

Objection:

Jesus isn't God. He's just a good person; a wise teacher; a religious leader; the "son of God".

1. Jesus **claimed to be God**.
2. Jesus performed **miracles** to reveal the power of God.
3. Jesus **rose from the dead**...proving He is God.
4. Jesus precisely and perfectly **fulfilled 456 prophecies** ...which is ***statistically impossible*** by chance.
5. Jesus taught the Bible is the **only Word of God**.
6. There is overwhelming, verifiable, historical evidence to show that **Jesus is God**.
7. The life and resurrection of Jesus is one of the most well-documented **historical fact** in ancient history.

What does it mean that Jesus is the “Son of God”?

1. Jesus is not God’s son in the sense of a human father and son.
2. Jesus is God the Son in the sense that **He is God** made **manifest in human form**. (Mat 26:63-64)
3. Jesus is God the Son in that He was conceived in Mary by the **Holy Spirit**. (Luke 1:35) “the Holy one...”
4. To be the “Son of God” is to be the “same nature as God”. (John 19:7) ...which is why Jesus was sentenced to die. He was **claiming to be God** = blasphemy (Lev 24:15).
5. Using the ESV and KJV, see Judas in John 17:12 & 2 Thes 2:3. Just as with Jesus, this represents a title or identity, not a family structure.
6. Son of Man is a **Messianic title** (Daniel 7:13-14). It’s also a human reference (John 1:14). Jesus is fully God and fully man (2 natures).
7. Among people of ancient times, the important meaning of “*Son of*” = “**one who has the same nature as**”. Jesus, as the Son of God, has the same nature as God, which means that **Jesus is God**.

Jehovah's Witnesses...

Claim: “Jesus is the ‘son of God’, and the ‘firstborn of creation’, which means he is a created being, not God.”

1. Jehovah Witnesses will quote these verses: Col 1:15-16.
2. Biblically, Christ was **not** created. He **is** the Creator.
(**Colossians 1:16; John 1:3**)
3. The term *firstborn*, defined biblically, means that Christ is “**first in rank**” or “**number one**” over the creation He brought into being. (Describing the **authority** of Jesus.)
4. Their (false) translation is purposely altered to deny the deity of Jesus & the Holy Spirit. (John 1:3 reads “**a God**”.)
5. Here’s the good news: We can use **their translation** (NWT) to show the truth (in love) why Jesus is God. **How?**

Using the Jehovah's Witness (**false**) version of the Bible (New World Translation), go to the book of Revelation...

- Read **Rev 1:8**, then pose the question, “who is the Alpha & Omega?” **They will answer: Jehovah God (God the Father)**
- Read **Rev 22:13**, then pose the question again, “who is the Alpha & Omega?” **They will answer: Jehovah God**
- Read **Rev 1:17**, then pose the question, “Who is the First and the Last?” **They will answer: Jehovah God**
- Read **Rev 1:18**, and then simply ask, “When exactly did Jehovah God die?” **God didn't die. Jesus died physically, was raised from the dead three days later – all the while His divine nature was unaffected.**
- If needed (which is highly unlikely at this point), you can read with them **Rev. 22:13 & 22:16** to show that **Jesus is God.**

Apologetics is all about asking the right questions.

The Real Truth

1. In **Rev 22:12-13**, Jesus Christ, says of himself, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End".
2. In **Rev 1:17-18**, Jesus again refers to himself as the "First and the Last".
3. **Rev 1:8** and **21:6** speaks of God the Father, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End".
4. God is also referred to as the "First and the Last" in **Isaiah 44:6** and **Isaiah 48:12**.
5. The original Greek words are **exactly the same**, showing (even in the New World Translation) that **Jesus is God**.

Question: If Jesus is not God, how can the verses above be true since, **by definition**, there can be only one first and last?

Why Are Words Added?

1. In **Colossians 1:15-17** the word "**other**" is inserted 4 times in the New World Translation even though it's not in the original Greek, nor is it implied.
2. There are only two Greek words for "other": *heteros* and *allos*.
3. When referencing all of the Greek manuscripts that we have available to us today, neither *heteros* nor *allos* are located anywhere in **Colossians 1:15-17**.
4. Furthermore, in the context of Colossians, "firstborn" does not mean the "first one created". Colossians is talking about Jesus' **supreme authority** and **rank** as God over all of His creation.

