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NOW THE BEREANS WERE MORE NOBLE-MINDED THAN THE THESSALONIANS, FOR THEY RECEIVED THE MESSAGE WITH GREAT EAGERNESS AND EXAMINED THE SCRIPTURES EVERY DAY TO SEE IF THESE TEACHINGS WERE TRUE.

- ACTS 17:11

OH, THE DEPTH AND RICHES OF THE WISDOM AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD! HOW UNSEARCHABLE HIS JUDGMENTS, AND HIS PATHS BEYOND TRACING OUT.

- ROMANS 11:33 -

News and Prayer Requests

LJ Vick was at FC camp.

Tyler's grandma now on hospice.

Jaime's grandma had pneumonia

Who is Jesus? 7/16/2026 By Robbie Moreland

There is debate among some religions and even Christian denominations on who Jesus is. Islam would teach Jesus was a prophet (which is true!) but only a prophet. The Witnesses would claim that Jesus was not God, but a created being. Many atheists would say Jesus existed, but only as a good philosopher. So, what evidence can we see from scripture and elsewhere that could help us find out "Who Is Jesus?"

John begins his Gospel:

John 1:1-4 NKJV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John teaches here that the "Word" was with God and was God. In order to be "with" requires multiple beings; hence, we can conclude that God is composed of more than one being. We also see that the "Word" was involved in all of creation. Therefore, the "Word" cannot Himself be created. But who is the "Word"? Let's continue reading.

John 1:10-14

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Here we read that the Word came in the flesh to dwell among men. This is telling us that the Word is Jesus Christ.

Examples of Jesus being omnipotent and omniscient are also found throughout John, and other scriptures. Later down in the first chapter of John, in John 1:45-49 we see Jesus seeing events happen in which He was not present. He tells Nathanael how He saw him. Nathanael instantly understood what that meant and called Him the Son of God, the King of Israel.

In John 4:47-53, Jesus heals the man's son from a vast distance, something only someone with supernatural power could do.

In John 5:17-18 Jesus talks about how He and His Father have been working, and the people present there understood that as Jesus claimed to be equal to God by their reactions.

In John 8:50-59 we see Jesus giving Himself the name of God. "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Hearing this, the people took up stones to stone Jesus because they understood what this claim meant. That he was deity. That he was God.

In John 10:30, Jesus says that "I and My Father are one."

In John 14:6-11 shows an instance of Phillip wanting to "see the Father" and Jesus rebuking Him that he has seen Him, in Jesus!

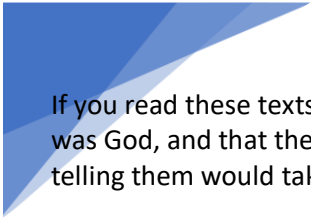
There are also places in scripture (John 8:23-24) that add a "He" to them when talking about Jesus, but is not located in the original texts, they were likely added to help readers understand who it was talking about, and to help reading, but might have removed some nuance from what Jesus was trying to say in them.

John 8:24

And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am [He], you will die in your sins.

John 13:18-19

I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am [He]



If you read these texts without the added [He], it adds weight to what Jesus was trying to say in these verses. That He was God, and that they would understand that He was God once they saw all these things come to pass that Jesus was telling them would take place. But there is a third one as well.

John 18:3-8

Whom are you seeking?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am [He]." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Now when He said to them, "I am [He]," they drew back and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am [He]. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way"

If we remove the translators' [He]'s it makes a lot more sense on why the men drew back and fell on the ground at Jesus saying "I Am". Perhaps the name of the Almighty God was enough to have them weak at their knees and kneel before Him and His name.

We can see that Jesus in other places is given power and names showing his Divinity.

Colossians 1:17

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist

This gives us the idea that Christ is holding the universe together by His will.

Colossians 2:9

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily

This gives us the idea that Christ has the full power and authority of God.

Matthew 1:23

Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Matthew 28:9

And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Matthew 28:16-17

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

This shows that this name signifies that Jesus came to this Earth as God, to be with us, to live with us, and to die for us.

Thomas also called Jesus God.

John 20:28-29

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Finally, we can see that people worshipped Jesus, and he accepted that worship.

Matthew 14:33

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Hopefully the above helps us understand what scriptures, Jesus, and the apostles were trying to tell us. That Jesus was God, He was with God, and He is God (John 1:1). Jesus and God are one, not that they are the exact same being, as other scriptures explain that they have their own minds (Matthew 24:36 and John 15:15). But they are one in their power, will, and character (John 17:1-5, Colossians 2:9, and Hebrews 1:3).