

Lesson 31: Jehovah's Witnesses Part 2

Lesson Introduction



In this lesson we will be taking an extended look at evidence that Jesus was not only the Son of God, but He was Jehovah God, eternally existing. This is a major doctrinal point of Jehovah's Witnesses. They teach that Jesus was the first and direct creation of God.

We will be examining

Scripture that proves without a doubt that Jesus was the eternal Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity.

Lesson 31 Outline

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Topic 1: Christ the Son is Almighty God

It's a tragic thing today, you know on the Sonship of Christ, one of the famous preachers, is John MacArthur and he has several strange views and one of them is on the Gospel. He says you can't have one day that you are born again, there's not such a thing as a one-time born-again experience, you can only tell by living it. That's not the Bible. The other thing is, he doesn't believe in the eternal Sonship of Jesus. You

say oh no, oh yes, I have it in writing, it is in his books in his radio messages, there is no dispute that that's what he believes. He is very adamant about it, he says Jesus was not the eternal son, Jesus became the son at the incarnation. That he believes in the eternalness of the Godhead, he believes that the second part of the Trinity was eternal, but he does not believe that Jesus was the son until the incarnation. No that's not true, never has been true never will be true. Jesus has always been the son, you cannot have any eternal father without an eternal son. Then the error in that particular case is not as serious, although it is extremely serious, as Jehovah's Witnesses, because they believe that Jesus was a created being and not part of the Trinity which they say is of the devil. They say the Trinity is not of God. So we're going to continue looking at verses, now I think these verses, not just for witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses. How many people do believe that would say to you, the Bible never says anywhere, anywhere, that Jesus was God? And of course it does, it says it over and over. And I want you to be able to see it. If you will look at John 10: 30 through 33, in your verses, "I and my father are one..." Now before I go any further, according to a Jehovah's Witness philosophy that means they are one in the spirit, one in agreement, not one like one person. Well it doesn't say that, it says I and my father are one. Take the Bible for what it says. If the sense that it makes right there is the most logical then take it that way. I and my father are one. "Then the Jews..." now of course, before I go reading that, it is amazing that the people that were there knew what he was saying. He wasn't saying like if I said on Sunday morning, I agree with Jesus Christ, what he thinks and what I think are one. You wouldn't get upset about that. But if I got up this morning and said I and the Father are one, you wouldn't stone because that's not the way we do it today, but you wouldn't be too thrilled about it and I doubt that I would be preacher here by next Sunday. I really do. They that were there knew what he was saying. "Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my father, for which of those do you stone me? The Jews answered him saying, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy, because thou being a man makest thyself God." Jehovah's Witnesses, and they know they don't believe that, they say well, 2000 years later we know what that means. But the people that were there knew exactly what he was saying, and of course he was saying that he was God. Christ didn't blaspheme, because he was God.

Assignment:

Memorize Revelation 1:5 and Revelation 1:8

QUESTION 1

Jesus did not become the Son until the Incarnation. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 2

Jehovah's Witnesses say that the Trinity is of the Devil. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 3

The Jews in Jesus' day did not understand the claims He was making. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 4

Jehovah's Witnesses interpret John 10:30-33 to mean that Jesus and the Father were one in: (*Select all that apply.*) Answer: _____

- A. Person
- B. Spirit
- C. Philosophy
- D. Agreement

God's Blood Was Shed

Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and on to the flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the Church of God which he has purchased with his own blood." I just want you to see that, I want us to see over and over that Jesus is God, and Jesus, he purchased it, the church of God which he purchased with his own blood. Oh I tell you, Jesus is God. He took on flesh and shed his blood for our sins. Christ said in Luke 22:20, "likewise also the cup, after he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." You say, well how does that prove anything? Well let's compare it again with, say, Revelation 1:5, and I think we will be able to see what it is saying here. "And Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth, unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood." This is of course clearly saying and defining that Jesus is exactly who he said he was. You see I would like to ask you this: to feed the church of God in Acts 20:28, which he purchased with his own blood, whenever did God die and shed his blood? Well you say it had to be through Jesus Christ. And that is as clear as it can possibly be, and we can see that, and we can see clearly. God shed his blood when Jesus shed his blood because Jesus is God.

