

DEFENDING THE FAITH
Lesson 2
Who Do You Say Jesus Really Is?

1. Jesus is the TRUTH of the true gospel:

John 14:6,7 The Truth and only Way to the Father

2. What is the definition of the gospel in simple terms?

Jesus came from heaven, died for our sins, was raised from the dead, ascended into heaven (in his glorified body) and will return some day.

1 Cor 15:1-3 The gospel according to Paul

3. Was Jesus God?

John 1:1-3, 14 John said he was God (not “a god”)

John 10:28-35 Jews knew Jesus’ claim to be God

John 8:24 Jesus said they would die in sins if...

John 20:28 Thomas called Him God

2 Pet. 1:1 Peter called Him God

1 Jo. 5:20 Jesus is called God and eternal life

4. Jesus is the “promised seed” (for record, see Mat. 1:1-16)

Gal 3:16, 29 Jesus is the “seed” – we must belong to Christ to become heirs

Phil 2:6-8 Nature of God, became man

5. Should we worship Jesus?

Heb. 1:6 angels worship Him

Luke 24:52 disciples worshipped Him

Mk. 5:6 worthy of worship

6. What honor should we give Jesus?

John 5:23 Honor Jesus same as the Father

Phil. 2:9,10 Name of Jesus is above all names

7. Jesus is the “firstborn”

Col. 1:15-19 Jesus, the agent of creation – does it say, He was “created”?

Gen 41:51,52 The one born first

Jer. 31:9 Why was Ephraim called “firstborn”?

Rev 1:5 first everlasting body raised

8. Satan is responsible for the false gospel:

2 Cor 11:4, 13-15: a different Jesus

Heb 1:5 Some believe that Jesus is Michael the Archangel – this can't be – not one Scripture says that Jesus IS Michael

9. The Gnostics believed in a “different Jesus.”

The NIV Study Bible – introduction to 1 John:

“One of the most dangerous heresies of the first two centuries of the church was Gnosticism...Some said that the divine Christ joined the man Jesus at baptism and left him before he died.”

- . 1 Jo. 4:1 John warns against false prophets
- . 2 Jo. 7-11 Notice: “who does not acknowledge Jesus as coming in the flesh”

Jehovah's Witnesses: Jesus was Jehovah's first creation who was also Michael the Archangel. In their NEW WORLD TRANSLATION (Jo. 1:1) they say Jesus was “a god” instead of “God.” When Jesus died, he was no longer in existence until the third day when he was resurrected a spirit being, becoming Michael again, and ascending into heaven. Jesus' coming happened in 1914.