



The Case for the Deity of Christ



"Putting Jesus in His Proper Place"



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- The doctrine of the deity of Jesus is one of the most basic tenets of Christian belief,



- It is essential, therefore, that believers have a firm foundation in Scripture relating to this teaching. (2 John 1:7)

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- Interpretations of Jesus are fraught with bias.
 - ~ Gnostics - Deity & flesh are incompatible -
 - ~ Unitarianism, Modalism, Arianism - The concept that "God is one excludes the possibility of the Son being God."
- The biblical teaching about Jesus constitutes a powerful cumulative case regarding Jesus as our Lord and God. (Titus 2:13)



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Titus 2:13 (NKJV)

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appearing of our great God
and Savior Jesus Christ,

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- **Honor:** Jesus shares the honors due to God, (Deity).
- **Attributes:** Jesus shares the attributes of God.
- **Names:** Jesus shares the names / descriptions of God.
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- **Seat:** Jesus shares the seat of God's throne.

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Matthew 4:10 (NKJV)

...For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

- **Restrictions of the Law -**
Ex 20:2-6
- **Statement of Jesus -**
Mat 4:10
- **Reaction of Peter, Barnabas & Paul -**
Acts 10:25; 14:8-18
- **Reaction of angel -**
Rev 19:10; 22:8,9

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John 5:22-23 (NKJV)

²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

²³ that **all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father**. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

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■ Pre-Existence

Revelation 22:16 (NKJV)

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the **Root and the Offspring** of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

*John 6:62 (NKJV)
What then if you should see the
Son of Man ascend where He was
before?*

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John 8:56-59 (NKJV)

⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "**Most assuredly**, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

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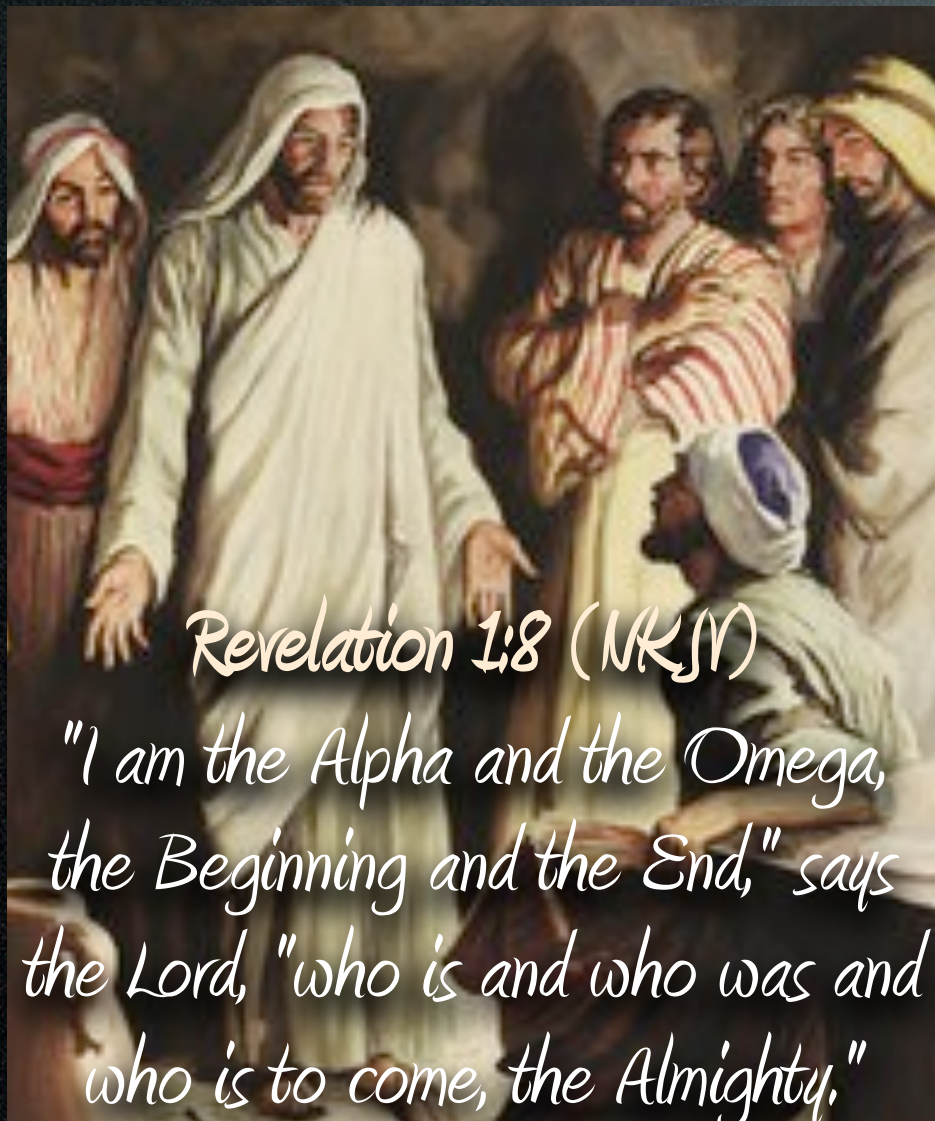
John 17:5 (NKJV)

And now, O Father,
glorify Me together with
Yourself, with the glory
which I had with You
before the world was.

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■ **Eternal / Creator -**

Revelation 1:8,11,17; 3:14; 22:13,16

- ~ "I am the first and the last - 1:8,11,17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13; Is 41:4; 44:6; 48:12
- ~ Who is, who was, and who is to come - 1:4,8; 2:8; 11:17; 19:15
- ~ the Almighty . . . 1:8; 4:8
- ~ The beginning of the creation of God . . . 3:14

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■ Eternal / Creator -

~ John 1:1-3

~ 1 Corinthians 8:6

~ Ephesians 3:9

~ Colossians 1:15-19;

~ Hebrews 1:2,10-12; 3:3-6

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John 1:1-3 (NKJV)

- ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ² He was in the beginning with God.
- ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Colossians 1:16 (NKJV)

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, . . ."

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1 Corinthians 8:6 (NKJV)

⁶ yet for us there is one God,
the Father, of whom are all
things, and we for Him; and
one Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom are all things,
and through whom we live.

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Colossians 1:15-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. . . .

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Hebrews 1:2-3 (ESV)

² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. . . .

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■ Eternal / Creator -

Hebrews 1:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment;

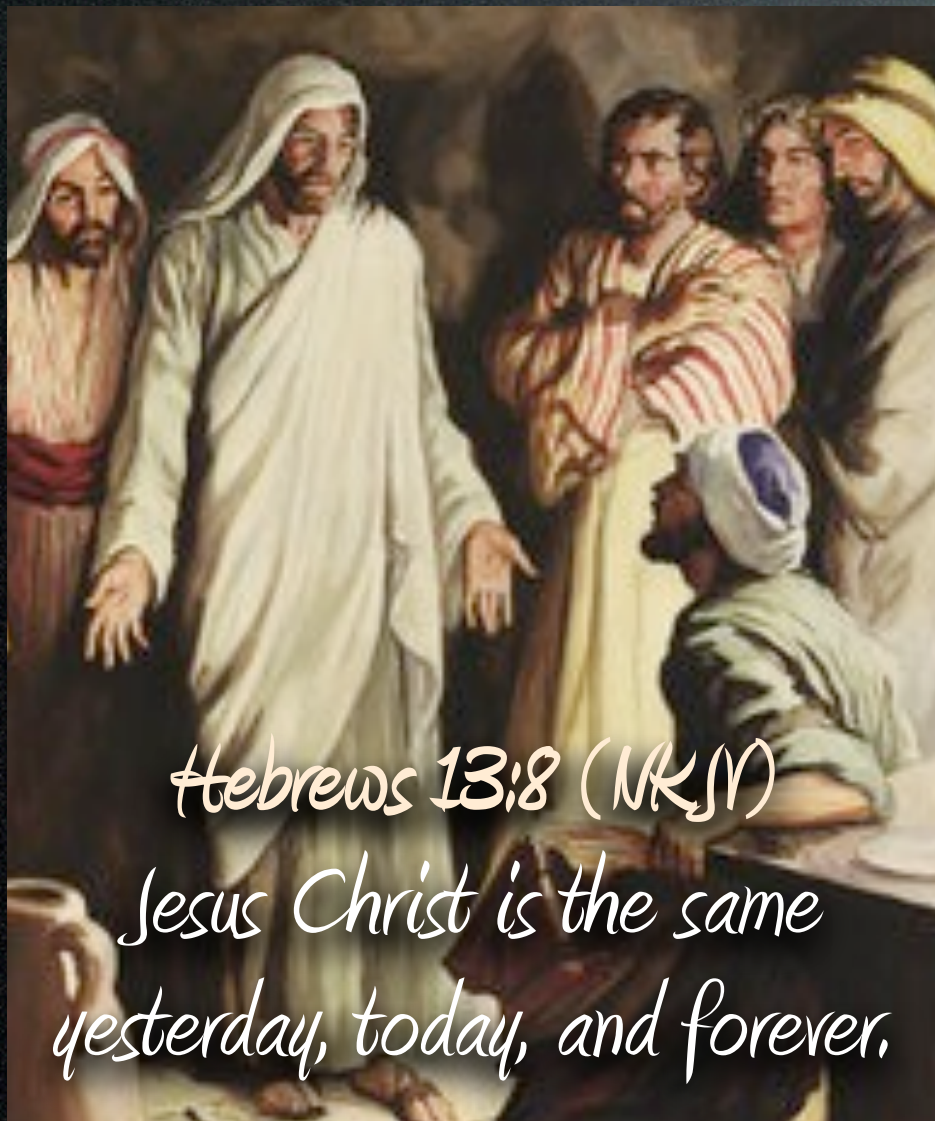
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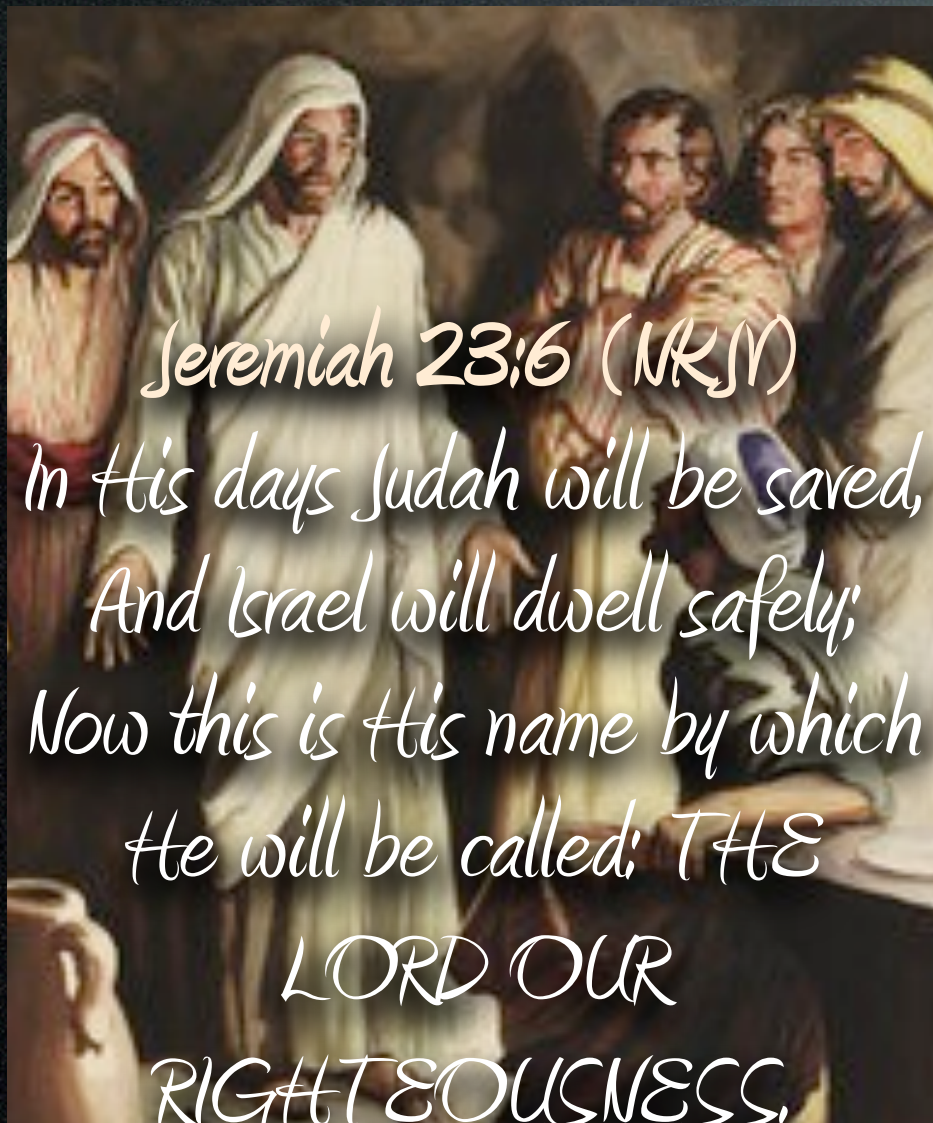
■ Eternal / Unchanging

