**“DECLARING HIS DEITY”**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1) scripture – Matthew 16:13-16…

2) There have been various “views” as to **whom** or **what** was this “Christ”.

 -a. here in Matt. 16: we have some, among the crowds, thinking He was

 one of the great prophets.. Elijah, Jeremiah, John who had been killed

 -b. the woman at the well in Samaria stated that..

 “Sir, I perceive you are a prophet” – John 4:19

 -c. In I John, some there(John’s days) were stating that Christ

 “was not real”, rather a phantom(ghost)

 because they believed..

 -a. God is perfect, sinless

 -b. humanity/flesh is completely evil

 -c. SO Christ could not have been a real human

 In other words God(purity) could not take on human flesh(evil)

 **Docetism**

 This heresy taught that Jesus only "appeared" to have a physical body.

 They believed Jesus was a spirit with no real physical substance who

 *“ left no footprints when He walked.”*

 -d. **Cerinthianism** –( basic church history) belief that “Jesus” and “Christ” were

 *“two different beings”.*

Cerinthus was an opponent of John in Ephesus. Cerinthus represented Jesus as having not been born of a virgin, but as being the son of Joseph and Mary....while he nevertheless was more righteous, prudent, and wiser than any other men. Moreover, after his baptism, Christ descended upon him in the form of a dove from the Supreme Ruler...But at last Christ departed from Jesus, and that then Jesus suffered (died on the cross) and rose again.

 -a. so Christ came upon Jesus “for a while”

 -b. then Christ “left Jesus” before his suffering and death

3) Although many will strive to “deny the deity” of Jesus Christ,

 nothing can change what scripture establishes..

 John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word

 and the Word was with God

 and the Word was God

4) Many different “beliefs” exist, but from the scriptures we are

 taught concerning the truth about Jesus Christ.

 -a. understanding the scriptures are “inspired of by God” - II Tim.3:16-17

 -b. herein is the authority that sets forth that which we MUST UPHOLD -II Tim.1:13

**THOUGHTS:**

**(I) WORSHIP OF JESUS PROVES HIS DEITY**

 (A) “worship” defined:

 -a. our word **“worship”** comes from the old English word **“worthship”,**

 a word setting forth the worthiness of the one being honored/reverenced

 -b. reverent devotion and allegiance being pledged to God

 -c. ceremonies/activities which express this devotion are demonstrated

 (B) In the scriptures, the Greek language sets forth:

 -a. ***proskuneo*** (proskune/w, NT:4352), "to make obeisance, do reverence to"

 (from pros, "towards," and kuneo, "to kiss"), is the most frequent word rendered "to worship."

 It is used of an act of homage or reverence

 -b. ***sebomai*** (se/bomai, NT:4576), "to revere," stressing the feeling of awe or devotion, is used of

 "worship" (a) to God, Matt 15:9; Mark 7:7; Acts 16:14; 18:7,13; (b) to a goddess, Acts 19:27

 NOTE: while “proskuneo” sets forth the ***outward*** respect/reverence by

 bending down/bowing

 “sebomai” sets forth the ***inner*** respect of devotion/ standing in awe

 (C) Only God is to be worshipped

 -a. although man may worship/give allegiance to “physical things”

 money

 sports/activities

 people resulting in sin

 false gods worshipping the

 “god of this world”

 II Cor.4:4

 “many idols” (objects of worship) are in this world

 -b. ONLY GOD is to be worshipped

 -1. as Satan tempted Christ -Matt.4:10.. Lk.4:8….

 Christ set forth/established that we are to ”worship ONLY God”

 -2. Acts 14:9-ff

 -1. A man was healed

 -2. The people seek top offer sacrifices unto them saying “they are gods”

 -3. Paul refuses, stating they are just “men”

 -3. John seeks to offer to an angel – Rev.19:10…22:8-9 ----------- “worship God!”