QUESTION 5

There are multiple occurrences in Scripture of God shedding His blood. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

God Entered the Eastern Gate

Let's look at some other areas. In Ezekiel 44:2, boy this is kind of an exciting one for me, in the eastern gate remember, the gate below the eastern gate is the gate that was closed when Jesus was here, and let's look at Ezekiel 44:2, "Then said the Lord unto me, this gate shall be shut, it shall not be open, and no man shall enter it, because the Lord God of Israel has entered in by it therefore it shall be shut." Now how did God ever enter that gate except by Jesus Christ, and his triumphal entry? No one is going to open that gate until he comes again. John 12:12, let's look at this, "On the next day, much people were come to the feast. And when they heard that Jesus was coming they took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him and cried, hosanna, blessed is the king of Israel, that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus when he had found a young ass, sat thereupon, as it was written, Fear not daughters of Zion, behold thy king cometh, sitting on an asses colt. These things understood not his disciples at the first, but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him." So he came and he entered the city, and he entered the gate, and he came in on the eastern gate. In John 12:26, "If any man serve me let him follow me and where I am there shall also my servant be. If any man serve me, him will my father honor." He is saying again, if any man serve me, Christ, him will his father honor. And yet in Matthew 4:10, Christ affirms the Old Testament command that thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve. Now do we think that Christ knowing and upholding the Old Testament teachings, would not tell people to serve him, and would not tell the people that God the father would honor their lives when they do serve him in direct contradiction to the

command in the Old Testament to serve only the Lord thy God? You see Jesus would never say serve me. Man is honored by God the father when man serves Christ because Christ is God. I think we're able to see that.

QUESTION 7

Which passage tells us God has passed through the Eastern Gate? Answer: _____

- A. Daniel 9:24
- B. Hosea 2:1
- C. Ezekiel 44:2
- D. Zechariah 9:10

QUESTION 8

Jesus knew the Law which said that only God should be served. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 9

Man is honored by God the Father when man serves Jesus because Jesus is God. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Only God is Holy

Let's look at some others, I think this is a good verse here, I really do, and Revelation 15:3, "And they sang the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy ways thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee oh Lord, and glorify thy name, for thou only art holy, for all nations shall come and worship before thee, for thy judgments are made manifest." Now we've got to tie this in, and let us look at Luke 1:35, "And the angel of the Lord said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee, therefore also a holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the son of God." I am just showing these two things to show you that the Son, the Son, is God and was God. Only the Lord God Almighty is holy, but the son of God is holy because he is the Lord God Almighty. And we tie those verses together, maybe some of you want to look at them a little more when you get home, but you will be able to see it, it is clear as it can be.

QUESTION 10

God is called the only Holy One in: _____

- A. Revelation 1:17
- B. Revelation 13:5
- C. Revelation 15:3
- D. Revelation 21:27

QUESTION 11

Only the Lord God Almighty is holy, but the Son of God is holy because He is the Lord God Almighty. *True or False?* Answer: _____

Topic 2 Christ The Son is The Eternal Son

Now let's look at a few of these verses, and I think there is a lot in these verses, in Genesis 1:1 it says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Okay? And then the Hebrews 1:2, "Hath in these last days spoken to us by his son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world." Jesus was the creator. Okay, so in the beginning God. By the way that word in the Hebrew God is plural, and in the Hebrew plural means three. The Trinity, no I don't understand the Trinity, no I don't explain it, but I believe in the Trinity. Oh what does it mean? Look at Colossians 1:15, "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created by him and for him. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." Now let me tell you something. Right here, contradicts totally Mr. MacArthur. Because it is talking about all the things that were created and of course it was done before Jesus was the incarnation. Who is the image, of course it was Jesus, he is the eternal son. For God so loved the world that he gave his son, you can't give your son if you don't have one, if you don't have a son until he is born, you can't give your son from up in heaven if you don't already have a son. It can't be done. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son. If Jesus was the begotten son at the incarnation, and he wasn't a son before that, then God didn't give his son. Look at Titus 3:4, "But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared." You see that one? Now listen, again, this isn't just for Jehovah's Witnesses but can you imagine what you could do with that one? Titus 3:4, if you had that marked in your Bible, boy this one would get them to have someone waiting across the street. I call this one the "cross the streeter" verses. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared. Titus 3:6, "Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior." Do you see that? You see those two being tied together so closely? But after the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man, which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior? I want us all think about how tremendous it is to think that Jesus was the creator. You know we get so excited about when man does some great accomplishments, and he builds some great building or some great bridge or some great structure, but they are so small compared to what God has done, the greatness of what God has done, and that our Jesus is the savior, he is the Creator, he is not only the one who saves you but he is our Creator. Everything he created. Sometimes I wonder why we don't have more faith, especially me, when we have a God that has an incredible, and has created so many tremendously great things.