- ~ Hebrews 1:12 - "You are the same . . ."
- ~ Hebrews 13:8 - "same yesterday, today, and forever." - (cf. Mal 3:6)
- ~ Revelation 1:4,8 - Who is, who was, and who is to come

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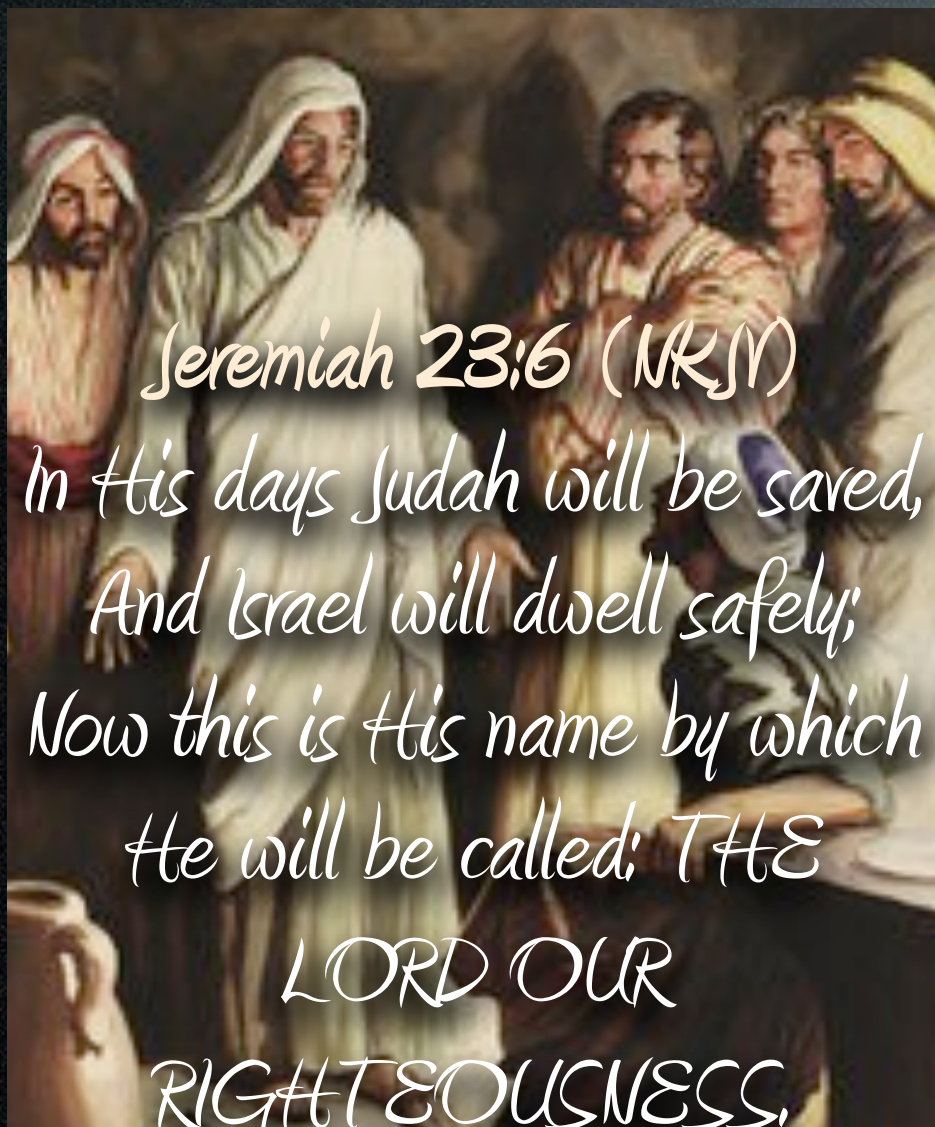
- ~ The LORD our Righteousness - Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16
- ~ The Word Who was with God & was God - John 1:1-3; 1 John 1:1
- ~ The Light of the world - John 1:4-8; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46
- ~ Our Life - John 1:4; 5:40; 6:27,33,35; 1 John 5:11; etc.



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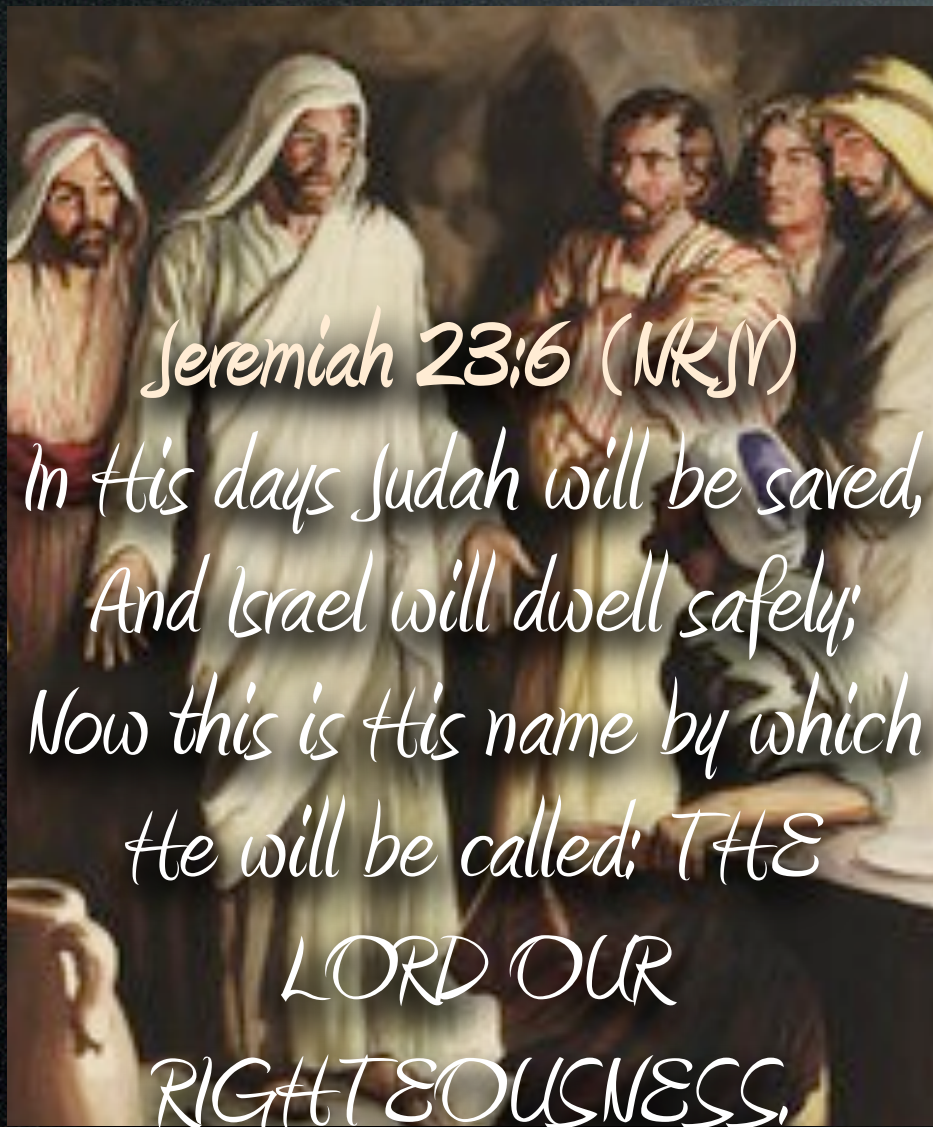
- ~ The Good Shepherd - Jn 10:2, 11,12, 14,16; Heb 13:20; 1 Pt 2:25; 5:4; cf. Ps23
- ~ The True Vine - John 15:1-8
- ~ Redeemer - Job 19:25 (NKJV) "For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth"
- ~ The Savior - John 3:16,17; 4:42; Titus 2:13; Acts 4:12; 1 John 4:14



