

# Christmas Is Jesus (Is Jesus Jehovah? )

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*Colin Peckham's sermon affirms the divinity of Jesus Christ through scriptural evidence and theological implications.*

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## Description

Colin Peckham delves into the doctrine of the Person of Christ, emphasizing its vulnerability to Satanic attacks and its crucial role in the biblical plan of salvation. By examining Old Testament passages and their direct application to Jesus in the New Testament, it becomes evident that Jesus of Nazareth is identified with Yahweh or Jehovah of the Old Testament. Various titles, self-designations, and divine attributes attributed to God in the Old Testament are also applied to Jesus, solidifying the truth that Jesus is God incarnate.

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## Transcript

The doctrine of the Person of Christ has ever been and will ever be at the forefront of Satanic attack. If Jesus Christ is not God the biblical plan of salvation crumbles. Is it possible to prove from the Scriptures that Jesus of Nazareth is Yahweh or Jehovah of the Old Testament? What light shines from the Old Testament to indicate this?

When the Old Testament was translated from Hebrew into Greek in about 250 B.C., the translation was called the Septuagint (LXX). In it the sacred name of God YHWH, usually rendered Yahweh or Jehovah was translated into the Greek word Kyrios (Lord). There are almost 7000 instances of this. This sacred and exalted title was attributed directly to Jesus (Rom. 10:9; I Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:11 etc.) Indeed the confession Jesus is Lord is probably the earliest confession of faith.

Because early Christians refused to say "Caesar is Lord" they were martyred. They understood well the implications of applying that word to Jesus.

When Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God," it must be remembered that Thomas was a confirmed monotheist. He knew only one Lord and one God, and for him to apply that title to Jesus meant that he was identifying the YHWH of the Old Testament with the Jesus of the New.

On several occasion New Testament writers apply Old Testament passages concerning Yahweh directly to Jesus. "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of teh LORD shall be

delivered...." (Isaiah 2:32). This is applied to Jesus in Romans 10:13. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

"Unto me ever knee shall bow and every tongue shall swear" (Isaiah 45:23). This is applied to Jesus in Phil. 2:9-11. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and that every tongue should confess..."

"I heard the voice of Jesus saying....Lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart (Isaiah 6:8-10). This is applied to Jesus in John 12:40, 41, "These things saith Esaias when he saw His glory and spake of Him."

"Thou hast ascended on high, thou has led captivity captive: thou has received gifts for men" (Psalm 68:18). This is applied to Jesus in Eph. 4:8, "Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." These passages clearly identify Jesus with Yahweh.

Another link is provided by the self-designations of God appropriated by Jesus or referred to Him. Supremely significant is the I AM of Yahweh (Exodus 3:14). It is applied to Jesus in the New Testament. "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58); "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35); "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12); "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25); "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6); see also Mark 12: 61, 62.

Another is the Bridegroom. "As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee" (Isaiah 62:5). Jesus asked "Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?" (Mark 2:19). John the Baptist said, "the friend of the bridegroom....rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled" (John 3:29). "The marriage of the Lamb is ready." (Revelation 19:7)

The word "shepherd" is applied both to Jehovah and to Jesus. "The LORD is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel" (Psalm 80:1). This is applied to Jesus in the New Testament. "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11). "Our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep" (Hebrews 13:20).

The term "the first and the last" refers to both Yahweh and Jesus. "I the LORD, the first and the last; I am he" (Isaiah 41:4). "Thus saith the LORD, the king of Israel...I am the first and I am the last; and beside me there is no God (Isaiah 44:6). "I am the first, I also am the last" (Isaiah 48:12). This title refers to Jesus in the New Testament. "Fear not, I am the first and the last" (Revelation 1:17); "These things saith the first and the last, which was dead and is alive" (Revelation 2:8); "I am...the first and the last...Jesus have sent mine angel..." (Revelation 22:13, 16).

The Alpha and Omega is yet another. It refers to God in Revelation 1:8, "I am Alpha and Omega....the Almighty" but in Revelation 22:13, the title refers to Jesus, "I am Alpha and Omega...Jesus" (Revelation 22:13, 16).

Note also the Divine Attributes which are applied to Jesus. His eternity is seen in Micah 5:2 "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah...out of thee shall he come forth...whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." If He is everlasting, He was not created.

His omnipotence is seen in creation. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). We also read that "all things were made by Him" (Jesus) (John 1:3). God and Jesus are identified in creating all things.

His immutability is observed. "The heavens...shall perish, but thou shalt endure...Thou art the same and thy years have no end" (Ps. 102:25-27). This scripture which is here applied to God, is applied to Jesus in Heb. 1:3-12, "Unto the Son He saith...thou art the same."

The prophecy of Is. 7:14 is highly significant, "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Immanuel means "God with us"! This is confirmed in the prophesy to Mary, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee, therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

The final blow to these modern Arians, the Jehovah's Witnesses, comes in the magnificent statement in Is. 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." No amount of wriggling or spiritual gymnastics can explain that away. Here Christ is called "the mighty God, the everlasting Father." What more proof do we need?

The staggering truth is unfolded: Jesus, the man who walked the streets of Nazareth and died on Calvary, is to be identified with Yahweh, the Creator-redeemer, God Almighty. Jesus is God.

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