

# JESUS IS GOD

## *Biblical Evidence and Answers to Objections*

### **Part 4**

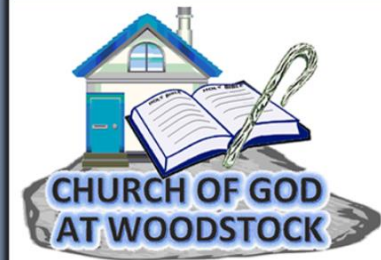


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## Part 4 includes

- In the beginning was the Word
- Challenges part 2
  - Jesus: *a* god?
  - There is none good but God
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## John 1:1-14



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- **When *The Word* was:**
  - In the beginning (*John 1:1,2*)
- **Where *The Word* was:**
  - with God (*John 1:1,2*)
- **What *The Word* was:**
  - God (*John 1:1*)
- **Who *The Word* was:**
  - Jesus, the Son [that came in the flesh] (*John 1:14*)
- **Why *The Word* was [made flesh]:**
  - that whomsoever believes on Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (*John 1:12, 3:16*)





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## 1 John 1:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the **Word of Life**; (For the Life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)



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## John 1:1

In the beginning **was** the **Word**, and the **Word was with God**, and the **Word was God**.

## Revelation 19:13

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The **Word** of God.

## Revelation 19:15a

And out of his mouth goeth a **sharp sword**



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## Hebrews 4:12-14

For the **word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**. **Neither** is there any creature that is not manifest in **his sight**: but all things are naked and opened unto the **eyes of him** with whom we have to do.

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession.

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## Psalm 33:6

By the **word of the LORD** were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

## Psalm 107:20

He **sent his word**, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

## Psalm 119:89

LAMED. For ever, **O LORD, thy word** is settled in heaven.





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## Acts 17:18a

Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the **Stoicks**, encountered him.

**Marcus Aurelius** was Roman emperor from 161 to 180 AD. He was also a Stoic philosopher.

He used logos to refer both to the divine that infuses and directs all things in nature and to the “fragment” of God, the rational mind, that is found in every person. It’s also the animating part of a person that, separated from their substance, gets absorbed into the universal logos upon their death.



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## Challenges Part 2



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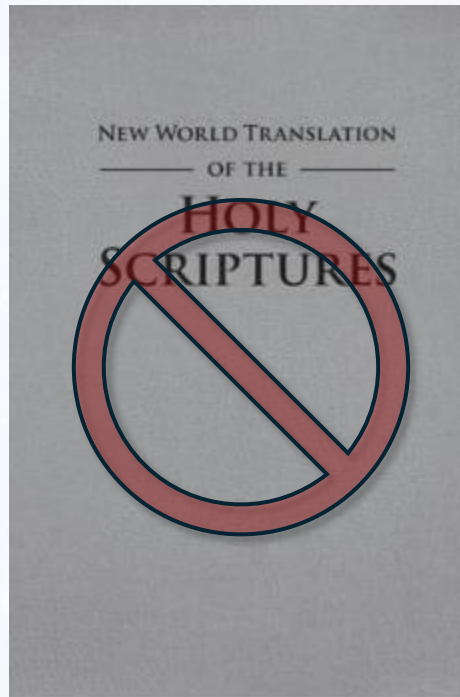
**Challenge:**  
**Jesus: *a* god?**





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Jehovah's Witnesses commonly spread this doctrine through their deceptive translation



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## Reasons to doubt New World Translation

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Work began on December 2, 1947, when the "New World Bible Translation Committee" was formed, composed of Jehovah's Witnesses who professed to be anointed. The Watch Tower Society is said to have "become aware" of the committee's existence a year later. The committee agreed to turn over its translation to the Society for publication and on September 3, 1949

The New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures was released at a Jehovah's Witness convention at Yankee Stadium, New York, on August 2, 1950

The publishers stated that "the particulars of [the New World Bible Translation Committee's members] university or other educational training are not the important thing" and that "the translation testifies to their qualification"



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## Mark 12:29

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The **Lord** our God is one **Lord**:

## Mark 12:29 (JW-NWT)

Jesus answered: “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel, Jehovah our God is one Jehovah’”



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3. It has serious, intentional, errors to bolster heretical doctrines





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## John 1:1 (KJV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**

## John 1:1 (JW-NWT 2013)

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was **a** god



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**John 1:2 (KJV)**

The same was in the beginning with God.