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Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)

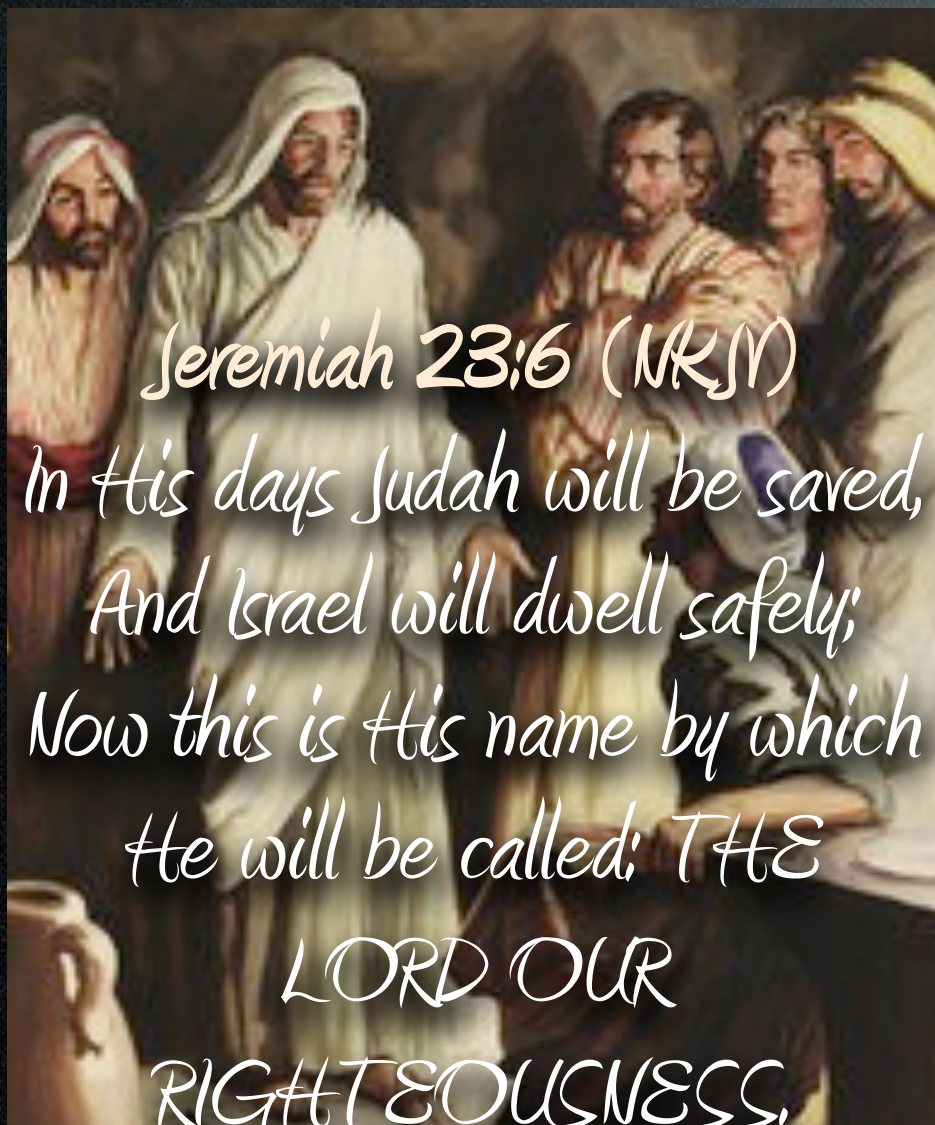
For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given; And the
government will be upon His
shoulder. And His name will be
called Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.



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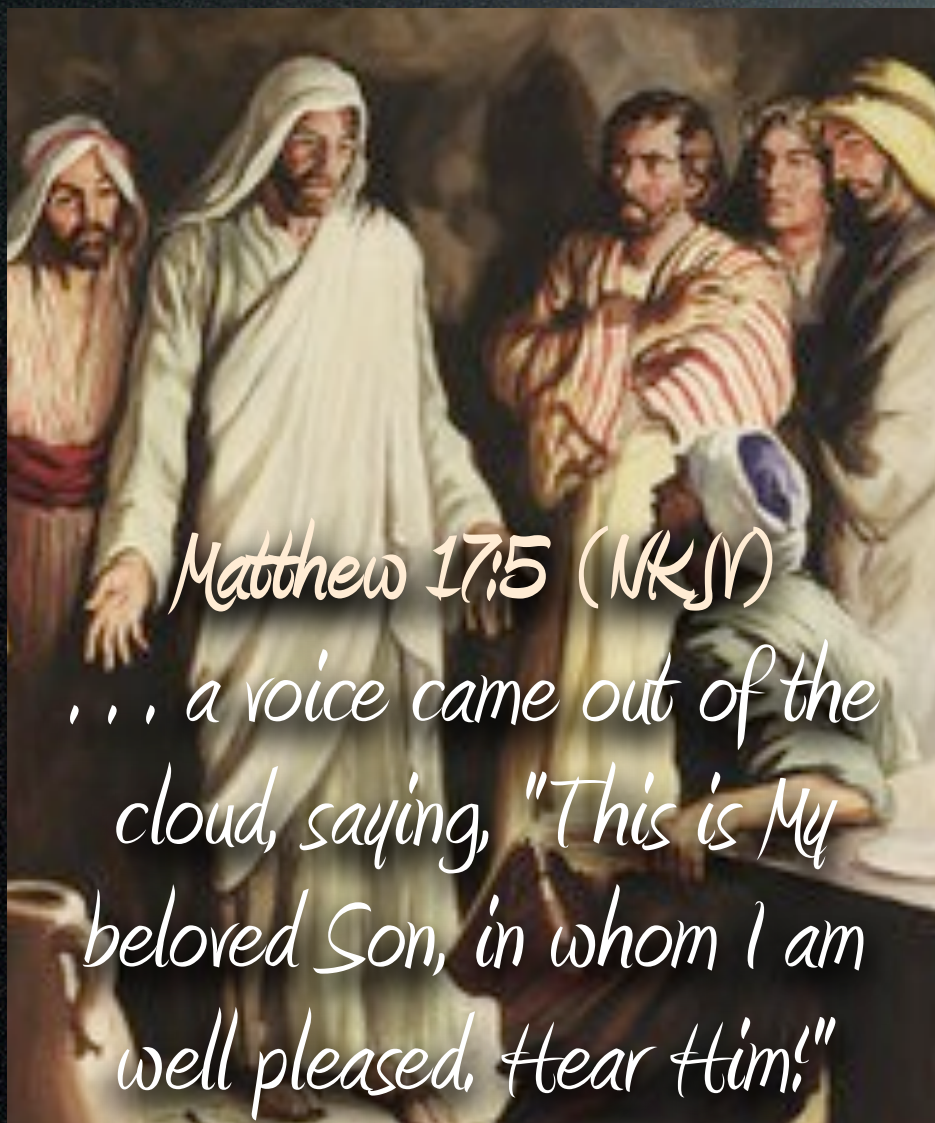
■ Designations of Deity

- ~ "Mighty God." - Isaiah 9:6
- ~ "Immanuel," meaning "God with us." - Isa 7:14; Mat 1:23
- ~ The Almighty - Revelation 1:8
- ~ The "I Am." - John 8:58 w/ Ex 3:14
- ~ "My Lord and my God!" - John 20:28
- ~ The "Alpha and Omega" - Isaiah 44:6; 48:12; Rev 1:8, 11, 17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13
- ~ "The Son of God" - Mat 17:5; Mark 1:1; Luke 1:35; 1 John 4:15

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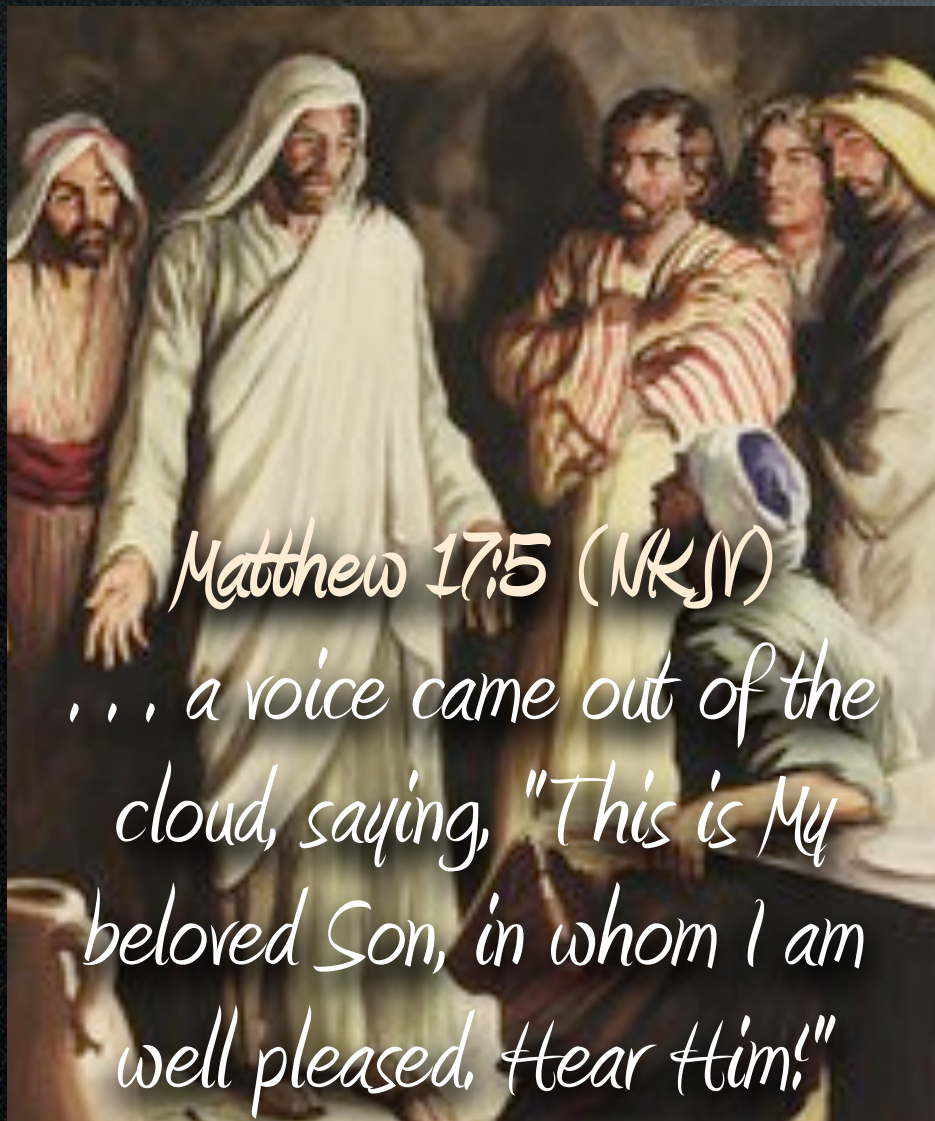
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- ~ Called the Son of God by Satan - Mat 4:3,6
- ~ Called the Son of God by demons - Mat. 8:29; Mark 5:7
- ~ "By His disciples" - Mat 14:33; 16:16; etc
- ~ Centurion - Mat 27:54
- ~ The Father referred to Jesus as His "beloved Son" - Mat 17:5
- ~ Etc