The Truth: Not only is there a **mistranslation** in the Jehovah's Witnesses Bible, but there is also a **misinterpretation** of the meaning of Colossians 1.

Jesus Called God...by God the Father

1. In **Hebrews 1:8**, **God the Father** calls Jesus, God.
2. For some reason though, rather than rendering the Greek manuscripts correctly for Hebrews 1:8 as, "**Your throne, O God...**", Jehovah's Witnesses mistranslate it as "God is your throne...".
3. The error goes deeper though. This verse is actually a quote from **Psalms 45:6** in the OT. This verse can only be translated (from **Hebrew**) as, "**Your throne, O God...**"

Question: Why would the JW translators alter both the Old Testament **AND** the New Testament verses?

Jesus is Mighty God

1. In **Isaiah 9:6**, **Jesus Christ** is referred to as "**Mighty God**":

“For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us...His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**...”

2. In **Isaiah 10:20-21**, Jehovah is also referred to as "**Mighty God**".

Question: Even in the New World Translation, doesn't this show that **Jesus is God**?

Only One God

1. The Jehovah's Witnesses *New World Translation (NWT)* **incorrectly** translates John 1:1 by adding "a" before God:

"... and the Word was WITH God, and the Word was a god".

2. Not only is this a **mistranslation**, but how can the Word (Jesus) be "a god" if God says in **Deuteronomy 32:39**, 'See now that I am He, and **there is no god beside Me**'?

3. This article clearly explains the NWT error:

<http://tiny.cc/nwterror>

Only One Savior

1. Both the Bible and the New World Translation state that **ONLY God** is our **Savior**:

Hosea 13:4, Isaiah 43:11, 45:21

2. Both the Bible and the New World Translation also state that **Jesus** is our **Savior**:

Luke 2:11, Philippians 3:20, Titus 2:13, 3:6, 2 Peter 1:1, 2:20, 3:18, etc.

Question: Again, even in the New World Translation, doesn't this show that **Jesus is God**?

Trinity - 3 Personal Beings, 1 God

1. The **Trinity** is a term describing the Biblical revelation of **God** existing in **three persons**, being of one essence, identical in nature, and co-equal in attributes and perfections.
2. The Bible teaches that there is a Person in Scripture known as the Father, who is **God** (**Ephesians 1:2**).
3. The Bible teaches of another Person in Scripture called the Son (Jesus Christ) who is **God** (**Titus 2:13**).
4. The Bible teaches of yet another Person called the Holy Spirit (or Spirit of God) who is **God** (**Acts 5:3-4**).
5. *Why is this important?* The one Greek word *theos*, "God," is used of all three Persons - ascribing the same **divine nature** to each.
6. Interestingly, in Titus 2:13, the New World Translation (NWT) adds “*of our*” at the end of verse 13 to completely change the meaning of the verse even though “*of our*” is found nowhere in the Greek manuscripts.

Question: By incorrectly adding “of our”, **how** (and **why**) did the Jehovah’s Witnesses change the meaning of Titus 2:13 in the errant NWT?