**John 1:2 (JW-NWT 2013)**

This one was in the beginning with God



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## John 1:3 (KJV)

All things were made by him; and **without** him was not any thing made that was made.

## John 1:3 (JW-NWT 2013)

All things came into existence through him, and **apart** from him not even one thing came into existence.





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**Challenge:  
None good but God**



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## Luke 18:18–20

And a certain ruler asked him, saying, **Good Master**, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.** Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.



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## Matthew 5:45

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on **the good**, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

## Luke 6:45

A **good man** out of the **good treasure of his heart** bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

## Luke 8:15

But that on the good ground are they, which in an **honest and good heart**, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.



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## Summary/Conclusion



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## Summary (Part 1)

- Those who were familiar with the early Christians understood them to believe Jesus is God
- The early Christians believed Jesus is God
- The Biblical authors believed Jesus is God
- Jesus said He is God
- Jesus is shown to be **The Son of God** – thus equal with God, thus God.



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## Summary (Part 2)

- Jesus is shown to be **The Creator** – a title exclusive to God.
- Jesus is shown to be **The First & The Last / The Alpha & The Omega** – a title exclusive to God.
- Jesus is worthy of and **receives Worship, Glory and Honor** – as only God is due.





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## Summary (Part 3)

- Jesus is shown to be **The King of Kings and Lord of Lords** – a title exclusive to God.
- Jesus is shown to be **Savior and Redeemer of all mankind** – a title exclusive to God.
- Types and Shadows point to Jesus. **Jesus isn't a type or shadow** of anything. He is the fullness



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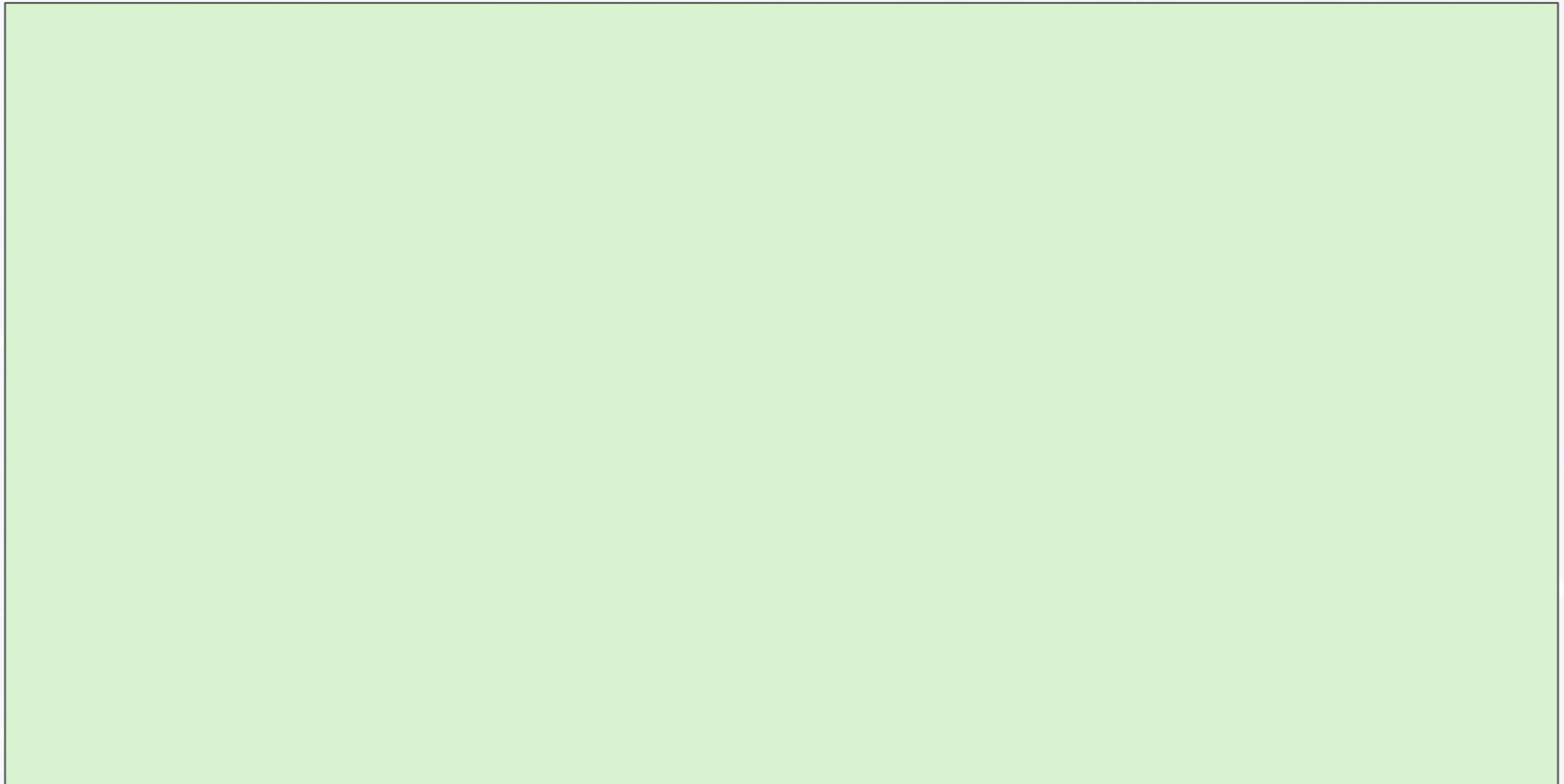
## Summary (Part 4)