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*Matthew 17:5 (NKJV)
... a voice came out of the
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beloved Son, in whom I am
well pleased. Hear Him!"*

■ **The Son of God . . .**

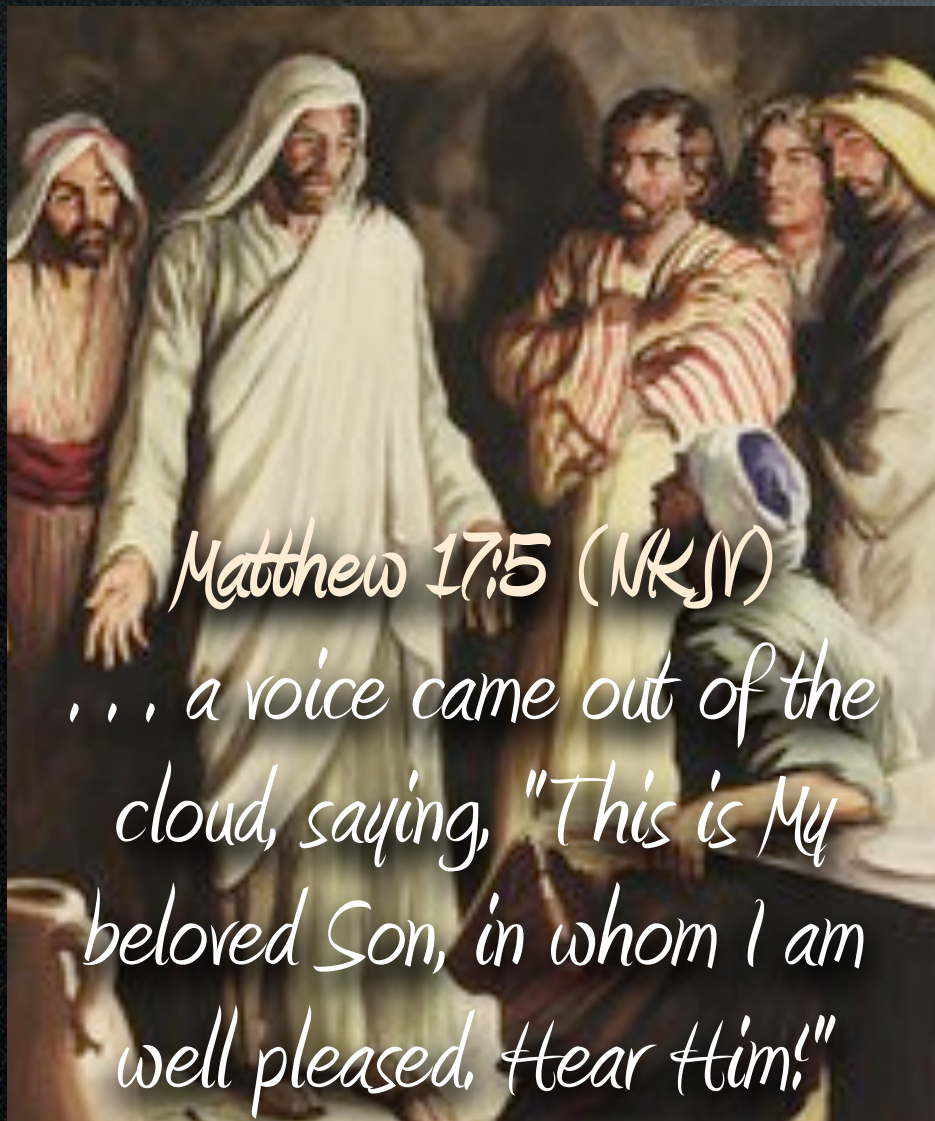
John 5:18 (NKJV)

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

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■ The Son of God . . .

John 10:30-33 (NKJV)

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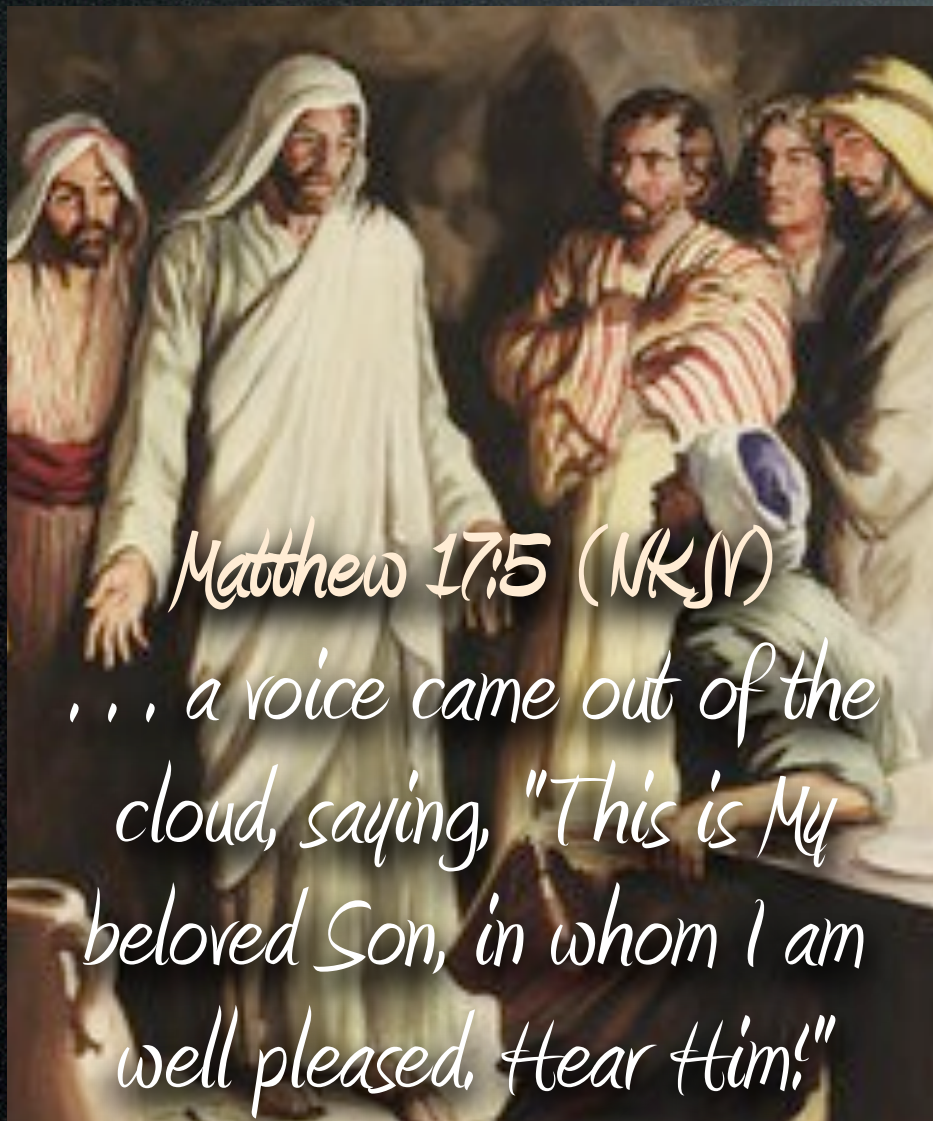
³¹ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

³² Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

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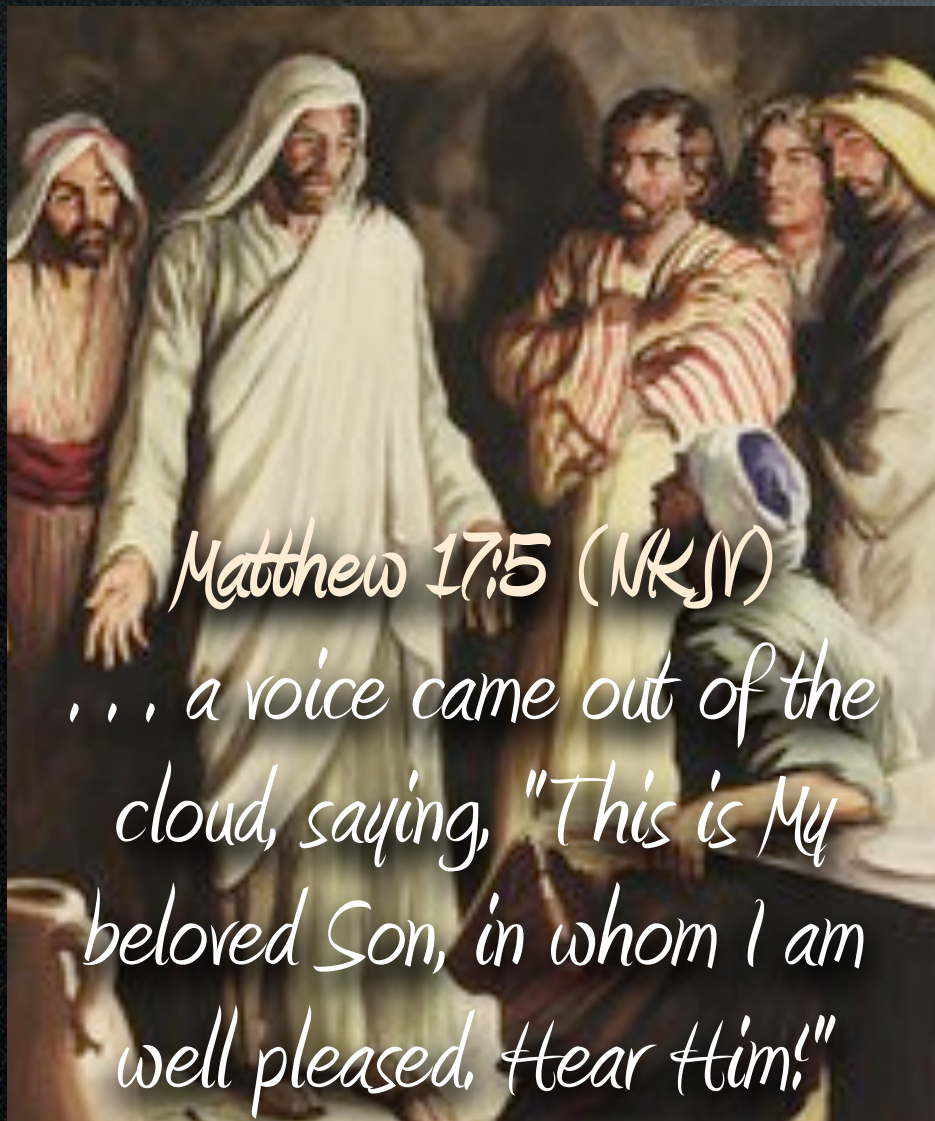
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- ~ "I am the Good Shepherd" - John 10:11
- ~ "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father," - John 10:15
- ~ "I give them eternal life" - John 10:28
- ~ "I and My Father are one" - John 10:30
- ~ The Jews picked up stones to stone Him because they said He blasphemed - "You being a man make yourself God" - John 10:33

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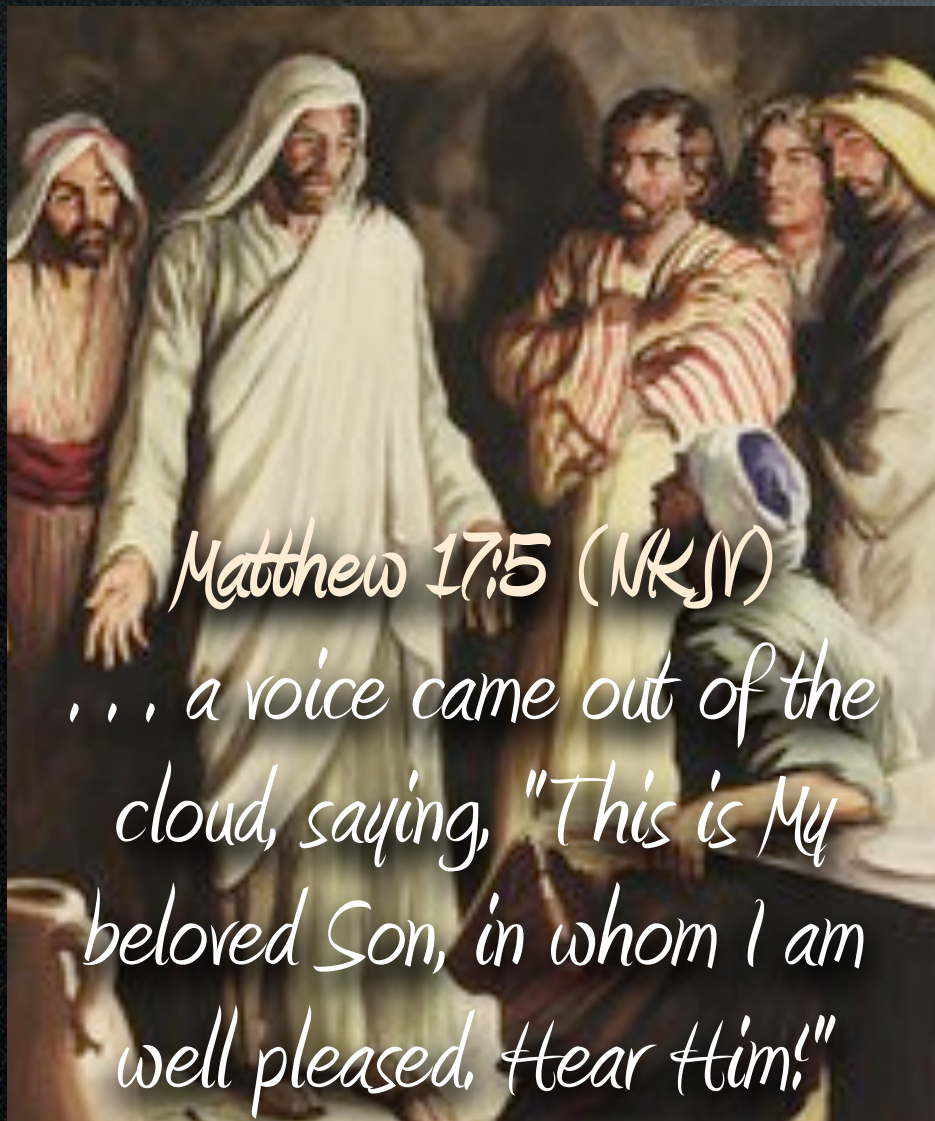
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- ~ Jesus exposes their hypocrisy by quoting Psalm 82:6 - John 10:34
- ~ How could they deny that the scripture refers to human judges as "gods?" - Therefore, how could they justify their actions seeing that the works of Christ 'backed up' His claim to be the Son of God? - John 10:35-38
- ~ "The Father is in Me and I in Him" - John 10:38

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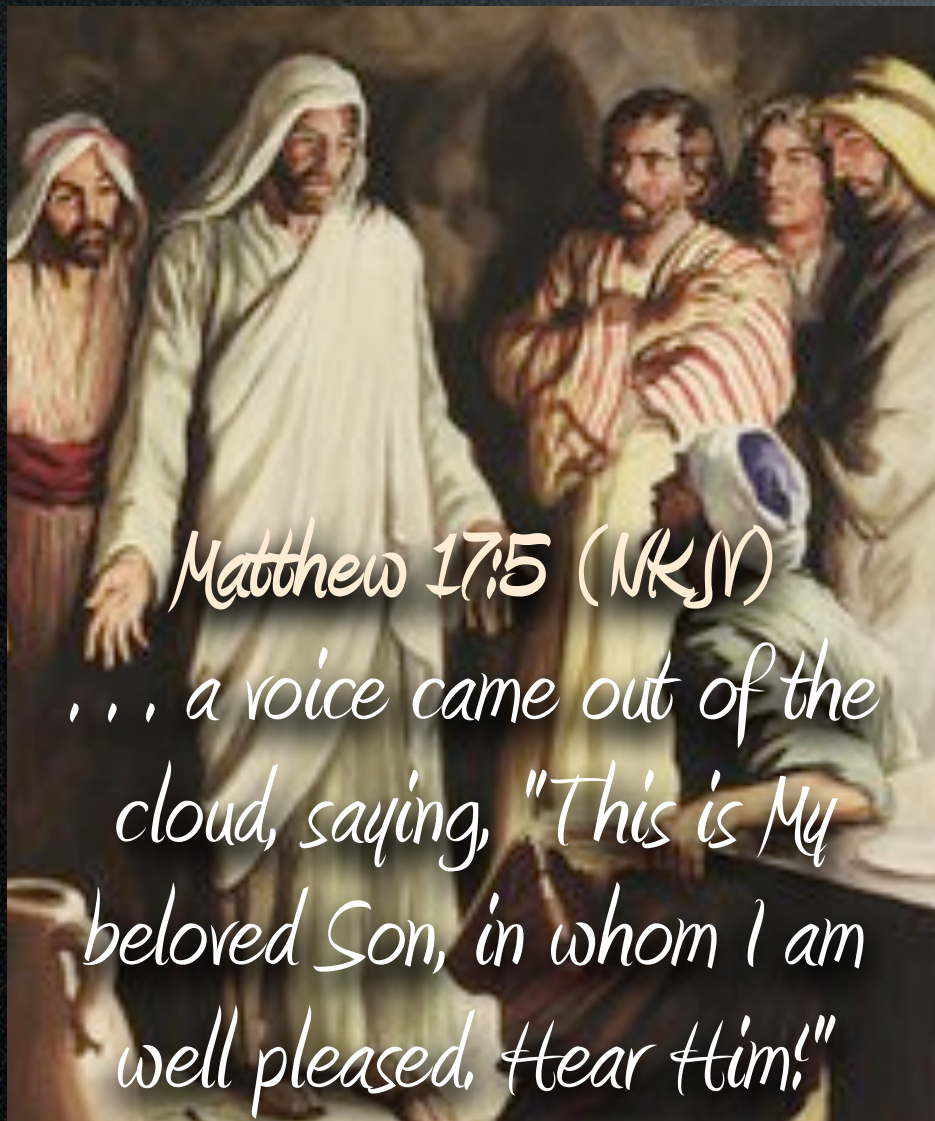
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- ~ The phrase "**The Son of Man**" - identified Jesus as an equal partaker of humanity! - (Mat 8:20 [29 times])
- ~ The phrase "**The Son of God**" identified Jesus as an equal partaker of Deity - (Phili 2:6; Heb 1:3; Col 1:15)
- ~ Neither phrase has reference to Jesus' age, birth or genesis - but rather the extent of the relationship He had with both humanity & Deity - cf. John 8:44