Christianity: **1** God, **3** Beings

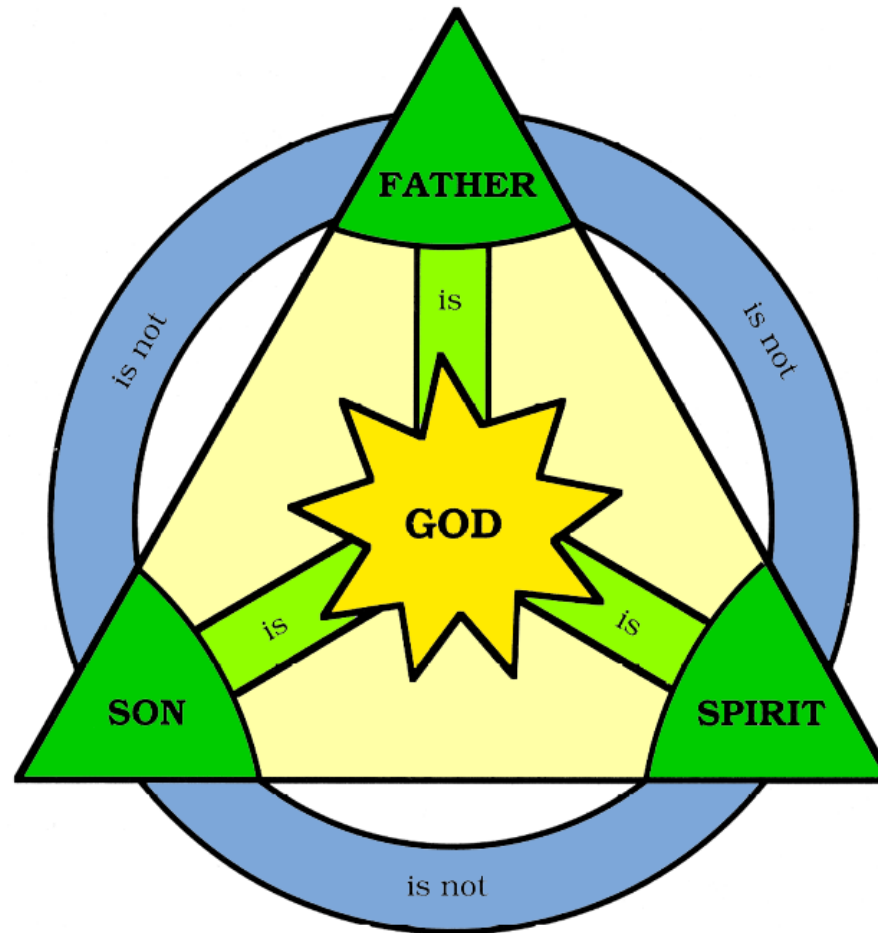


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Jesus and the Father are God

Jesus Is **Equal** to
the Father in His:

Divine nature.
Divine essence.
Divine attributes.
Divine character.

Jesus is **Subordinate** to
the Father in His:

Human nature.
Human function.
Human office.
Human position.

Jesus is both **fully God** and
fully human at the same time.

Jesus is Named God

| Jehovah | Title or Act | Jesus |
|---|---|---|
| Isaiah 40:28 Psalm 45:6 Isaiah 10:20-21 Hos 13:4, Isa 43:11, 45:21 1 Samuel 2:6 Joel 3:12 Isaiah 60:19-20 Exodus 3:14 Psalm 23:1 Isaiah 42:8, 48:11 Isaiah 41:4, 44:6, Rev 1:8 Revelation 1:8 Isaiah 44:22; Hosea 13:14 Isaiah 62:5, Hosea 2:16 Psalm 18:2 Jeremiah 31:34 Ps 148:2; Isaiah 45:22-25 Throughout O.T. Psalm 148:5 Isaiah 45:23 | Creator God Mighty God Savior Raised the Dead Judge Light I AM Shepherd Glory of God First and Last Alpha and Omega Redeemer Bridegroom Rock Forgiver of Sins Receives Worship Addressed in Prayer Creator of Angels Confessed as Lord | John 1:3 Hebrews 1:8 Isaiah 9:6, Matt 1:23-25 Phil 3:20; Titus 2:13, 3:6 John 5:21 John 5:27, Matt 25:31-46 John 8:12 John 8:58, 18:5-6 John 10:11 John 17:1,5 Rev 1:17-18, 2:8, 22:13 Revelation 22:13 Rev 5:9; Ephesians 1:7 Rev 21:2, Matt 25:1 1 Corinthians 10:4 Mark 2:7, 10 Hebrews 1:6; Phil 2:9-11 Acts 7:59 Colossians 1:16 Philippians 2:11 |

The Holy Spirit Is God

10 Key Attributes of the Holy Spirit

1. He is equal with the Father and the Son. [Matt 28:19-20](#), [Acts 5:3-4](#)
2. He is eternal. [Hebrews 9:14](#)
3. He is omnipotent. [Gen 1:2](#)
4. He is omniscient. [1 Cor 2:10-11](#)
5. He is omnipresent. [Psalm 139:7](#)
6. He has a mind. [Romans 8:27](#)
7. He has a will. [1 Cor. 12:11](#)
8. He speaks. [Acts 8:29](#)
9. He loves us. [Romans 15:30](#)
10. He prays for us. [Romans 8:26](#)



