

WHO is Jesus? Can He be the Father or the Holy Spirit?

(Ponder these scriptures carefully:)

1. The resurrected Jesus has a tangible body, which could be handled - **a physical body of flesh and bones**:

See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have **flesh and bones** as you see that I have. (Luke 24:39)

The second part of Luke 24:39 states **a ghost (or spirit) does NOT have what Jesus has**. Those truths prove that Jesus is different, and can NOT possibly be, the Father or the Holy Spirit, because the latter two are both *spirit* (Jn. 4:23-24). They do not have physical bodies of flesh and bones, as Jesus does.

2. **Jesus prayed to the Father on various occasions** (Mt. 26:39-44; Jn. 17:1; etc.). If Jesus is the Father, then that means he was praying to himself, which is irrational.

3. The Father sent Jesus into the world (Jn. 3:16; 8:16; 1 Jn. 4:14). **Did Jesus send himself and did Jesus later return to himself?** (Jn. 16:10; etc.)?

4. **The people Jesus spoke to certainly heard and saw him**, yet Jesus said:

And the **Father** who sent me has himself testified concerning me. YOU HAVE NEVER HEARD HIS VOICE NOR SEEN HIS FORM, (John 5:37)

NO ONE HAS SEEN THE FATHER except the one who is from God; ONLY HE HAS SEEN THE FATHER. (John 6:46)

Jesus (who was seen) can NOT be the Father (who was never seen).

5. Jesus is "the Father's Son" - the Son of God:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from **JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER'S SON**, will be with us in truth and love. (2 John 1:3)

Could Jesus be his own son?

6. Jesus' words were not his own, but the Father's:

For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father **who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it**. (John 12:49)

He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. **These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me**. (John 14:24)

Jesus and the Father are 2 separate persons.

7. Jesus is sitting (or standing) at the Father's right hand:

God exalted him **to his own right hand** as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. (Acts 5:31)

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God**. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and **the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God**." (Acts 7:55-56)

Could Jesus be sitting (or standing) at his own right side?

8. The Father placed his seal of approval on the Son:

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. **On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval**. (John 6:27)

Did Jesus give himself the seal of approval?

9. Jesus did what the Father commanded him:

but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave." (John 14:31)

Did Jesus do what he commanded himself?

10. Is Jesus his own other witness who sent him?

I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me. (John 8:18)

Could Jesus be his own other witness too?

11. Does Jesus speak to himself in our defense?

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who **speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.** (1 John 2:1)

12. **Did Jesus appoint himself heir or high priest?**

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. (Heb. 1:2)

No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was. So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." (Heb. 5:4-5)

13. **Did Jesus (while in the water of his own baptism) speak from heaven, as the Father, about himself and further have the Spirit of God appear as a dove lighting on himself?**

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Mat. 3:16,17)

14. **Did Jesus also act as a ventriloquist to have his voice speak, as from the cloud, while he was talking with Moses and Elijah, or is the Father a different person from the Son?**

Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" (Mat. 17:3-5)

Other Truths To Remember:

(1) **The "church" existed at Mt. 18:17**, that is, *before* Acts 2. (2) **Various people were saved in the Gospels and before Jesus died on the cross WITHOUT water baptism or Spirit baptism** (Luke 7:47-50; Luke 19:9,10; Luke 23:42,43; Mat 9:2; Lk. 18:13,14). (3) **The Lord's disciples started to baptize at John 4:1,2**, yet Jesus taught faith in him saves (Jn. 3:16-18; 6:40; 6:47; etc.). (4) The Ethiopian eunuch was not Spirit baptized (when Philip was translated away) - Acts 8:35-40. **Was his salvation incomplete?** Such a concept is inconceivable for Philip's work was done before getting translated away by God. (5) **Cornelius was saved before water baptism for he was filled with the Spirit of God** (Acts 10:43-48). Cornelius was saved at the point of personal faith in Jesus (**Acts 10:43**). (6) **To turn to God in repentance and have faith in Christ Jesus** is the message Paul spread to all for salvation (Acts 20:21). (7) One is saved at repentance (Acts 11:18; 2 Pet. 3:9; 2 Cor. 7:10; etc.) and set free from his sin addictions (Rom. 6:6,7). Repentance and a submissive faith in Jesus to unashamedly follow and obey him (Lk. 9:23; Jn. 10:27; Mt. 7:21; Lk. 8:21; Heb. 5:9) are 2 sides of the same coin of salvation. (8) **You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus** (Gal 3:26); **...I will show you my faith by what I do.** (James 2:18). (9) After getting born again **the Christian must endure hatred to the end to be saved**, that is, to ENTER Paradise (Mt. 10:22; Heb. 3:14; Rev. 2:10,11; Gal. 6:8,9), but many won't (Mt. 24:10; 1 Tim. 4:1; etc). **Scripture is FINAL AUTHORITY** (2 Tim. 3:16,17). **GO BY SCRIPTURE TO BE SAFE. ...Christ in you, the hope of glory.** (Col 1:27)

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