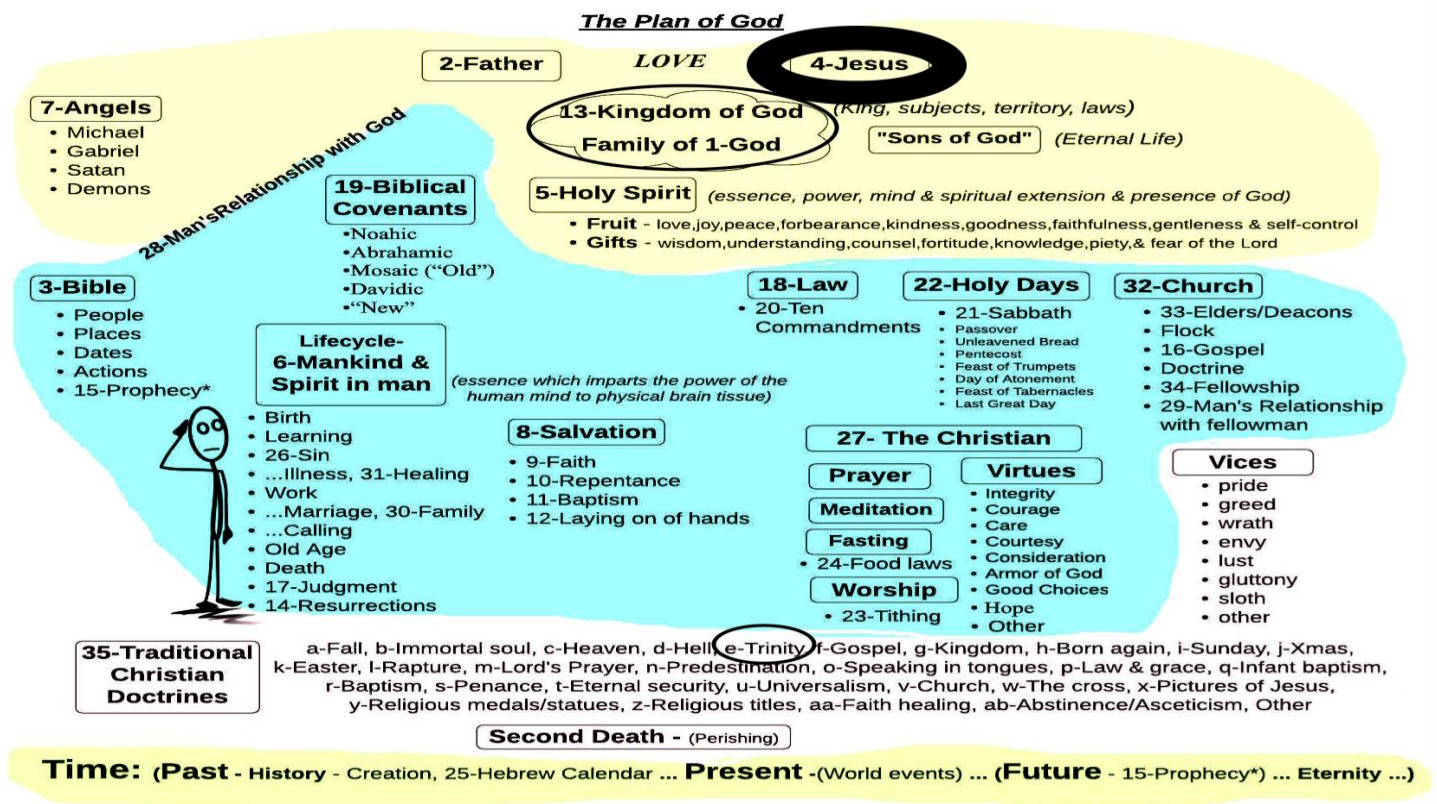


# The Truth about Jesus

**Jer 9:23-24** Thus says the LORD:  
 "Let not the **wise man** glory in his wisdom,  
 Let not the **mighty man** glory in his might,  
 Nor let the **rich man** glory in his riches;  
 But let him who glories glory in this,  
 That he **understands and knows Me**,  
 That I am the LORD,  
 exercising lovingkindness, judgment, & righteousness in the earth.  
 For in these I delight," says the LORD.