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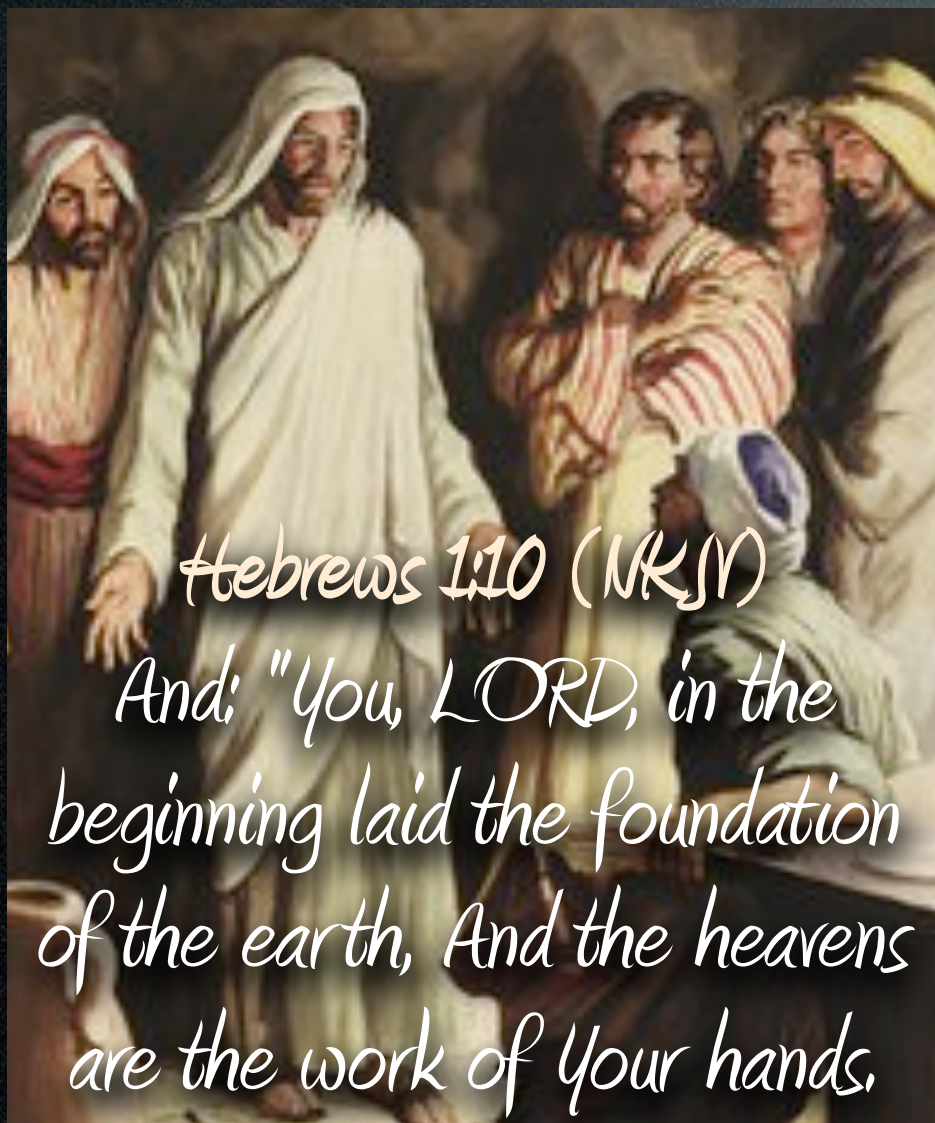
John 19:7 (NKJV)

⁂ The Jews answered him,
“We have a law, and
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ought to die, because He
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Titus 2:13 - "We have Granville Sharp's rule here, which says that when there are two nouns in the same case connected by kai (και) (and), the first noun having the article, the second noun not having the article, the second noun refers to the same thing the first noun does and is a further description of it. . . . "the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Both expressions refer to the same individual. The deity of the Lord Jesus is brought out here by a rule of Greek syntax. The pronoun "our" is polemic. . . . the Christian's God and Saviour is Jesus Christ.

Wuest, K. S. (1997). - Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament: For the English reader. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.



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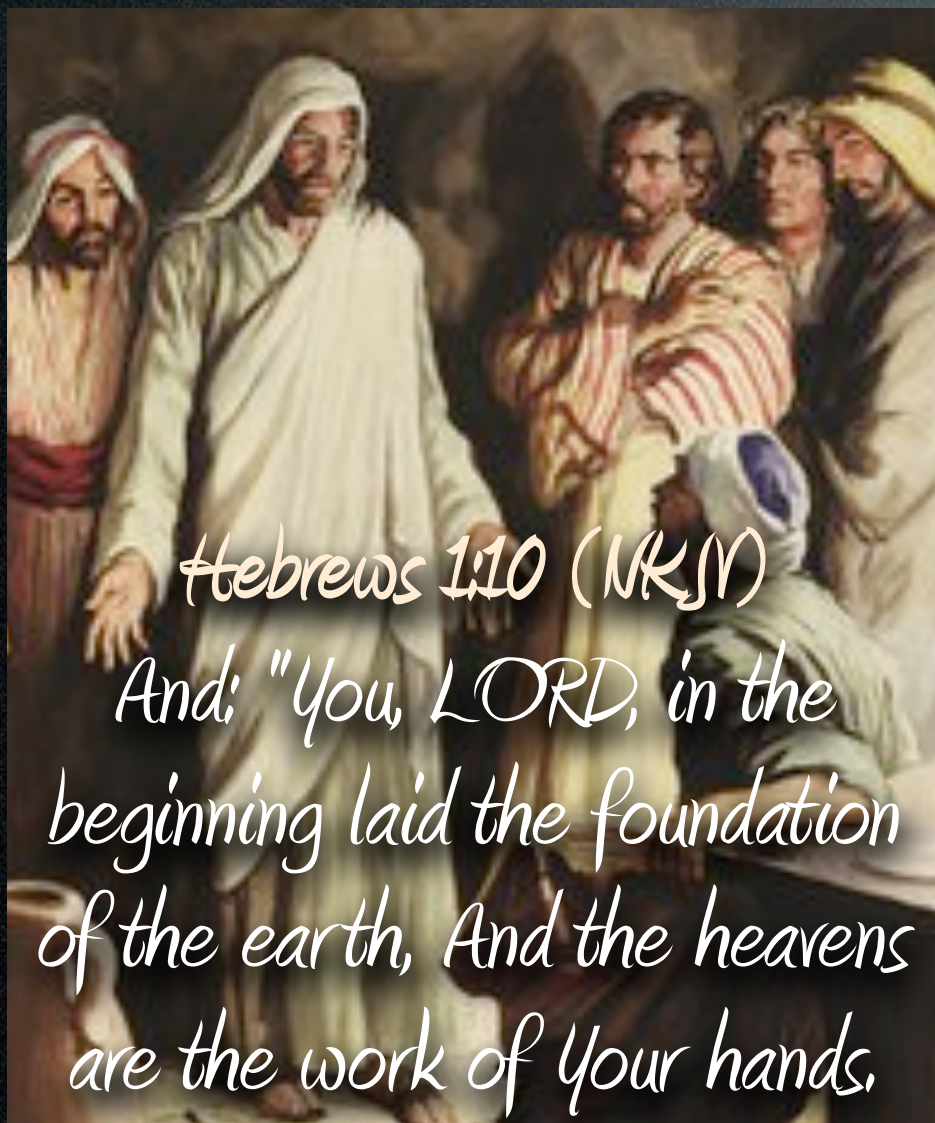
“The great God and our Saviour Jesus”—There is but one Greek article to “God” and “Saviour,” which shows that both are predicated of one and the same Being. “Of Him who is at once the great God and our Saviour.” Also (2) “appearing” (epiphaneia) is never by Paul predicated of God the Father (Jn 1:18; 1Ti 6:16), or even of “His glory” (as Alford explains it): . . . the expression “great God,” as applied to Christ, . . . just as “the true God” is predicated of Christ, 1Jn 5:20. . . .

Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997). Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

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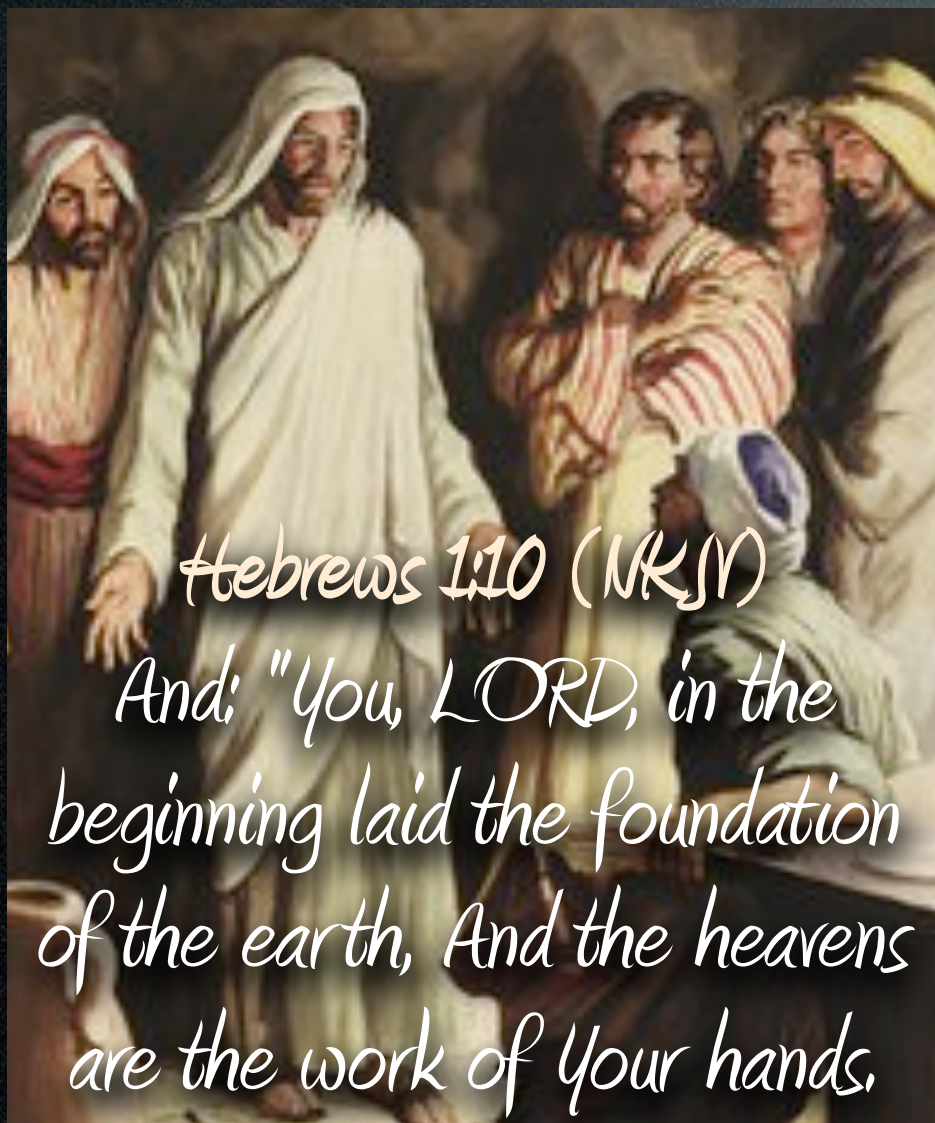
1 John 5:20 (NKJV)

