## Is Jesus God?

When on earth, Jesus never claimed to be God or allowed his disciples to believe that he was God. He finds being worshipped displeasing, distasteful and blasphemous. This belief, based partially on the teaching about Jesus' supernatural virgin birth through being begotten by the Holy Spirit, has been interpolated into the Bible without Jesus' authority and is doing God's cause much harm. Those who believe that Jesus is God and worship him lack true knowledge and are disobeying God the Father. Many may have become believers in and worshippers of the Father and followers of Jesus' teachings, were it not for this injurious doctrine.

During his earthly life, Jesus was not worshipped as God, but was considered the son of God in that he was entrusted with the truths of the Father, as well as divine powers. His mission was to proclaim to humanity God's truths and show them the way to the Love of the Father. He was born like all humans, and only differed in that he possessed the Love of God to such extent that he was free from sin and the evils of human nature. He was God's instrument leading humans to God. As "the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6), his teachings and example would enable people to find eternal life and immortality through the Divine Love transforming their souls as it had transformed Jesus' soul.

Jesus is a son of God in the same way that those who have received the Divine Love in their souls are children of God and instruments in bringing others to a union with the Father. The only difference is in the degree of spiritual development, in which Jesus exceeds his brothers and sisters. Like all humans, Jesus came from the spirit world to earth and took the form of a mortal man, but he did not become God or equal with God – only a son of his heavenly Father.

Jesus was the only son of God who became vested with the Divine Love to the extent of being wholly free from sin and error. All others have "inherited" a nature, which while originally created good, has through various factors of the mortal life become subject to sin. Yet, all humans have the potential of becoming God's children like Jesus by following his teachings and undergoing soul transformation through the Divine Love and thus become free from sin. Jesus is the firstborn or first-fruits of those who "rise from the dead", that is achieve the true resurrection and immortality (Acts 26:23; Col 1:18; 1 Cor 15:20, 23).

The Trinity is another false doctrine that has over the centuries become widely accepted. In contrast to its teaching, there is only one God, the Father. No other God exists besides Him or is to be worshipped.

Jesus should be loved, and his presence, love, help and influence longed for, but he should not be worshipped. It also needs to be understood that the love of Jesus cannot transform a human soul into divine substance. This transforming Love can come only from the Father, and is bestowed through the medium of the Holy Spirit. So in loving Jesus and desiring to become like him, humans must seek the greater Love of the Father, and give to Him all their soul's longings and desires for the inflowing of this Love into their souls. The more they receive of the Divine Love, the better able they will be to love their dear brother, Jesus.

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