

If Jesus Is God, then why....?

If Jesus is God, then why is he called the “firstborn of all creation”?

(Colossians 1:15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

(Revelation 3:14) “And to the angel of the congregation in La-o-di-ce’a write: These are the things that the Amen says, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation by God,

If Jesus is God, then why did he say that he did not come of his “own initiative”, but was sent? Who sent him?

(John 8:42) Jesus said to them: “If God were YOUR Father, YOU would love me, for from God I came forth and am here. Neither have I come of my own initiative at all, but that One sent me forth.

(1 John 4:9) By this the love of God was made manifest in our case, because God sent forth his only-begotten Son into the world that we might gain life through him.

If Jesus is God, then why did Jesus not know the “day and the hour” of the Great Tribulation, but God did?

(Matthew 24:36) ³⁶ “Concerning that day and hour nobody knows, neither the angels of the heavens nor the Son, but only the Father.

To whom did Jesus speak in prayer if he was God? Did he speak to himself when he asked for help and strength from God?

(John 17:6-8) ⁶ “I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have observed your word. ⁷ They have now come to know that all the things you gave me are from you; ⁸ because the sayings that you gave me I have given to them, and they have received them and have certainly come to know that I came out as your representative, and they have believed that you sent me forth.

Jesus “appeared before the person of God for us”. How did he do that if he is God?

(Hebrews 9:24) ²⁴ For Christ entered, not into a holy place made with hands, which is a copy of the reality, but into heaven itself, now to appear before the person of God for us.

Why did Jesus say “the Father is Greater than I am”?

(John 14:28) YOU heard that I said to YOU, I am going away and I am coming [back] to YOU. If YOU loved me, YOU would rejoice that I am going my way to the Father, because the Father is greater than I am.

(Philippians 2:5-6) Keep this mental attitude in YOU that was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although he was existing in God’s form, gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God.

Who spoke to Jesus at the time of his baptism saying “this is my son”?

(Matthew 3:17) ¹⁷ Look! Also, there was a voice from the heavens that said: “This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved.”

How could he be exalted to a superior position if he was God? Can you exalt the one who is already the highest?

(Philippians 2:9-10) ⁹ For this very reason also God exalted him to a superior position and kindly gave him the name that is above every [other] name, ¹⁰ so that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground,

(Note: it says “God exalted him to a higher position”. In proper English the word higher and highest is different. This means that God is the highest; Jesus is in the higher position. That means that Jehovah, the father, is higher than Jesus.)

If Jesus is God, how can Jesus be the “mediator between God and man”? Jesus is called the mediator in 1 Tim 2:5.

(1 Timothy 2:5) ⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, a man, Christ Jesus,

If Jesus is God, why did the Apostle Paul say “the head of the Christ is God”?

(1 Corinthians 11:3) ³ But I want YOU to know that the head of every man is the Christ; in turn the head of a woman is the man; in turn the head of the Christ is God.

If Jesus is God, then why did Jesus “hand over the Kingdom to his God” and “subject himself to God”?

(1 Corinthians 15:24) Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing all government and all authority and power.

(1 Corinthians 15:28) But when all things will have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also subject himself to the One who subjected all things to him, that God may be all things to everyone.

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If Jesus is God, then who does he refer to as “my God and your God?”

(John 20:17) ¹⁷ Jesus said to her: “Stop clinging to me. For I have not yet ascended to the Father. But be on your way to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and YOUR Father and to my God and YOUR God.’”

If Jesus is God, how does he sit at God’s right hand?

(Psalm 110:1) The utterance of Jehovah to my Lord is: “Sit at my right hand Until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet.”

(Hebrews 10:12-13) But this [man] offered one sacrifice for sins perpetually and sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from then on awaiting until his enemies should be placed as a stool for his feet.

If Jesus was God, why does John say “no man has seen God at any time”?

(John 1:18) No man has seen God at any time; the only-begotten god who is in the bosom [position] with the Father is the one that has explained him.

(John saw Jesus)

If Jesus is God, then why didn’t people die when they saw Jesus?

(Exodus 20:18-19) Now all the people were seeing the thunders and the lightning flashes and the sound of the horn and the mountain smoking. When the people got to see it, then they quivered and stood at a distance. ¹⁹ And they began to say to Moses: “You speak with us, and let us listen; but let not God speak with us for fear we may die.”

(Exodus 30:20) When they go into the tent of meeting they will wash with water that they may not die, or when they go near the altar to minister in order to make an offering made by fire smoke to Jehovah.

How was it that Jesus was dead and God alive at the same time if they are one?

(Acts 2:24) ²⁴ But God resurrected him by loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to continue to be held fast by it.

If Jesus is God, why did Jesus need someone to save him and, why would Jesus need godly fear?

