

Worship Pt 2 worship Jesus the Son of God

This is our second study on the topic of worship. In our previous teaching we established three points - (I) It is written- worship the LORD they God and him only, (ii) the outcome of our worship is to glorify the name of the LORD, and (iii) Israel sinned and made a calf and worshipped the molten image. In this study we establish three points- (I) when the wise men saw the young child Jesus they worshipped Him, (ii) the devil tempted Jesus to fall down and worship him, and (iii) Jesus told those whom He healed that He was the SOG- those that believed- worshipped Him.

A little more detail on our three points-

1. When the wise men saw the young child Jesus they worshipped him

[10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

[11] And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh (Matt.2: 10, 11).

2. The devil tempted Jesus to fall down and worship him

[8] Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain...

[9]...saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

[10] Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve (Matt.4: 8-10).

Jesus rebuked the devil quoting a scripture verse that stated- worship the Lord they God and him only- (Lk 4: 8). NOTE in our next point- Jesus does not rebuke those who worship Him.

3 Jesus told those whom He healed that He was the SOG- those that believed- worshipped Him

“Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?” (Jn. 9: 35).

He answered- who is he? - Jn.9: 36- “He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?”

Jesus confessed that HE was HIM- Jn.9: 37- “And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.”

The man believed and worshipped Him (because he believed him to be the SOG) - Jn..9: 38- “And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him”.

Jesus told the Jews that He and His Father are one- Jn.10: 30- “I and my Father are one”

The Jews stoned Jesus because they understood He made himself God- Jn.10: 33- “The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.”

After Jesus walked on water, beckoned Peter to walk out from the ship and had to save him- those on the ship came and “worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God” (Matt.14: 26-33).

One living in the tombs- tormented by the devil, ran and worshipped Jesus

[2]And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

[4] Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

[5] And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

[6] But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, (Mk 5: 2, 4-6).

Jesus told the high priest that He was the Christ, the Son of the blessed
[61] But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?
[62] And Jesus said, I am...(Mark 14:61-62).

A Canaanite woman came and worshipped Jesus saying Lord
“Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me” (Matt.15: 22, 25)..

Illustration

When a person does not want to see Jesus for who He is depicted in the Gospels- the Son of God. (SOG) and you witness to them, you will find yourself either deep in an argument, getting angry with them because they cannot see, or you will simply give up and walk away. One of such blindness happened for myself- when I was preaching and later stopped and was approached by a Muslim and he told me that the bible says Jesus was not God’s **only** son...but Israel was also God’s son. Hence, we should not worship Jesus as God’s only Son. He eventually told me that his reference verse was Ex.4: 22- where the Lord told Moses to say to Pharaoh-
“And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is **my son**, even my firstborn”

I sought to establish that the Holy Bible does not say - Jesus was God’s only son, but that He was **God’s only begotten Son** (“conceived...of the Holy Ghost” Matt.1: 20), and the verse in Ex.4: 22 was referring to **Israel** (a nation- verse 23) as **God’s son**.

I read the verse aloud but he could understand what it was saying, nor that it was different to **God’s only begotten Son Jesus**. The corrupt text he had for Jn.3: 16 had removed- the word- **“begotten**.

Question of the scriptures God

Are the JW correct when they say it is idolatry to worship Jesus Christ as God?

Answer from the scriptures

When Cornelius met Peter he fell down at his feet and worshipped him, but Peter said NO- I am also a man (in other words - I am not worthy of your worship (Acts 10:25-26).

WHEREAS,

* Those that acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God in the Gospels- worshipped Him, they fell down on their knees and worshipped him as if He were God.

* The man possessed with the devil - knew who He was.

* Jesus told the woman that He IS the prophesied Messiah (called the Christ) (John 4: 21, 24- 26)

* The Canaanite women called Jesus Lord, she worshipped Him as Lord (Matt.15:22-27).

Q Did Jesus ever say- NO I am not worthy of your worship - you are committing idolatry?

A NO!

Jesus told the Jews that He and His Father are one - and they understood exactly what He meant so they stoned him because HE made Himself God -Jn.10: 30-33

The only way you can believe that Jesus is NOT the Son of God, who is equal with God, and therefore worthy of our worship- is to change the text, such that you become the authority/. See two examples- The GNB changes John 3: 16 to read- “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son” The NWT changes -John 1: 1 to read- “...the Word was with God, and **the Word was a god**.”

Do NOT engage with Muslims or Jehovah Witnesses or any who worship another god, another Jesus, except at the level of their corrupt authority!. Then by the grace of God may they see and understand the errors of their text and come to the knowledge that their worship is in vain (Mk.7: 7).

The Father seeks those who are true worshippers- who will worship Him in spirit and truth

[23]...for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

[24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (Jn 4:23, 24)

IF you believe that Jesus is NOT God’s **only begotten Son**, He is not equal to God, then you do NOT worship the Father in truth. Do not be deceived! Encourage all to worship the Father through His Son, the LORD Jesus. He alone is worthy of our worship! Amen!