

Bible Study Topic:

The Deity of Christ

- Isaiah 9:6-7** Jesus, God the Son, is given the same titles as God the Father.
- Luke 5:20-24** Jesus had the power to forgive sin, a privilege granted only to God.
- John 20:28-30** Jesus accepted worship from Thomas. Worship of created beings is forbidden (Rev. 19:10, Matt 4:9-10). Therefore, Jesus is God and is not a created being.
- John 8:58** Jesus called Himself the “I AM”, the most sacred Jewish name for Jehovah God. Therefore, Jesus is either God, as He claimed to be, or He is an imposter. You cannot say He was just a good man, but not Divine, because good men do not lie.
- John 1:1-4, 14** The Word (God) who became flesh and dwelt among us is Jesus.
- Hebrews 1:8** The Father calls the Son “God”.
- Colossians 1:16-17** God the Son (Jesus) was the active agent in creating the world. *(Note: Some say that Col:1:15, the verse preceding, indicates that Jesus is created because He is called “first born”. First born comes from the Greek word “protokokos”, meaning privilege, not chronological order. In Scripture, David (Ps. 89:27, 20), Jacob (Exodus 4:22), and Ephraim (Jeremiah 31:9) are called “first born”, yet none of them were the LITERAL first born children. They were symbolically called “first born” because they were the inheritors of their fathers’ spiritual leadership and privileges. Thus, Jesus possesses everything that His Father possesses.)*
- Colossians 2:9** Jesus has all the fullness of the Deity. He is God, on an equal with God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit.
- Micah 5:2** Jesus has always existed. He never had a beginning, except as He was incarnated as a Baby in Bethlehem to become the Savior of the World. (Don’t despair if you can’t understand this kind of infinity. If you could, you would be God. It’s just another reason to admire and worship our Creator, who has existed forever.)
- John 5:18** Jesus described Himself as equal to God the Father. The Jews understood this, and wanted to kill Him for blasphemy. Our choice, too, is to accept Jesus’ claims and believe that in Him is Life, “original, unborrowed, and underived,” or to cast Him aside as an imposter.