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

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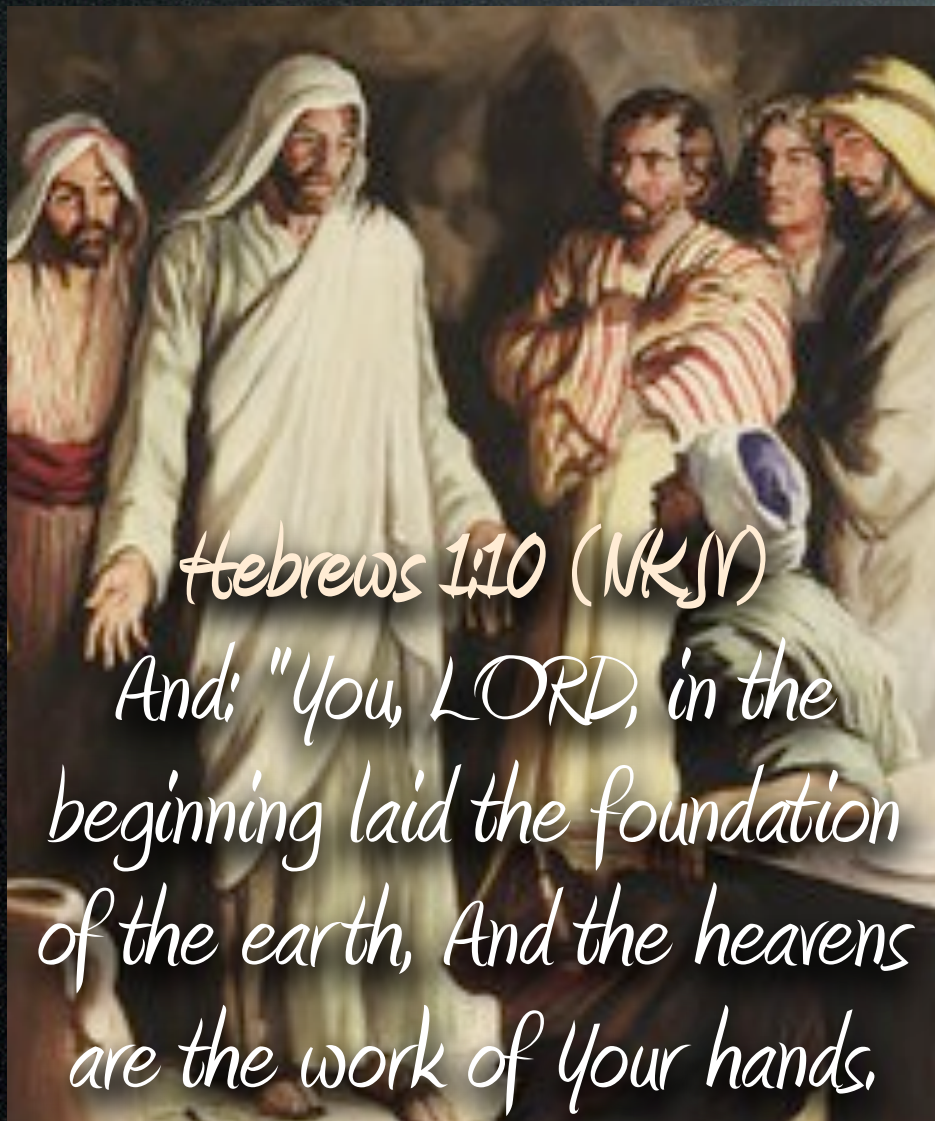
John 1:22–23 (NKJV)

²² Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"
²³ He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord," ' as the prophet Isaiah said."

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Hebrews 1:8-10 (NKJV)

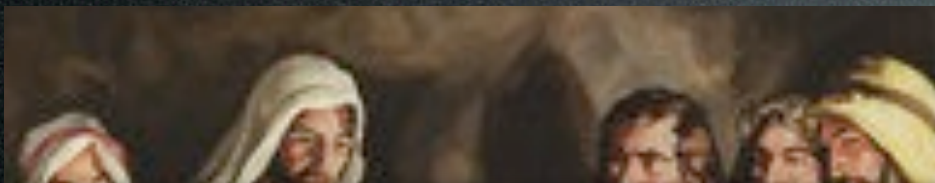
⁸ But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." [quoting Ps 45:6.7]



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"Thou in the beginning, O Lord," which throws the "Lord" into emphasis. "Christ is preached even in passages where many might contend that the Father was principally intended" [Bengel].

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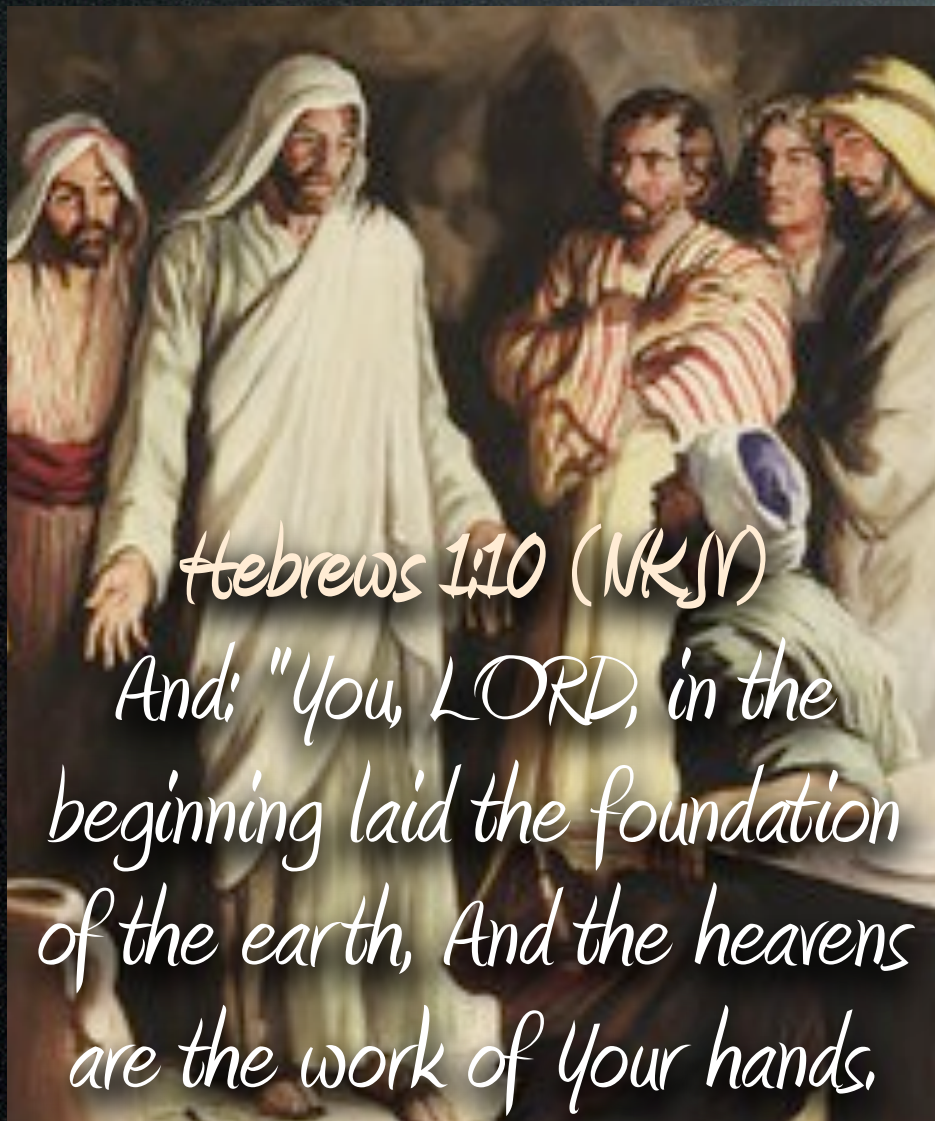
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Acts 2:21 (NKJV)

21 And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the
name of the **LORD** [יהוה
yhwh] Shall be
saved.' [quote from Joel 2:32]
(cf Acts 22:16; Rom
10:12,13; 1 Cor. 1:2)

