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Lord or Lunatic?

Either Jesus was who He said He was or He cannot be believed or “believed in”

If He is not truth ... He is a deceiver. It is all or nothing. You can't be a casual Christian, sympathetic to Christianity, or tolerant of Christians. Either it is real or nothing can be trusted. (Believing may come slowly, but when you come to faith ... you must come to Christ or reject Him altogether)

“He that comes to God ... must believe”

“Believing ... life through His name”

“unbelievers” were in the lake of fire.

Jesus said, “no one comes to the father except through me”

SO Who is Jesus?

Prophesied Messiah

Many manifestations / one Incarnation

Word made flesh

God in flesh “wheel of prophecy”

It's 'all in Him'

HOLY SPIRIT

The Truth about The Holy Spirit

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[from God is One -Lesson 4]

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The Incarnation — not another God, or junior God ... but the Son of God (not of separation but of manifestation)

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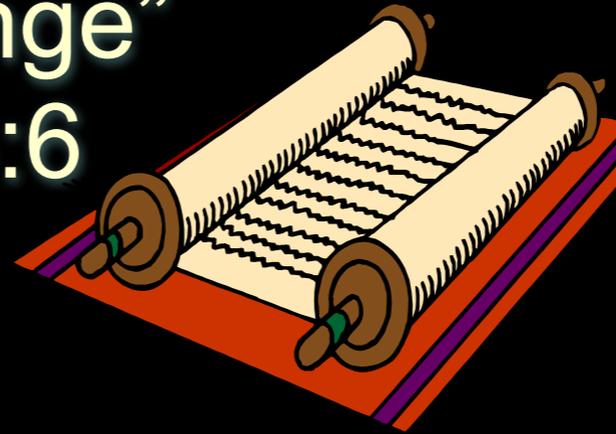
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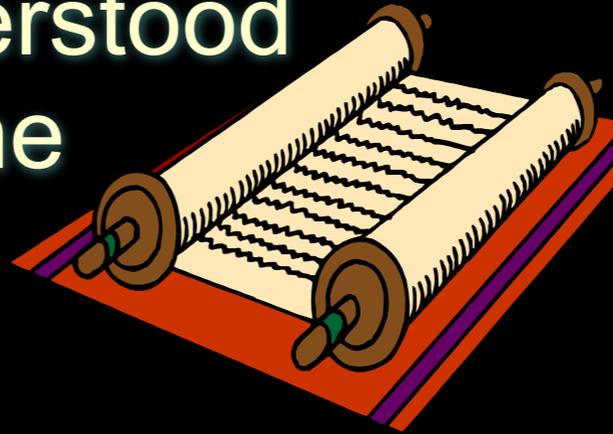
- ◆ “For I am the Lord,
I do not change”
—Malachi 3:6



Though the character and essence of God has not changed He is seen in a variety of forms through the Scripture.

In the OT God appeared in theophanies

- ♦ OT worshippers of Jehovah understood that he was the one true God.



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Terms that identify the spiritual essence of the one true God:

- ◆ God
- ◆ Spirit of God
- ◆ Holy Spirit
- ◆ Holy Ghost



Whatever descriptive term is used it's the same ONE TRUE GOD!



Old Testament References

- ◆ Holy Spirit
- ◆ Spirit of the Lord
- ◆ The Spirit of God

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New Testament References

- ◆ Holy Spirit
- ◆ Holy Ghost

Occurs 93 times in the
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“the Spirit” 157 but that includes some references to “other” spirits



The Holy Spirit IS the Holy Ghost!

Both come
from the
same Greek
word: *pneuma*
“πνευμα”

- ♦ Meaning:
- ♦ Wind
- ♦ Breath
- ♦ Current of air

“Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; (Acts 1:16)
το πνευμα το αγιον



Jesus was the “flesh” of God

- ◆ “... that God was in Christ
reconciling the world to Himself,
...
— 2 Corinthians 5:19

Jesus Christ was God in
flesh - *incarnate*

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2 Corinthians 5:19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

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ACTS 2:4

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The “Holy Spirit” is the Spirit of Jesus

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The Spirit that was incarnate in Jesus — filled believers on the Day of Pentecost

Jesus Christ was God in flesh - incarnate

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There is only ONE Divine Spirit

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- ◆ Revelation 22:17 *“The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!”*”

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2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was[a] on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.



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One True God

- ◆ God *or* Father
- ◆ Holy Spirit
- ◆ Jesus





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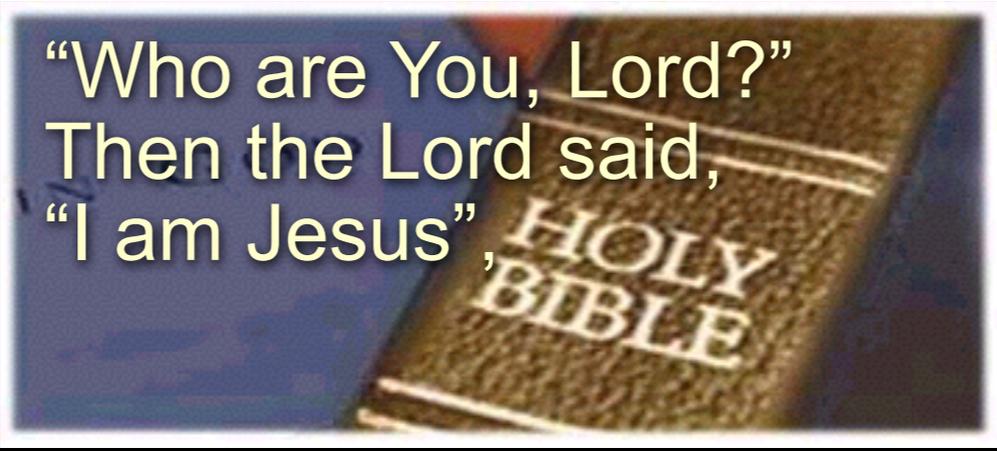
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“Who are You, Lord?”
Then the Lord said,
“I am Jesus”,

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5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?”

Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.[a] It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”



Jesus in the Temple

- ◆ 1 Corinthians 6:19
 - Your body is a Temple of the Holy Ghost!
- ◆ “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”



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