(Hebrews 5:7) ⁷ In the days of his flesh [Christ] offered up supplications and also petitions to the One who was able to save him out of death, with strong outcries and tears, and he was favorably heard for his godly fear.

If Jesus is God, then who is the one prophetically referred to at Prov. 8:22-31?

(Proverbs 8:22-31) ²² “Jehovah himself produced me as the beginning of his way, the earliest of his achievements of long ago. ²³ From time indefinite I was installed, from the start, from times earlier than the earth. ²⁴ When there were no watery deeps I was brought forth as with labor pains, when there were no springs heavily charged with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains themselves had been settled down, ahead of the hills, I was brought forth as with labor pains, ²⁶ when as yet he had not made the earth and the open spaces and the first part of the dust masses of the productive land. ²⁷ When he prepared the heavens I was there; when he decreed a circle upon the face of the watery deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the cloud masses above, when he caused the fountains of the watery deep to be strong, ²⁹ when he set for the sea his decree that the waters themselves should not pass beyond his order, when he decreed the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I came to be beside him as a master worker, and I came to be the one he was specially fond of day by day, I being glad before him all the time, ³¹ being glad at the productive land of his earth, and the things I was fond of were with the sons of men.

If Jesus is God, then why did Jesus say that “all authority has been GIVEN to me in heaven and on earth”? Who gave him that authority?

(Matthew 28:18) And Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying: “All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth.

(Daniel 7:13-14) “I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! with the clouds of the heavens someone like a son of man happened to be coming; and to the Ancient of Days he gained access, and they brought him up close even before that One. ¹⁴ And to him there were given rulership and dignity and kingdom, that the peoples, national groups and languages should all serve even him. His rulership is an indefinitely lasting rulership that will not pass away, and his kingdom one that will not be brought to ruin.

If Jesus is God, then how could he “learn obedience” and “be made perfect”? Whom did he obey if he was God?

(Hebrews 5:8-9) ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered; ⁹ and after he had been made perfect he became responsible for everlasting salvation to all those obeying him,

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If Jesus is God, how would an angel be able to strengthen him? Why would God need to be strengthened by angels?

(Luke 22:43) Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

(Matthew 4:11) Then the Devil left him, and, look! angels came and began to minister to him.

Why would Satan try to tempt him if he KNEW that Jesus was God?

If Jesus is the same as God, to whom was Jesus being tempted to rebel against?

(Matthew 4:1-11) ⁴ Then Jesus was led by the spirit up into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ² After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, then he felt hungry. ³ Also, the Tempter came and said to him: "If you are a son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But in reply he said: "It is written, 'Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through Jehovah's mouth.'" ⁵ Then the Devil took him along into the holy city, and he stationed him upon the battlement of the temple ⁶ and said to him: "If you are a son of God, hurl yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels a charge concerning you, and they will

carry you on their hands, that you may at no time strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him: "Again it is written, 'You must not put Jehovah your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again the Devil took him along to an unusually high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him: "All these things I will give you if you fall down and do an act of worship to me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him: "Go away, Satan! For it is written, 'It is Jehovah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service.'" ¹¹ Then the Devil left him, and, look! angels came and began to minister to him.

When Jesus was sent to the earth, he was made "lower than the angels". How could any part of a God Head ever be lower than the angels?

(Hebrews 2:7) You made him a little lower than angels; with glory and honor you crowned him, and appointed him over the works of your hands.

(Hebrews 2:9) but we behold Jesus, who has been made a little lower than angels, crowned with glory and honor for having suffered death, that he by God's undeserved kindness might taste death for every [man].

As Jesus was dying, he cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Can God abandon, desert or forsake himself?

(Matthew 27:46) About the ninth hour Jesus called out with a loud voice, saying: "E'li, E'li, la'ma sa-bach-tha'ni?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

If Jesus is God, why would he have to 'learn obedience'? How can God be High Priest to himself? Why does the Scripture say "after he had been made perfect"? Is God not always perfect?

(Hebrews 5:7-10) ⁷ In the days of his flesh [Christ] offered up supplications and also petitions to the One who was able to save him out of death, with strong outcries and tears, and he was favorably heard for his godly fear. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered; ⁹ and after he had been made perfect he became responsible for everlasting salvation to all those obeying him, ¹⁰ because he has been specifically called by God a high priest according to the manner of Mel-chiz'e-dek.

God's justice is strictly perfect and balanced. The ransom price was one perfect human for another. To use a God in payment as ransom for an imperfect human would have been too high a price. Adam was a *perfect man* and the ransom price required was a *perfect man* – not higher, not lower.

(Exodus 21:23-25) ²³ But if a fatal accident should occur, then you must give soul for soul, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ branding for branding, wound for wound, blow for blow. [A human soul was not required to replace the loss of an eye. The law was "eye for eye".]