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11 Important Roles / Ministries of the Holy Spirit

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| 1. Convicts unbelievers of sin. | John 16:1-14 |
| 2. Corrects and rebukes believers. | Hebrews 12:1-12 |
| 3. Regenerates the believing sinner. | John 3:1-20; Ezek 11:19-20 |
| 4. Indwells / fills a new believer (instantly). | 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 |
| 5. Reveals spiritual truth. | John 15:26; 1 John 2:27 |
| 6. Restrains sin in the world. | 2 Thessalonians 2 |
| 7. Equips for service (spiritual gifts). | 1 Corinthians 12 |
| 8. Produces spiritual fruit (evidence). | Galatians 5:22-23 |
| 9. Changes believers into image of Jesus. | 2 Corinthians 3:18 |
| 10. Guarantees salvation / eternal life. | Ephesians 4:30 |
| 11. Empowers believers for witnessing. | Acts 1:8 |

Like God the **Father** and God the **Son**, God the **Holy Spirit** is equal in divine essence, but different in function.

Summary: Why the NWT is an Error



Video: <http://tiny.cc/jwvideo>

Jesus: Fully Man & Fully God

The **Greek manuscripts** and the **Bible** teach that Jesus was **fully God** and **fully human** at the time of His incarnation:

Philippians 2:7:

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ **Though He was God**, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, **He gave up his divine privileges**; He took the humble position of a slave, and was born as a human being. When **he appeared in human form**, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

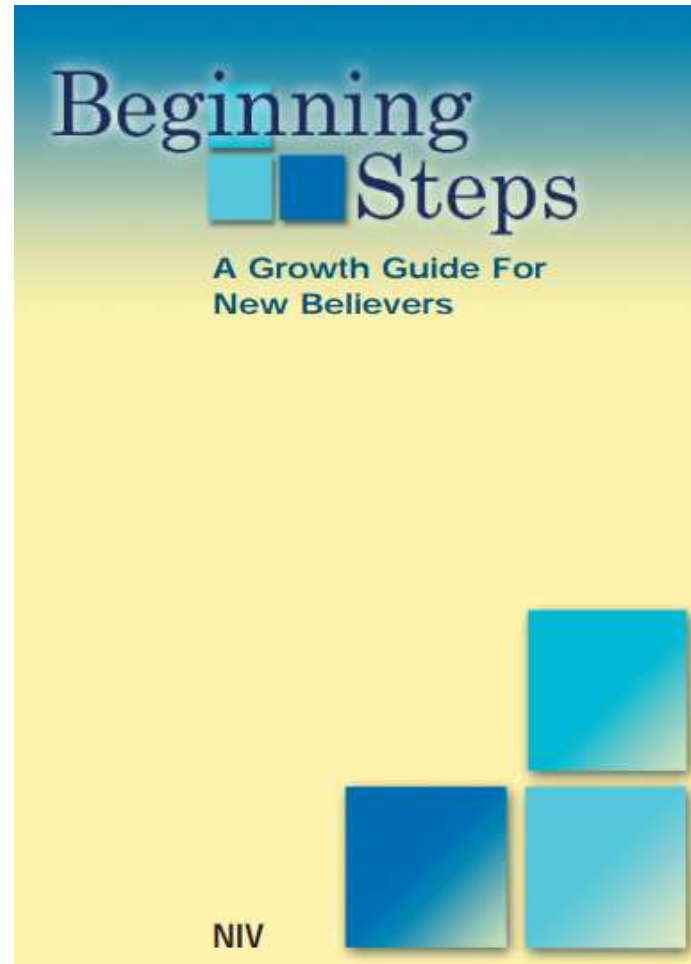
When assessing the overall **evidence**, it *overwhelmingly* shows that **Jesus is God** and the **Christian Bible** is true. The New World Translation has proven errors.

Do You Know Jesus Personally?