**Jer 31:34** No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, '**Know the LORD**,' for **they all shall know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

**CGI Statement of Beliefs - *Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of God, and the Son of Man. He was the prophesied Messiah of the Old Testament and is described in the New Testament as being fully human and fully divine. As the second member of the God family, He has existed throughout eternity as the "Word." He divested Himself of this power and His majesty, and became a human being to die for the sins of all mankind as our loving and merciful Savior. After three days and three nights, He was resurrected to immortality. He ascended to heaven to become our High Priest and will, at some undisclosed date, return to establish the Kingdom of God on earth and rule as King of Kings with His saints forever.***



## Jesus is ... misunderstood...

**Matthew 11:2-3** And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, '**Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?**'

**John 7:12** And there was **much complaining among the people concerning Him**. Some said, 'He is good'; others said, 'No, on the contrary, He deceives the people.'

**John 9:16** Therefore some of the Pharisees said, '**This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.**' Others said, '**How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?**' And there was a division among them.

**John 10:19-21** Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. And many of them said, '**He has a demon & is mad**. Why do you listen to Him?' Others said, 'These are not the words of one who has a demon. **Can a demon** open the eyes of the blind?'

## What “we know” (our understanding) that some others “don’t know”!

### 1. Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ,

Mat 16:13-17 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

Mat 16:14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Mat 16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

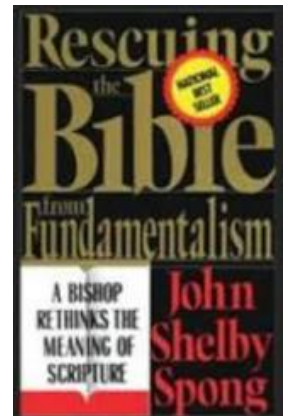
Mat 16:16 Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ**, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

The word “**Christ**” is a Greek word, Christos, signifying “**anointed**.” The Hebrew word, mîshîyach, signifying the same is “**Messiah**.” Hence, Jesus is called either the Messiah, or the Christ, meaning the same thing. The **Jews** speak of the **Messiah**; **Christians** speak of him as the **Christ**. In ancient times, when kings and priests were set apart to their office, they were anointed with oil, Lev\_4:3; Lev\_6:20; Exo\_28:41; Exo\_29:7; 1Sa\_9:16; 1Sa\_15:1; 2Sa\_23:1. He was set apart by God to be the King, and High Priest, and Prophet of his people. Anointing with oil is symbolic of the influences of the Holy Spirit; and since God gave him the Spirit without measure (John 3:34), so He is especially called “the Anointed of God.”

### Others believe differently ...

- Jews believe Jesus did not fulfill messianic prophecies that establish the criteria for the coming of the messiah
- Atheists & other religions don't believe he existed. Even liberal ministers in mainstream Christian churches don't believe the Bible as being historically accurate -- THAT has been discussed in Seminaries for more than 50 years!?! -- eg Bill Phipps 1997 moderator of the United Church of Canada & his revelations to the Ottawa Citizen & Shelby Spong, Anglican minister & author.



