

IS JESUS GOD?

John 14:8-10

Introduction: Read the questions/statements Muslims commonly use to deny that Jesus is God..

I. JESUS WAS WORSHIPPED BY ALL

1. Jesus was worshipped by people:
 - The three wise men inquired at Jesus' birth *"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."* Mt. 2:2
 - All through His ministry people were constantly falling at His feet and worshipping Him, especially those He healed.
 - Upon His resurrection every follower He had fell at His feet and worshipped Him.
2. Jesus was worshipped by demons:
 - Every time Jesus cast out a demon or unclean spirit worshipped Him.. *"And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out saying, 'You are the Son of God.'"* Mk. 3:11..... *"What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."* Mk. 5:6-7
3. Jesus was worshipped by Angels and the Heavenly Hosts:
 - **Hebrews 1:1-14 2:9 9:28 READ**
 - Revelation is filled with the heavenly host and the saints of God falling before the Lamb of God.
 - **Philippians 2:5-11 READ**

II. GLORY BELONGS TO GOD

1. **John 17:1-26 (17:2-5) John 1:1**
2. *"I am the Lord, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images."* Isa. 42:8
3. Jesus is the same God and that is why He has always had glory with the Father. The same with the Holy Spirit. *"Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You, Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are."* Jn. 17:11

III. GOD IS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER AND OUR FRIEND

1. Abraham was called "friend of God." David had a heart like unto the heart of God and was a friend of God.
 - All the prophets talked to God as their friend. God spoke to Moses face to face, as friends speak.
 - Jesus said in John 15:14-15 *"You are my friends if you do whatever I command you..."*
 - Who in this room does not feel the closeness of God, His friendship as well as His Majesty?

IV. JESUS DIED, WAS BURIED, WAS RESURRECTED, WAS SENT INTO THIS WORLD TO DIE ON A CROSS FOR THE SINS OF THOSE WHO WOULD BELIEVE IN HIM

1. Jesus, Himself, foretold about His death and resurrection countless times.
2. Pilate Set a Guard at the tomb because of Jesus' words about His resurrection on the third day.
3. Jesus constantly preached and taught about why He had come and what His shed blood would do.
4. Jesus appeared to many after His resurrection:
 - The very guards posted at His tomb.
 - Mary Magdelene - other women saw Jesus on their way to His tomb
 - Peter saw Jesus - other disciples saw Jesus
 - Two disciples on their way home to Emmaeus walked, talked, and ate with Jesus
 - Jesus appeared to His disciples without Thomas there, then with Thomas there and Thomas uttered those eternal words for us all: **"My Lord and my God!"**
 - Jesus appeared to seven of His disciples while they were fishing.
 - Jesus appeared to over 500 at a single meeting.
 - When Jesus ascended into the heavens, many saw Him leave.
5. One thing is for certain - there is plenty of proof that Jesus did rise from the dead. Not only in the Bible, but Jewish historians document the strange story that a man called "Jesus" came to life after being buried for three days.

CONCLUSION

1. ***"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Ro. 10:10 (1-13)***
2. The Muslims believe about Jesus. They accept his unusual birth, his life was indeed blessed by God, he was a prophet sent from God, he will return in God's time to bring an end to things BUT he is not God and he did not die on a cross or was buried in a tomb and certainly did not rise from the dead and cannot give salvation to anybody. He was just a blessed, mighty prophet.
3. Jesus is God. ***"...He that hath seen me hath seen the Father..." (Jn. 14:9)***
4. Jesus was worshipped by men, demons and angels - only God is worthy of worship.
5. It is this same Jesus whom Muslims deny that will be the judge on that great judgment day and He will not be judging mankind as one of God's prophets, but as God, Himself.
6. The Muslims deny that Jesus is God. The Jews deny that Jesus is God. The Jehovah Witnesses deny that Jesus is God. Any person who rejects the words of Jesus will hear from Jesus own lips at judgment day: ***"depart from me, for I never knew you..."***

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS COMMONLY USED BY MUSLIMS

1. Nowhere in the bible did Jesus ever say: "I am God, worship me."
2. Jesus, himself worshipped One God. Does God worship God?
3. If Jesus is God, then when Jesus was crucified, it means God died...who was on the throne when Jesus was in this world?
4. Jesus, himself, asked God for help. Does God ask God for help? This also shows that Jesus was not All-Mighty, whereas God is truly All-Mighty.
5. If Jesus is God, then why did He need to come down to this world and give His life? He could have done it sitting on His throne.
6. Jesus ate, slept, drank, went to the bathroom just like other human beings. Clearly he is a human being - a great one - a messenger of God and a prophet, but no more than that.
7. If Jesus is God, Why does He pray in the Gospels?
8. Jesus was never called, "Son of God" but He was only called, "Son of Man."
9. Jesus did not die nor resurrected from the dead. If we consider that the alleged resurrection took place, then why is there no evidence of resurrection?
10. Jesus was not crucified himself, nor was he sent to this world to die on a cross for anyone's sins! His prayer in the garden reveals that this cannot be a person who was prepared for the claimed sacrifice, rather a person who was afraid to die like any normal human would be.
11. First of all, no one witnessed him risen. Secondly, look at his appearance after the "alleged" resurrection. If Jesus is God, then why didn't anybody recognize the man who claimed to be Jesus, resurrected?
11. Much like your worship of Jesus, is in vain. Jesus, himself, tells you in John 17:3 "**The only true God and Jesus whom you have sent...**" this makes the worship of Jesus a worship of a FALSE god since there is The only True God who sent Jesus.
12. As Chrsitians, you do not respect Allah's (God's) holy and complete title and you talk about God as your friend as if you had seen him before and as if you lived with him.