- Jesus is The Eternal **Word of God**
- Challenges to the Divine identity of Jesus are based either in ignorance or twisting of God's revelation to mankind.



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List of verses where Jesus says, “**I am God**”,  
or someone else says “**Jesus is God**”





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List of verses where Jesus says, “**I am NOT God**”,  
or someone else says “**Jesus is NOT God**”



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## Different approaches

**H**onors due to God

**A**tttributes of God

**N**ames of God

**D**eeds that God does

**S**eat of God's Throne

*Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ  
Bowman & Komoszewski*



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## John's pithy points



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## John 20:30–31

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But **these are written, that ye might believe** that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that believing **ye might have life** through his name.

## 1 John 1:3–4

That which we have seen and heard **declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship** with us: and truly our fellowship is **with the Father**, and **with his Son Jesus Christ**. And these things write we unto you, **that your joy may be full**.





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## John's pithy points

- Jesus is The Son of God
  - Belief in this is life eternal
- Jesus came in the flesh
- Believers love God and others
- Believers obey God



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**Jesus is The Son of God  
Belief in this is life eternal**

## **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his **only begotten Son**, that whosoever **believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

## **1 John 2:23**

Whosoever **denieth the Son**, the same **hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.**



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## Jesus came in the flesh

### 1 John 4:2–3

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that **confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God**: And every spirit that **confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God**: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

### 2 John 1:7

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who **confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.**

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## Believers love God and others

### 1 John 4:20 – 5:1

If a man say, I love God, and **hateth his brother, he is a liar**: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That **he who loveth God love his brother also**. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.





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## Believers obey God

### John 14:15, 21

If ye **love** me, **keep** my commandments.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

### 1 John 3:10

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: **whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God**, neither he that loveth not his brother.



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  - ...and stay away from idols
- 1 John 5:21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.



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## John 17:2

As thou hast given him **power over all flesh**, that **he should give eternal life** to as many as thou hast given him.

## Philippians 2:9

Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him**, and given him a name which is above every name:

## Acts 4:12

**Neither is there salvation in any other**: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.



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## Titus 3:4–7

But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through **Jesus Christ our Saviour**; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.






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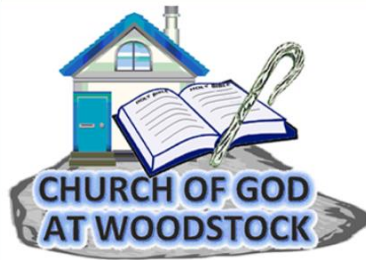
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For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 3:11



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