Assignment:

Memorize Colossians 1:16-17

QUESTION 12

The Hebrew word for "God" in Genesis 1:1 is singular. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 13

Which passages tell us that Jesus created the world? (*Select all that apply.*)

Answer: _____

- A. Genesis 1:1
- B. John 1:10
- C. Mark 1:5
- D. Colossians 1:15
- E. Hebrews 1:2
- F. James 4:1

QUESTION 14

If Jesus was the begotten Son at the incarnation, and He was not the Son before that then God did not _____ his Son.

QUESTION 15

Titus 3:4 and Titus 3:6 show that _____ is our Savior and _____ is our Savior (*Select all that apply.*)

- A. Mary
- B. God
- C. Jesus
- D. The Holy Spirit

The Fullness of the Godhead

Look at Isaiah 43:11, "I even I am the Lord and beside me there is no savior." Remember that word Lord I told you capital LORD is Jehovah. So Jehovah's Witnesses would have to say that Jehovah here was Jehovah which was Jesus. Jesus is Jehovah. I think it is very important to be able to see this. Now we look at first John 5:20, "And we know the son of God has come and has given us understanding, that we may know him that in truth we are in him that is truth even the son Jesus Christ, this is the true God and eternal life." Then look at Hebrews 1:8, "But unto the son he said, thy throne of God is forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom." Now let's add this with Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord, which is and which was and which is to come, the Almighty." Boy that would be a hard one for John MacArthur to handle wouldn't it? See the son, oh God is forever. I am the Alpha and Omega the beginning and the ending, which is which was and which is to come, the Almighty, the Almighty. I think this next verse, Colossians 2:9, "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." The fullness of the Godhead bodily. Jesus was the Trinity, all God was in Jesus and yet we still have the separation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. If you can't understand the Trinity, can you, but it is there. Colossians 1:19, "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell." The fullness of the Godhead bodily, and oh what does that mean, and how great is that. First Timothy 3:16, "And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness, God was manifest in the flesh...", you can't get much clearer than that, "... justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

QUESTION 16

There is no Savior beside God. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

God Manifest in the Flesh

Jesus was God. The cult's always, always, they get off on this issue. It is very alarming to see this issue being raised among fundamentalism, of course they have gotten off on an area that they don't think is that great. I think we just need to look at this thing. God was manifest in the flesh. Look at Romans 10:9 and 10, "That if thou wilt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Again as we look at these verses and we see that Jesus was the one that was received up into glory, God was manifest in the flesh, and then Romans 10 nine, Paul quoted from the Old Testament prophets saying whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, Paul of course was speaking of the Lord Jesus because he was quoting directly out of the Old Testament. It is very important. Now let's look at Joel 2:32, "And it came to pass that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered, for in Mt. Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance as the Lord said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." So a direct quote from the Old Testament, and of course again, saying that Jesus was God. Why did the Holy Spirit give the apostle Paul the liberty to use the Old Testament verse when he speaks of Jehovah and apply it to the Lord Jesus Christ? Because the Lord Jesus Christ is Jehovah, that is the only way he could have done it. The only possible way.

QUESTION 18

The issue the cults always get off on is whether Jesus rose from the dead. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 19

Jesus was God manifest in the flesh. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 20

The Apostle Paul used Old Testament Scripture that spoke of Jehovah and applied it to Jesus. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