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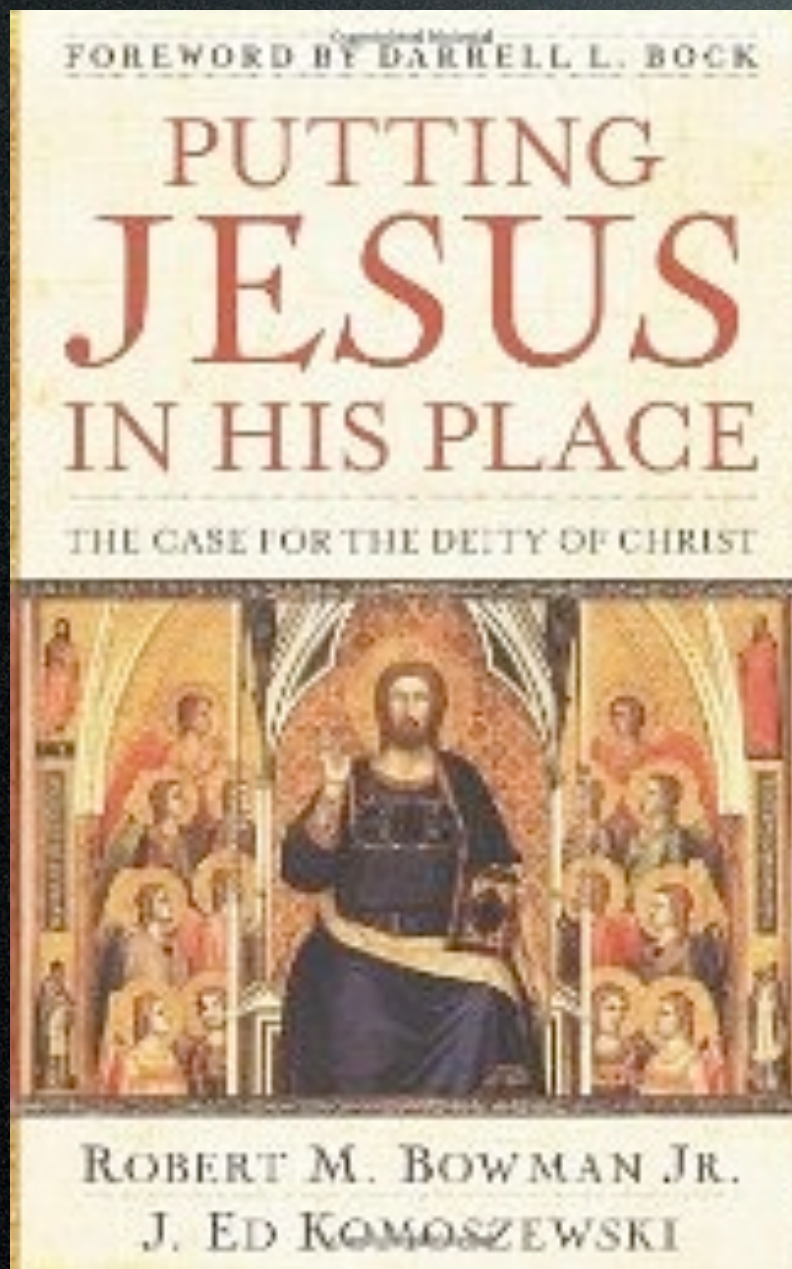
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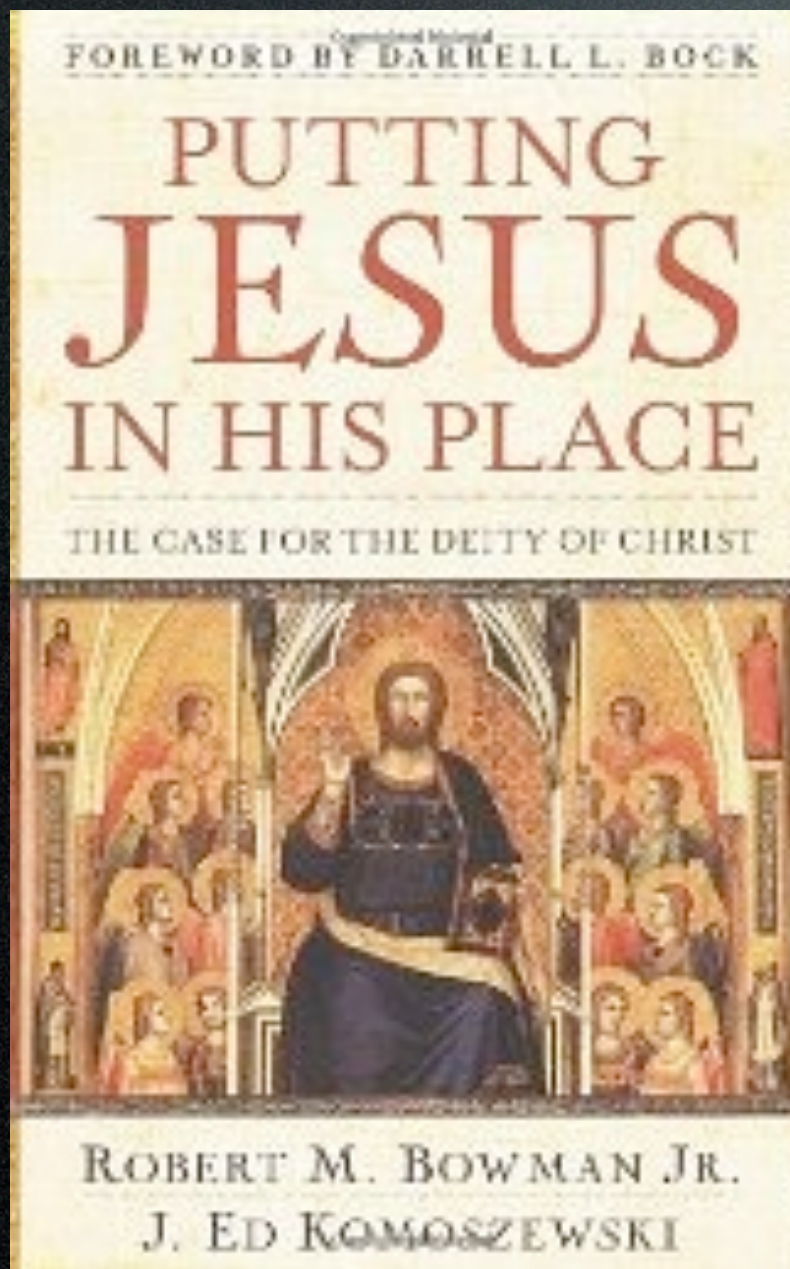
Jesus could not be the one
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Jesus is not the only way
to the Father -

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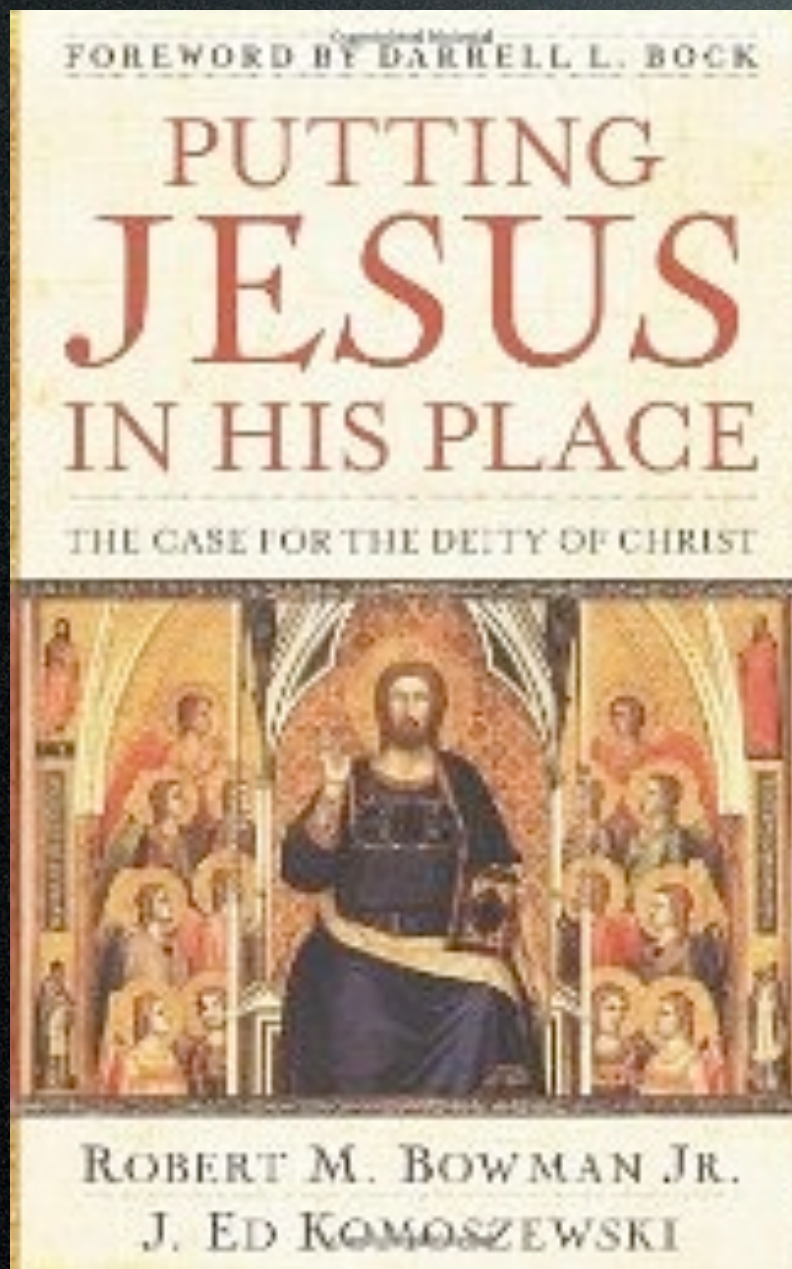
Real atonement / *A sacrifice demonstrating both the love & justice of God - A sacrifice worthy of taking away the sins of the world - Rom 5:8-10; 1 John 2:1,2*

Jesus is qualified to be our one and only mediator / *capable of equally representing both parties - 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 8:6; 9:15; 12:24*

Jesus is the only way to the Father -
"Except you believe that I am He you will die in your sins"
- John 14:6; 8:24; 10:9; Acts 4:12

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Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?

Are you willing to confess that faith just as Peter & Thomas did?

Will you turn from your sins and yield your heart and life to the teaching of Jesus and honor Him?

Will you call upon the name of the LORD by being buried with Him in baptism?



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Revelation 5:8-14 (NKJV)

⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 5:8-14 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

Revelation 5:8-14 (NKJV)

¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" ¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.