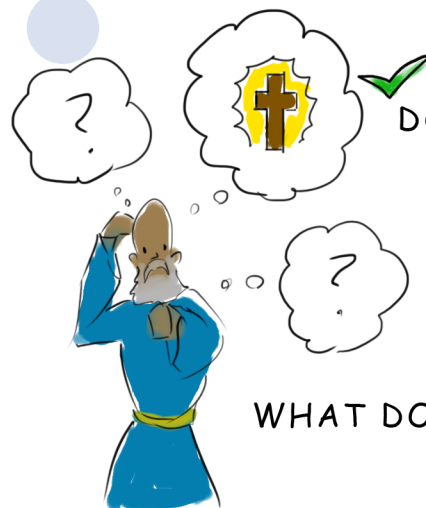
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HOWEVER, JESUS ALSO SAID "I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he"
(JOHN 13:19)



JESUS WAS ABLE TO PREDICT THE FUTURE, & HE DID SO FROM EARLY ON
(JOHN 2:19)
SO EITHER HE ONLY KNEW PART OF THE FUTURE CONCERNING HIMSELF OR...

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DOES THIS MEAN PAUL ONLY KNOWS ABOUT JESUS & NOTHING ELSE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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OF COURSE IT DOESN'T, THIS GREEK FORM OF "KNOW" IS TRANSLATED AS TO "MAKE KNOWN" PAUL IS THEREFORE SAYING HE CHOOSES NOT TO MAKE KNOWN ANY INFORMATION OTHER THAN JESUS CHRIST

THIS FITS WITH PAUL'S (& THE OTHER APOSTLES') ATTEMPT TO BATTLE FALSE TEACHING

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THIS VIEW FITS WITH JESUS & THE FATHER BEING SEPARATE PERSONS WITH THEIR OWN ROLE, BUT THEY ARE EQUAL & ONE BEING (JOHN 5:18, 10:27-33)

LATER IN ACTS 1:7 JESUS TELLS HIS DEISICLES "...it is not for you to know times or epochs..." JESUS SEEMS TO IMPLY THAT HE DOES KNOW OTHERWISE HE WOULD SAY "it is not for US to know..."

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WHY THEN IS JESUS SAID TO BE STANDING @ THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD



WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

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WE'VE COVERED A LOT OF INFORMATION, LET'S LOOK @ THE EVIDENCE TO SEE WHAT IT SAYS



WHAT ABOUT YOU, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE EVIDENCE IS SAYING?

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WHICH VIEW DO YOU THINK IS TRUE?

(1) JESUS IN HUMAN FORM DOESN'T KNOW WHEN HE'LL RETURN

(2) JESUS DOES KNOW BUT CHOOSES NOT TO SAY

(3) ANOTHER EXPLANATION

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APPLYING THIS SAME WORD TRANSLATION TO MATT 24:36 & MARK 13:32 THE VERSE NOW READS...

I WONT TELL YOU

I WONT TELL YOU

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"But about that day or hour no one MAKES KNOWN, not even the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father."

LIKE JOSEPH (GEN 41:39-44) WHO BECAME EQUAL TO PHARAOH,



IN JEWISH CULTURE TO SAY JESUS STANDS @ THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, IS TO MAKE A DECLARATION THAT HE IS "EQUAL" TO GOD; RIGHT HAND IS A TITLE, NOT A PHYSICAL LOCATION

(EXODUS 15:6 PSALM 78:54, 98:1, 110:1, 138:7, HEB 1:13, MATT 22:44, MARK 12:36 LUKE 20:42, 22:69, ACT 2:34 & MORE)

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THE FATHER REFERRED TO JESUS AS GOD



YOUR THRONE O' GOD (HEB 1:8) & SON WHOM I AM WELL PLEASSED (MATT 3:17)

THE PATRIARCHS CALLED HIM GOD & WORSHIPPED HIM



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JESUS CALLED HIMSELF GOD & CLAIMS TO HAVE ALL OF GOD'S POSSESSIONS -AUTHORITY -POWER -NAME



"I AM"

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HIS DISCIPLES & APOSTLES CALLED HIM GOD & WORSHIPPED HIM



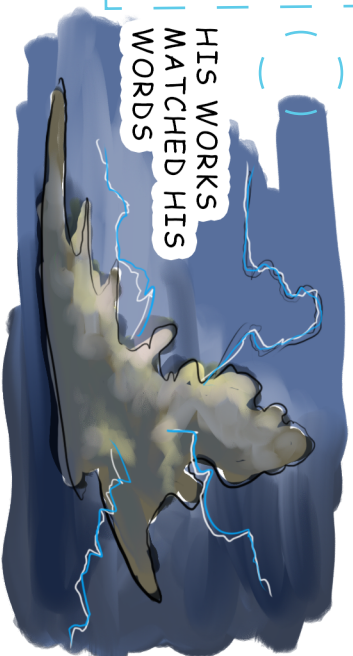
YOU ARE THE WORD

THE IMAGE OF GOD

GOD IN THE FLESH

SO DID THE CHURCH FATHERS

HIS WORKS MATCHED HIS WORDS



WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE HOLY ONE OF GOD



HIS ENEMIES KNEW HIM AS GOD

JESUS POSSESSES ALL OF GOD'S TITLES & ATTRIBUTES (HEB 1:3, 7:3, 13:8) & KINGDOM (DAN 7:13-14, HEB 2:8) & POWER (JOHN 6:37-40, 44 10:17-18, HEB 1:3) & AUTHORITY (JOHN 5:22-23, 26-27) & DEITY (COL 1:19, 2:9)



WHO COULD BE THOSE THINGS & POSSESS ALL THESE THINGS BUT GOD?

JESUS IS CALLED KING OF KINGS (REV 19:13) EVEN THOUGH GOD IS CALLED KING (ISA 33:22, 43:15, 1 SAM 8) JESUS IS CALLED OUR ONLY SAVIOR (JOHN 3:16-21, 36, ACTS 4:12, 16:30-32) BUT ONLY GOD IS CALLED SAVIOR (ISAIAH 43:11)

JESUS IS SAID TO BE THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS (JOHN 1:1-5, 10, 1 COR 8:6, COL 1:15-18, HEB 1:2) BUT ONLY GOD IS SAID TO HAVE CREATED ALL THINGS (GEN 1:1, NEH 9:6, ETC)