If you read no other pages beyond this one, please make sure your answer to the questions above is, **“Yes!”** It has eternal implications. <http://tiny.cc/bornfree>

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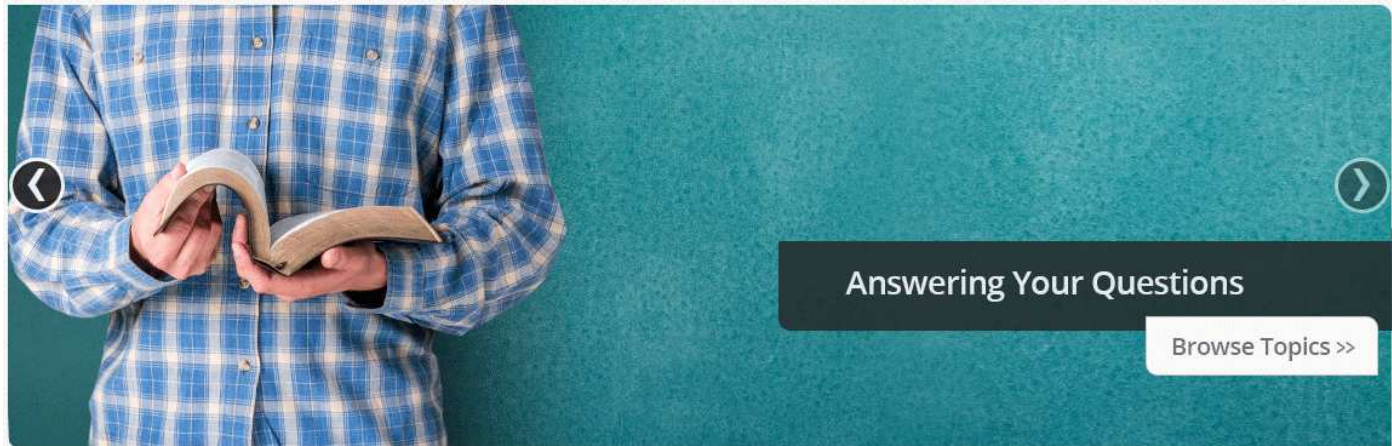
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Jesus said, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29)

- First and foremost, it's important to know that God loves you, and He desires a **personal relationship** with you.
- But, God also **loves** you enough to give you the free will choice to embrace (or reject) biblical truth, and His love.
- Christians often do a good job explaining **that** the Bible is true, but sometimes we struggle to explain **why** it's true.
- We have good news though - there is solid, verifiable evidence that the Bible is God's only true word.
- Jesus was very clear: He claimed to be God, and He said that He's the **only way to Heaven**. But He didn't stop there...
- Not only did He make these claims, but more importantly, He **proved** them to be true for His life and actions. This is what sets Jesus apart - the evidence that He is God.
- Please understand that trusting in Jesus for eternal life **DOES NOT** require "blind faith". There's overwhelming and verifiable evidence for the claims of the Bible.
- In fact, God created human beings with the ability to think and reason - and He expects us to use these gifts when playing our trust in Him.
- What you decide about Jesus is the most important decision you'll ever make - one that will last for eternity.
- Our goal is to share with you God's truth in a living way so that you can make an **informed decision**. Please remember though - no decision is **will** a decision.

TRUTH

The topics below represent a 6-session study on Apologetics - defending the Bible using verifiable facts and evidence.

Topics include:

1. Does spiritual truth exist?
2. Does God exist?
3. Is the Bible God's only Word?
4. Is Jesus, God (and the only way to Heaven)?
5. Common objections & answers to Christianity.
6. How to live with true meaning & purpose.

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- Why Trust Jesus? - [Notes](#) (updated 3/13/15)
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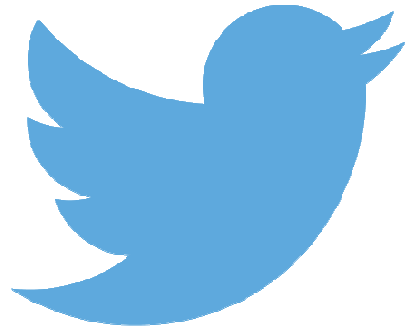
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