

“His Word is Truth”

In my last three articles I showed from Scripture that Jesus is the eternal Son of God in human flesh – fully God and fully human. Today I will conclude my treatment of Scripture’s teaching about Jesus being God by examining passages from the Gospel of John. If you read John 1:1-14



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it refers to God’s Son as “The Word” – and this is because the Son speaks to us on behalf of the Father. It says that “The Word” was WITH God but also IS God. How can this be? The answer is that the ONE God exists as THREE distinct but united PERSONS – The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. (See Matthew 28:19-20 and John 3:34-35)

In John chapter 5 Jesus says, **“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”** The Jews wanted to kill Jesus for saying this because He was claiming to be God, as John writes: **“For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.”** Also, at the end of John chapter 8 Jesus says: **“...before Abraham was born, I am!”** When Jesus says that He is “I Am” He is claiming to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – the Creator of the universe! (See Exodus 3:14-15) In addition, in John 10:30 Jesus says, **“I and the Father are one.”** The Jews then respond, **“...you, a mere man, claim to be God.”** (John 10:33) There are many more Scripture texts that I could give which clearly teach that Jesus is God. (See Romans 9:5, 2nd

Corinthians 13:14, Colossians 2:9, Titus 2:13, Hebrews 1:1-3, Revelation 22:13 & 16)

But what about other texts where Jesus says that he is “less” than the Father? For example, in John 14:28 Jesus says, **“The Father is greater than I.”** This does NOT mean that Jesus is not equally God along with the Father and the Holy Spirit. What Jesus means is that as the Son of God He humbles Himself before the Father and does His will. For instance, in 1st Corinthians 11:3 Paul writes: **“...the head of Christ is God.”** This does NOT mean that the Son is not God but that God the Father loves the Son and the Son, in return, does His Father’s will. Paul makes the same point in Ephesians chapter 5 where he says that the **“husband is the head of the wife”** – which means that even though men and women are EQUAL IN STATUS, God calls husbands to love their wives and wives to RECEIVE that love and show respect for their husbands. (See Ephesians 5:25-33) In addition, Philippians 2:5-11 shows that even though Jesus is fully God, He humbled himself and became our servant – even to the point of doing His Father’s will and dying on a cross for us.

Finally, since Jesus is fully HUMAN He allowed Himself to experience death and called His Father “God.” (See John 20:17) But because Jesus is fully GOD He is equal with the Father (see John 17:5) and was able to die for our sins and then conquered death for us by His resurrection. (See John 10:17-18)

In my next article I will examine what Scripture teaches about Jesus’ physical resurrection from the dead, which we will celebrate on Easter Sunday!