## 2. the Son of God,

**Joh 14:28** You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

**Mat 3:16-17** When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; & behold, the heavens were opened to Him, & He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. & suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

### Others believe differently ...

eg. Jews, Atheists, other religions, & Liberal Christians

Some believe Jesus was a "historical figure" ... but **only** a man - no miracles, no divinity

## 3. and the Son of Man.

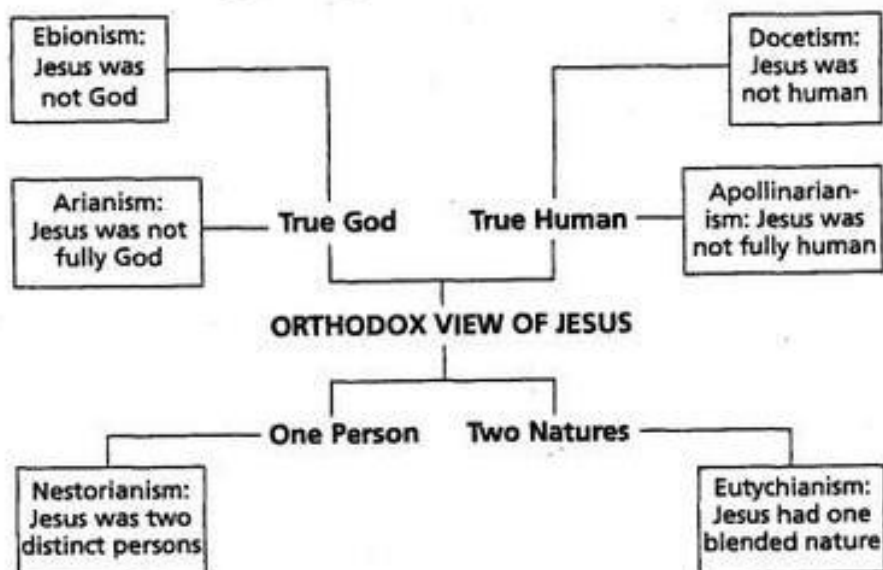
Jesus was **fully human** since ... He was born to a human mother (Matthew 1:25), He experienced hunger (Matthew 21:18) and thirst (John 19:28). Jesus also experienced temptation (Matthew 4:1) pain and suffering (Matthew 16:21), and He died (Matthew (27:50)

### Others believe differently ...

**Docetism** is the heretical belief that Jesus only *seemed to be human*, and that his human form was an illusion

**Apollinarianism** is the heresy that Jesus had a human body but a divine mind and not a human rational mind

**Figure 3. The Six Basic Heresies Regarding the Person of Christ**



#### 4. He was the prophesied Messiah of the Old Testament

**Joh 4:25-26** The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." **Jesus said** to her, "I who speak to you am He."

48 Old Testament Verses About Jesus as Messiah		
Prophecies of Jesus	Old Testament Scripture	New Testament Fulfillment
1 Messiah would be born of a woman.	Genesis 3:15	Matthew 1:20 Galatians 4:4
2 Messiah would be born in <u>Bethlehem</u> .	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1 Luke 2:4-6
3 Messiah would be <u>born of a virgin</u> .	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23 Luke 1:26-31
4 Messiah would come from the line of <u>Abraham</u> .	Genesis 12:3 Genesis 22:18	Matthew 1:1 Romans 9:5
5 Messiah would be a descendant of <u>Isaac</u> .	Genesis 17:19 Genesis 21:12	Luke 3:34
6 Messiah would be a descendant of Jacob.	Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:2
7 Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah.	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33 Hebrews 7:14
8 Messiah would be heir to <u>King David's throne</u> .	2 Samuel 7:12-13 Isaiah 9:7	Luke 1:32-33 Romans 1:3
9 Messiah's throne will be anointed and eternal.	Psalms 45:6-7 Daniel 2:44	Luke 1:33 Hebrews 1:8-12
10 Messiah would be called <u>Immanuel</u> .	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
11 Messiah would spend a season in Egypt.	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14-15
12 A massacre of children would happen at Messiah's birthplace.	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
13 A messenger would prepare the way for Messiah.	Isaiah 40:3-5	Luke 3:3-6
14 Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner.	Malachi 3:1	Matthew 11:10
15 Messiah would be rejected by his own people.	Psalms 69:8 Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11 John 7:5
16 Messiah would be a prophet.	Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:20-22
17 Messiah would be preceded by <u>Elijah</u> .	Malachi 4:5-6	Matthew 11:13-14
18 Messiah would be declared the <u>Son of God</u> .	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:16-17
19 Messiah would be called a Nazarene.	Isaiah 11:1	Matthew 2:23
20 Messiah would bring light to <u>Galilee</u> .	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:13-16
21 Messiah would speak in <u>parables</u> .	Psalms 78:2-4 Isaiah 6:9-10	Matthew 13:10-15, 34-35
22 Messiah would be sent to heal the brokenhearted.	Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:18-19
23 Messiah would be a priest after the order of Melchizedek.	Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 5:5-6

