

Who is
Jesus?

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- There are many views of this:
 - He's one of the persons of a Triune God
 - He is the human body that God made for Himself, manifest in the flesh.
 - He's just a man who died 2000 years ago
 - He was a prophet
 - Some say He didn't really exist and was made up
- So how do we know the truth of the matter?

Who is Jesus Christ?

- We need to understand two things first:
 - Theology vs Philosophy
 - What is the mystery of God?
- Only then can we really understand the scriptures and understand who Jesus is.

Theology vs Philosophy

- The whole Bible must be used to determine truth from fiction.
- Theology is the compiling of two or more facts found in the scriptures, and putting those facts together to reveal a specific truth.
- Philosophy is a search for understanding of doctrine by chiefly speculative rather than observational means, or an analysis of the grounds of and concepts expressing fundamental beliefs where a specific fact is not stated in the scriptures.

Theology vs Philosophy

- Philosophical practice is applied to many obscure passages in the bible where a fact is not stated, but a statement is made that does not give us a full understanding of what it means.
- This practice severely taints and corrupts the true practice of theology and can lead to beliefs that are far from the truth.

Theology vs Philosophy

- If a theological concept is based on a root of philosophy, that theology is corrupted by speculation from the very beginning and cannot be trusted as a complete truth.
- There are many obscure passages in the bible that can be understood by finding places where the same topic is mentioned and a fuller understanding is given.
- We must dismiss entirely any concept based on speculation if we find another place in the bible where there is a conflict with that philosophical concept.

Theology vs Philosophy

- If an idea cannot be proved by careful study of the scripture, then we should not trust that as a truthful doctrine because it is still a philosophical idea, rather than a theological truth.
- *Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

The mystery of God

- What and why is the mystery of God?
- The Bible is interlaced with the mystery God put there.
- It's woven throughout the scriptures.
- He did it on purpose!
- The mystery of God separates the truth seekers from the excuse seekers.

The mystery of God

- 1) To keep those who do not really want to know the truth from finding it, and to give them the excuses they want.
- 2) To retain the truth for those who seek it even when evil men twist and taint the Word with their lies in the many "versions" and manipulations of scripture.
- 3) To allow Satan to deceive those who believe not, so they don't see and hear the truth.

The mystery of God

- There are several places in the bible where God shows us that His people will understand, but others will not, it is hidden from them.
- *2 Cor 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

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- The mystery of Christ was made manifest to the saints by the gospel; the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
- *Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints...*

The mystery of God

- Paul says that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, but only for those who are in darkness, not the saints of God. We will know and expect it.
- *1 Thess 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.*

The mystery of God

- The mystery of God will be finished at the sounding of the seventh angel because the Lord will return and will set up the kingdom of God. There will no longer be any mystery at that time. When Jesus appears in the sky, every eye shall see Him, and He will be Revealed to the world. There will no longer be any mystery because the Revelation of Jesus Christ will be complete.
- *Rev 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*

The mystery of God

- The mystery of God is that He became part of His own creation by manifesting Himself as a man in the body of Jesus Christ!
- *1 Tim 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

The mystery of God

- Those that do not love God and do not have a love for the truth will not be given understanding of the mystery of the kingdom of God. It will be a mystery to them, but only a mystery to them, not a mystery to us.
- *Mark 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.*

The mystery of God

- In the final days before the return of the Lord, the wicked will not understand, but the wise, the saints of God, will understand.
- *Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand ; but the wise shall understand.*

The mystery of God

- We can understand that which is a mystery to unbelievers, by reading the bible.
- *Eph 3:4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ*
- We have to read the whole thing from cover to cover!

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- God also gave us His word for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction...
- *2 Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*
- If that's true, then why would God make it impossible for someone searching for these things to understand? No way. He did not. He gave us His word so we could understand if we sought it out.

The mystery of God

- Here's the key! You must have a love for the truth and be willing to let the Holy Spirit lead you to it. If you search for proof of the doctrine you want to believe, you'll probably find it.
- *2 Thessalonians 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

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- The mystery of God is the identity of Jesus Christ!
- This has been hid from the beginning:
- *Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:*
- True theology must be applied to understand the Word of God. The whole Bible has to be used!

Who is Jesus Christ?

- The identity of Jesus is the mystery of God
- Let's apply additional theology to this question!
- Jesus is the "divine expression" (the word) of God. (John 1:1) He is the image of the invisible God (Col 1:15). It is by Him and for Him that all things were made.
- He is the human body that God made for Himself.

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- Jesus said; John 4:24 God is a Spirit...
- And Jesus is the body where God dwells:
 - Col 2:9 For in him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4 ... Christ, who is the image of God
 - Hebrews 1:3 (Jesus is) ... the express image of his (God's) person
 - Colossians 1:15 (Jesus) Who is the image of the invisible God

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- God is Jesus, and Jesus is God. The Father is the Holy Spirit which dwells within Jesus. Jesus is the human body God created for Himself!
- Jesus said:
- *John 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.*

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- 1 Tim 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.
- John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word (Greek: Logos = Divine Expression), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; ... 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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- Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, ... and his name shall be called ... The mighty God, The everlasting Father
- Matt 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
- Jesus said; Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. ... 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
- John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?
- Jesus said; John 10:30 I and my Father are one.

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- A child will be born (prophecy of Jesus)
- He will be called “the mighty God”, “the everlasting Father”, “God with us” (prophecy of Jesus)
- God was manifest in the flesh (Jesus)
- The Word was God and became flesh (Jesus)
- I am He who lives and was dead, the Almighty. (words of Jesus)
- Jesus said, “Before Abraham was, I am.”
- Jesus said, “He that has seen me, has seen the Father.”
- Jesus said, “I and my Father are one.”

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- *John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.*
- Thomas, one of the disciples who knew Jesus, called Him God!
- *Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*
- The Apostle Paul called Jesus, “the great God”.
- *Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*
- The blood of Jesus is the blood of God!

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- *Heb 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*
- God called Jesus God!
- God is Jesus
- Jesus is God

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- So, why???
- Jesus did things as a man!
- Jesus talked about the Father!
- Jesus prayed!
- Remember true theology...
- We cannot ignore the scriptures we just read.
- The next video will go deep to answer these.
- www.bibleprophecyandtruth.com/truth/OneGod

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