 “angel worship” being unauthorized before God-Col.2:18

 -4. Acts10:25-26

 -5. It is “sinful” to worship:

 -a-. physical creatures – Rom.1:25

 -b-. mankind

 -c-. angelic beings

 -d-. physical possessions, items – Col.3:5

 -c. From the scriptures, we are taught that we are to **“ONLY WORSHIP GOD”,**

 For ONLY God is worthy

 -1. acceptable worship is **offered to** and **received by** GOD ALONE

 (D) Jesus **WAS** and **ACCEPTED** worship

 -1. From His birth, worship was offered – Matt.2:11 (*proskeuno*)

 -2. Matt.14:33 “worshiped Him’ – (*proskeuno*)

 -3. John 9:38

 -4. Hebrews 1:6 *“…let all the angels of God worship Him…”*

 -5.Matt.28:9,17

 -6. Luke 24:52 *“and they, after worshipping Him..”*

 -f. If it is a FACT that Christ **was** and **did accept** WORSHIP

 **EITHER**

 1) He sinned

 **OR**

 2) Jesus Christ IS God

 -g. NOW, we know Christ did not sin – Hebrews 4:15

 I John 3:5

 I Peter 1:19

 (E) Whatever man may decide, believe, come up with , or teach.

 They cannot change the FACT that Christ,

 is God,

 who was worshipped.

(F) Christ ***“was offered”*** and ***“accepted”*** worship – Matthew 28:9

  *This is important because there are those who deny the*[*deity of Christ*](https://www.gotquestions.org/deity-of-Christ.html)*, relegating Him instead to a* ***lesser position than God.*** *Yes, Jesus accepted worship. As the second Person of the Trinity, He was and still is worshiped.*

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**(II) WORK OF JESUS PROVES HIS DEITY**

 (A) Genesis 1:1-fff

 -a. God created the heavens and the earth

 -b. God called into existence the physical creations

 -c. There was a time when **NOTHING PHYSICAL** existed

 this world, plants, sun , moon, animals, man ... ONLY GOD

 **NO OTHER SPIRITUAL BEINGS** existed

 no heavenly entities ,no angelic beings … ONLY GOD

 -d. although we do not know ***when?***,

 -1. We know God created the heavenly hosts, angels(heavenly beings)

 -a-. Psa.148:1-6…. angels, sun, moon, stars…

 “for He commanded and they were created”

 -b-. Neh.9:6 “you made the hosts of heaven..

 and the hosts bow down to You…”

 But, they had been created before the time when God chose to

 bring this world into existence—Job 38:6-7

 “when the corner stone(of this world) was laid they shouted for joy”

 -c-. so the “hosts of heaven had been created “at some time” earlier,

 *“the heavenly spiritual beings rejoiced at the creation of the physical/material items”*

 -e. then, there was a beginning

 -1-. Gen.1:1 – “in the beginning”

 -2-. Matt.19:4 “from the beginning He made them male and female

 -3-. Heb.1:10 “in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth”

 NOTE; the “beginning” was the start of all the physical, material items

 1) God started His creation of all that exists in this physical world

 -1-. Genesis 1:1… By the word of God, “things” came into existence

 -2-. Psalms 33:6, 9

 -3-. Hebrews 11:3

 “by faith we understand that the world was framed by the word of God”

 (B) EVERYTHING that exists in the **heavenly realm**

 And was created by “**God”**

 in this **physical world**

 **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* GOD CREATED ALL THINGS THAT EXIST\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

 -a. then we read in Colossians 1:16(of Christ)

 [**16**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-16/) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and 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:

 -b. to this agrees - John in John 1:3

 “All things were made by him; and without him was

 not any thing made that was made.”

 -c. to this agrees - Hebrews 1:2

 “In these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed

 heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds”

 -d. to this agrees - in Hebrews 1:8-10

 (context is God the Father magnifying the Son’s importance to weak Christians)

 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.[**9**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-1-9/) Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.[**10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-1-10/) And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

 -e. and so simply, we read in John 1:10

 [10](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-1-10/) He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

 (C) As we compare Gen. 1:1 .. “in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

 So equal to that is

 Col.1:16 . “for by Him were all things created”

 (D) It was the Fathers will for the creation to come to pass,

 And it was **thru Christ** that all things were created.

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**(III) BIBLICIAL NAMES PROVE JESUS IS DEITY**

 (A) A person is known by their name unto others,

 **AND** “positions”/”offices” tell of a person as well..

 -1. Cornelius was a centurion – Acts 10:1

 -2. Judas became a traitor – Luke 6:16

 -3. Timothy was the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer -Acts 16:1

 AND

 -4. Christ is called “GOD” by the “Heavenly Father –

 Hebrews 1:8…

 *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:*

 *a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.*

 (B) By the inspired scriptures...

 **CHRIST -- IS -- CALLED -- GOD**

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**CONCLUSION:**

1) let us as well say concerning Jesus the Christ,

 as Thomas stated… John 20:28… **“My Lord and my God”**