24	Messiah would be called King.	Psalm 2:6 Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 27:37 Mark 11:7-11
25	Messiah would enter Jerusalem on a donkey.	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 21:4-5
26	Messiah would be praised by little children.	Psalm 8:2	Matthew 21:16
27	Messiah would be betrayed.	Psalm 41:9 Zechariah 11:12-13	Luke 22:47-48 Matthew 26:14-16
28	Messiah's price money would be used to buy a potter's field.	Zechariah 11:12-13	Matthew 27:9-10
29	Messiah would be falsely accused.	Psalm 35:11	Mark 14:57-58
30	Messiah would be silent before his accusers.	Isaiah 53:7	Mark 15:4-5
31	Messiah would be spat upon and struck.	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
32	Messiah would be hated without cause.	Psalm 35:19 Psalm 69:4	John 15:24-25
33	Messiah would be <u>crucified</u> with criminals.	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38 Mark 15:27-28
34	Messiah would be given vinegar to drink.	Psalm 69:21	Matthew 27:34 John 19:28-30
35	Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced.	Psalm 22:16 Zechariah 12:10	John 20:25-27
36	Messiah would be mocked and ridiculed.	Psalm 22:7-8	Luke 23:35
37	Soldiers would gamble for Messiah's garments.	Psalm 22:18	Luke 23:34 Matthew 27:35-36
38	Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
39	Messiah's bones would not be broken.	Exodus 12:46 Psalm 34:20	John 19:33-36
40	Messiah would be forsaken by God.	Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46
41	Messiah would pray for his enemies.	Psalm 109:4	Luke 23:34
42	Soldiers would pierce Messiah's side.	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
43	Messiah would be buried with the rich.	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
44	Messiah would <u>resurrect from the dead</u> .	Psalm 16:10 Psalm 49:15	Matthew 28:2-7 Acts 2:22-32
45	Messiah would <u>ascend to heaven</u> .	Psalm 24:7-10	Mark 16:19 Luke 24:51
46	Messiah would be seated at God's right hand.	Psalm 68:18 Psalm 110:1	Mark 16:19 Matthew 22:44
47	Messiah would be a sacrifice for sin.	Isaiah 53:5-12	Romans 5:6-8
48	Messiah would return a second time.	Daniel 7:13-14	Revelation 19

**Others believe differently ...**

eg. Jews, Atheists, other religions, & Liberal Christians

Some claim Jesus did things on purpose to “fulfil” these scriptures as part of a hoax ... but many of them he had no control over ... to create a “fake fulfilment” eg place of birth

5. & is described in the New Testament as being fully human & fully divine.

**Joh 20:25-29** The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "**My Lord and my God!**" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**Col 2:9** For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

**Others believe differently ...**

All sorts of ideas...

Jesus was only human (because they don't believe in miracles or spirit),

Jesus was only Spirit (Because flesh is wicked & sinful & so God could never be flesh)

Jesus never existed (they need "proof")

6. As the second member of the God family,

**1Ti 2:5-6** For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time

**Joh\_14:28** ... My Father is greater than I.

**Eph 1:1-2** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, & faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you & peace from **God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ** (... no Trinity or mention of the Holy Spirit in Paul's greetings)

**Rom\_8:29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the **firstborn among many brethren.**



**Others believe differently ...**

Mainstream Christianity

believes in a Trinity

Unitarians believe ... **only** the Father is God

Atheists, other religions have radically different beliefs



# Logos

## 7. He has existed throughout eternity as the "Word."

**Joh 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

...