The Son is the Father

Now again, this next verse in Isaiah 9:6, and I tell you it's a good one, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given..." Always notice that, the child was born but the Son was given, speaking of the virgin birth. "... The government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, the Prince of peace." You say how can the son be the father? Because you can't separate the Godhead even though they're three distinct persons. You see this is where MacArthur and all of them are getting into big trouble because they are trying to totally separate the Godhead and you can't do it. Jesus is the Son, and yet it says here that he is the father. We have got three distinct persons and yet only one God. Jesus was the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Do you notice it says a Son was given? The Son was already, before he was in the womb. A Child is born, but a Son, you know why would it say that, a son was given? Because the son always has been. Micah 5:2, boy that's one of my favorite verses, you'll hear me quote that a lot, "But thou Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me who is to be ruler in Israel, who's goings forth have been from of old from everlasting." How long? Forever. How long has this been

then? Forever; he is the eternal son. You can't have an eternal father without an eternal son. Just study your Bible, take it for what it says. It is not that hard to understand. Then we wouldn't have all these people getting into all this stuff. Look at Psalm 90:2, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou has formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God." God was from everlasting, was in existence and one with God before the world was formed because Christ was God. John 17:5, "And now oh father glorify me with thine own self with the glory which I had with the before the world was." "And God said unto Moses I am that I am." I love that don't you? What is your real name? I am that I am. I have always been, I am. "And he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel I am has sent me unto you." Look at John 8:24, boy it gives me goose bumps, John 8:24, "And I said therefore unto you, that you shall die in your sins if you believe not that I am he, you shall die in your sins." Man, I am. That is our God. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Second Timothy 1:2, "To Timothy my dearly beloved son, grace mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord", referring to both.

QUESTION 21

Because they are 3 distinct persons, you can separate the members of the Godhead. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 22

Isaiah 9:6 states that Jesus is the _____.

Topic 3: The Holy Spirit is God

Look at acts 5:1, and we're almost finished, "But a certain man named Ananias, with Saphira his wife, sold a possession and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it. They brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own, and after it was sold was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this in thy heart? Thou has not lied unto man but unto God." I tell you what, there's something awful powerful right here in this one, and you've not lied unto men but unto God. Of course now we're getting into the Trinity, and he's saying the Holy Ghost is God now, and we're going to get into that a little bit more. Isn't it amazing, the Christian cannot be possessed by a demon, but they can be influenced. You know Christians that when you ever allow yourself an opening to where you are not going to agree, and you're not going to be submissive to the word of God, or you're going to use some excuse, and you're going to allow yourself an opening. You see these people weren't killed because they didn't give everything to God, it was that they said they were giving everything to God. And in the early church, it was a very serious offense, and they died, and I tell you what that shook a lot of people up. I wonder how many of us, would say, well God's not that strict and if I lied right now in church I probably wouldn't be struck dead. Well you probably wouldn't be, but I tell you what I still believe it's a serious offense to lie to God don't you? I think it's a very serious offense. Isaiah 48:16, "Come you near unto me, here you this, I have not spoken in secret from the beginning, from the time that it was, there am I in now the Lord God and his Spirit has sent me. I am trying to show you the Trinity and we're going to look at just a little bit. Job 34:4, "The Spirit of God has made me and the breath of the Almighty has given me life." We're just looking right now at the Holy Spirit is God, and we're going to end it right there, and pray that that will bless you and help you and help you to understand.

QUESTION 24

If you lie to the Holy Ghost, you are lying to God. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 25

A Christian cannot be possessed by the devil, but can be _____.

LESSON 31 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: False [Jesus has eternally existed.]

QUESTION 2: True

QUESTION 3: False [They had no doubt He was claiming to be God, and that is why they wanted to kill Him.]

QUESTION 4

B. Spirit

D. Agreement

QUESTION 5: False [The only time God shed His blood was when Jesus, as God, shed His blood.]

QUESTION 7

C. Ezekiel 44:2

QUESTION 8: True [He affirmed it in Matthew 4:10.]

QUESTION 9: True [Jesus would not tell people to do something if it contradicted the Law.]

QUESTION 10

C. Revelation 15:3

QUESTION 11: True

QUESTION 12: False [It is plural, and in Hebrew plural means three.]

QUESTION 13

A. Genesis 1:1

B. John 1:10

D. Colossians 1:15

E. Hebrews 1:2

QUESTION 14: give

QUESTION 15

B. God

C. Jesus

QUESTION 16: True [Jesus is the Savior, God in the flesh.]

QUESTION 18: False [They get off on whether Jesus was God.]

QUESTION 19: True

QUESTION 20: True [Romans 10:9-10, Joel 2:32]

QUESTION 21: False [You cannot do it.]

QUESTION 22: everlasting Father

QUESTION 24: True [The Holy Ghost is God just as Jesus is.]

QUESTION 25: influenced