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## Why We Worship Jesus As GOD

*(Christianity is really weird unless of course it's true)*

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"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him 'Immanuel' --which means, 'God with us.'" (Mat 1:23)

### Can I Get A Witness?

#### The Witness Of **Old Testament prophets.**

"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.** Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this." (Isa 9:6-7)

#### The Witness Of **The New Testament.**

"...who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And he humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross. Yet it was because of this that God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:6-11 TLB)

#### The Witness Of **Angels.**

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'" (Luke 2:8-14 NIV)

#### The Witness Of **John the Baptist, the New Testament Prophet.**

"He replied, 'I am a voice from the barren wilderness, shouting as Isaiah prophesied, "Get ready for the coming of the Lord!" Then those who were sent by the Pharisees asked him, 'If you aren't the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to baptize?' John told them, 'I merely baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is

someone you have never met, who will soon begin his ministry among you, and I am not even fit to be his slave.' This incident took place at Bethany, a village on the other side of the Jordan River where John was baptizing. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the world's sin!'" (John 1:23-29 TLB)

#### The Witness Of **His Disciple Peter.**

"When Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who are the people saying I am?' 'Well,' they replied, 'some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; some, Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.' Then he asked them, 'Who do you think I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'The Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 'God has blessed you, Simon, son of Jonah,' Jesus said, 'for my Father in heaven has personally revealed this to you--this is not from any human source.'" (Mat 16:13-17 TLB)

#### The Witness Of **His Executioner.**

"And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God!'" (Mark 15:39)

### 3 Choices Of Principle

#### **He was a liar and can't be believed.**

"Jesus told him, 'I am the Way--yes, and the Truth and the Life. No one can get to the Father except by means of me. If you had known who I am, then you would have known who my Father is. From now on you know him--and have seen him!' Philip said, 'Sir, show us the Father and we will be satisfied.' Jesus replied, 'Don't you even yet know who I am, Philip, even after all this time I have been with you? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking to see him? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say are not my own but are from my Father who lives in me. And he does his work through me.'" (John 14:6-10 TLB)

#### **He was well-meaning but self-deceived and shouldn't be followed.**

#### **He is God and must be worshiped.**

"Then those who were in the boat **WORSHIPED HIM**, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'" (Mat 14:33 NIV)

"So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and **WORSHIPED HIM.**" (Mat 28:8-9 NIV)

"Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Who is he, sir?' the man asked. 'Tell me so that I may believe in Him.' Jesus said, 'You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.' Then the man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he **WORSHIPED HIM.**" (John 9:35-38 NIV)