**Joh 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only

begotten of the Father, full of grace & truth.

...

**Joh 1:17-18** For the law was given through Moses, but grace & truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

**Gen 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea..."

**Joh 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

### Others believe differently ...

Arians (like Jehovah's Witnesses) believe Jesus is a created being (a small "g" god) hence their Bible says ... John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god

## 8. He divested Himself of this power and His majesty, & became a human being

**Php 2:5-11** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Php 2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Php 2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Php 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Php 2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

Php 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Php 2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

### Others believe differently ...

eg. Jews, Atheists, other religions, & Liberal Christians

9. to die for the sins of all mankind as our loving and merciful Savior.

**Joh 1:29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

**Mar 10:45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Others believe differently ...

There are many models of how Jesus' atones for our sin (eg He taught Truth, He was a moral example, etc) ... lots of **human ideas & reasoning**

The Jews believe in repentance but do not recognise ...

**Heb\_10:4** For it is not possible that the blood of bulls & goats could take away sins. These sacrifices point to the need for Jesus' sacrifice.



10. After three days and three nights,

**Mat 12:39-40** But He answered & said to them, "An evil & adulterous generation seeks after a sign, & no sign will be given to it **except** the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was **three days & three nights** in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be **three days & three nights** in the heart of the earth.

Others believe differently ...

Most Christians believe from Good Friday to Easter Sunday is "**parts of**" 3 days & 3 nights.

Jews, Atheists, other religions, & Liberal Christians don't believe he died or was in the grave for 3 days & 3 nights

11. He was resurrected to immortality.

**Mat 28:1-6** Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And **the guards shook** for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **He is not here; for He is risen**, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

**1Co 15:3-8** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, & that **He was buried**, & that **He rose again** the third day according to the Scriptures, & that **He was seen** by Cephas, then by the twelve.



After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

### *Others believe differently ...*

eg. Jews, Atheists, other religions, & Liberal Christians

**Mat 28:11-15** Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "**Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.'**" And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him & make you secure." So they took the money & did as they were instructed; & this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

## 12. He ascended to heaven

**Act 1:9-11** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, & a cloud received Him out of their sight. & while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

**1Pe 3:21-22** ... through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven & is at the right hand of God, angels & authorities & powers having been made subject to Him

### *Others believe differently ...*

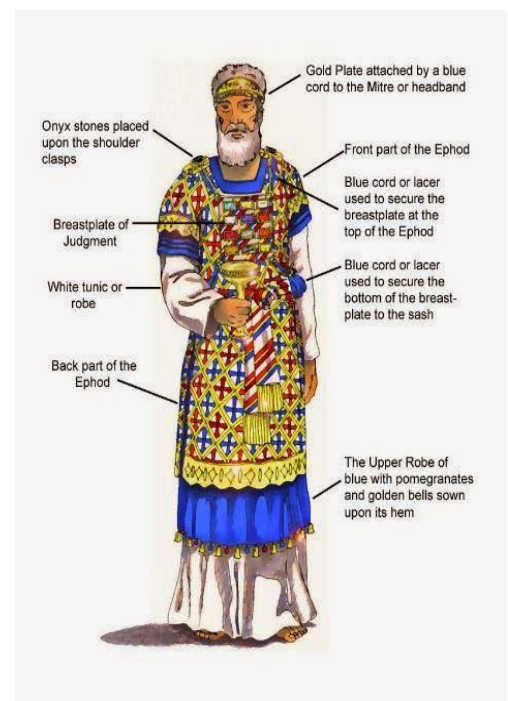
eg. Jews, Atheists, other religions, & Liberal Christians

## 13. to become our High Priest

**Heb 4:14-16** Seeing then that we have a great **High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus** the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a **High Priest** who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### *Others believe differently ...*

eg. Jews, Atheists, other religions, & Liberal Christians



#### 14. and will, at some undisclosed date, return

Mar 13:32 "But of that day & hour (*for Jesus' return*) no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

#### Others believe differently ...

Christians have all sorts of beliefs about the Second Coming. Some believe it **already happened** in some way or another. Some believe that it is more **symbolic** than anything else. Many cults have decided the whole thing is a **puzzle** and that they have it all figured out. They slice and dice bits of scripture and reassemble them to create different scenarios peculiar to their cult. Some are **post-millennial**, and others are **pre-millennial**. Some believe in one sort of **rapture** or another. They come up with different dates for the rapture or the Second Coming. Some groups believe they are the same thing. Some have Jesus coming **back and forth time after time** to fulfill literally different scriptures. Then there is everything in between. You can buy Bibles with more footnotes than text in order to support a chosen scenario.

#### 15. to establish the Kingdom of God on earth



Mar\_1:14-15 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the **gospel of the kingdom of God**, & saying, "The time is fulfilled, & the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent, & believe** in the gospel."

**Luk 12:31-32** But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

#### Others believe differently ...

- 3<sup>rd</sup> century Origen is the first person on record promoting an **allegorical** explanation
- Augustine (AD 354-430) identified **the Church with the Kingdom of God** & maintained that the millennial age had **already come**

#### 16. and rule as King of Kings with His saints forever.

**Rev 19:11** Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful & True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

...

**Rev 19:16** & He has on His robe & on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS.

**Heb 10:35-38** Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE WHO IS COMING **WILL COME** AND WILL NOT TARRY. NOW THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; BUT IF ANYONE **DRAWS BACK**, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM."

**Isa 9:7** Of the increase of His government and peace There will be **no end**, Upon the throne of David and over His **kingdom**, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice **From that time forward, even forever.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

**Others believe differently ...**

Some believe they waft around heaven playing a harp ... or stare (in bliss) at the face of God forever

I was surprised our “tiny doctrinal statement about Jesus” did not mention ...

- His miracles - Healings
- His miracles - Casting out demons
- His interactions with women
- His being Lord of the Sabbath
- His being central to each of the Holy Days
- more of His roles & purposes (eg replace Satan as ruler of Earth, building a church, etc)
- His battles with religious leaders
- His love for children & the oppressed
- His miraculous birth
- His Spiritual practises
- His views on mankind leading to the structure of His Church
- His respect for written scripture, Torah & the Law



Yet ...

**Joh 21:25** & there are **also many other things that Jesus did**, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written!

**In conclusion ...** In a world where so many do **not** know -- AND DO NOT WANT TO KNOW the REAL Jesus ... Scripture tells us to be ready for those who come to us “eager to learn” ... and not with an agenda to try to “teach us”

**1Pet 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, & **always be ready** to give a **defense** (KJV-**answer**) to everyone who asks you a **reason for the hope** that is in you, with meekness & fear



### The Seven Declarations of Jesus

From time to time, we must check our priorities and be sure we have them in order, or we can't be considered true followers of Christ. If we choose to love our own lives more than



### Who, What, is God?

Of all the theological questions that evoked controversy in the ancient "universal church," none was more hotly debated than the question "Who, and What, Is God?" Today, the q



### Is Jesus Really God?

The issue of the deity of Jesus Christ has been hotly debated for centuries. It was an Alexandrian theologian named Arius who popularized the view that the preincarnate Ch



### Christ in the Old Testament

The famous eunuch from Ethiopia was reading from the scroll of Isaiah when Phillip was sent to him. Within only a few hours, the eunuch asked to be baptized. He had learned about

