
BIBLE TALK

This week the question is: **Are Jehovah's Witnesses right about Jesus?**

The Jehovah's Witnesses are wrong about many, many things:

- The Godhead
- Blood transfusions
- The kingdom of God
- The Book of Revelation
- What men must do to be saved
- The end of the world
- Heaven and hell
- How to worship God

But the question we are examining this week is the most critical issue of all: ***What the Jehovah's Witnesses teach about Jesus is wrong.*** A person could possibly be wrong about how to interpret the Book of Revelation and still be saved, but a person cannot be wrong about who Jesus is and still be saved.

The Witnesses teach Jesus is a created being. They teach Jesus is not equal with the Father, but rather, they teach Jesus was the first item ever created. Furthermore, they teach Jesus was at first created as an angel and later promoted to the status of "*Son of God.*"

When the Witnesses say they believe Jesus is the "*Son of God,*" they are being deceptive because they do not mean Jesus is the "*Son of God*" like the scriptures teach.

PASSAGE #1

There are three main passages of scripture which the JWs use in their effort to teach Jesus is a created being. Here's the first passage:

Colossians 1:15

15 [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn over all creation.**

Supposedly the word "firstborn" means Jesus had a beginning.

But in the Bible, "firstborn" has reference to being the supreme heir of property. According to Dt 21:17, the firstborn son was to receive a double portion of all the inheritance. Now, notice the following passage:

Psalms 89:27

27 Also **I will make him My firstborn,**
The highest of the kings of the earth.

This Psalm is a Messianic psalm. The Messiah will be "made God's firstborn." In other words, God will make Jesus the supreme heir of all the world. This is what Jesus was referring to when He said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and in earth" (Mt 28:18).

So Col 1:15 does not teach Jesus is a created being.

PASSAGE #2

Let's look at the second passage used by JW's:

Revelation 3:14

14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, **the Beginning of the creation of God:**

Supposedly when Jesus is called "*the beginning of the creation of God,*" this means Jesus is a created being.

However, the word "beginning" in this passage is a very critical term in understanding what this passage is saying. The word "*beginning*" means "*that by which anything begins to be, the origin, the active cause*" (Thayer's Greek Lexicon). The passage is saying, "*Jesus is the Originator of God's creation.*" Without Jesus, there would be no created thing.

John 1:3

3 All things were made through Him, and **without Him nothing was made that was made.**

So Rev 3:14 does not teach Jesus was created. Rather, He is the Creator of all things.

PASSAGE #3

Finally, let's look at the third passage commonly used by JW's:

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only **begotten Son**, ...

Supposedly the expression "*begotten Son*" means Jesus was created.

When Jesus is called the "*only begotten Son*," this simply means Jesus is God's unique Son. There is no other son like Jesus. Ordinary Christians might be called "sons" and "daughters" of God, but Jesus is God's Son in a unique way. Notice the following passage:

Acts 13:33

33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: '**You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.**'

This passage says God "raised up Jesus." Raised Him up from what? Notice the next verse:

Acts 13:34

34 And that **He raised Him from the dead**, ...

When Jesus was raised up from the dead, the Bible says, "**Today I have begotten You.**" Jesus being God's only "*begotten*" Son has reference to His resurrection from the dead.

So Jn 3:16 does not teach Jesus is a created Being.

SUMMARY

Every single one of these passages which speak about Jesus being:

- The "*firstborn of all creatures*"
- The "*beginning of the creation*"
- The "*only begotten Son*"

Every single one of these passages are have reference to Jesus being supreme, unique and the originator of God's physical creation.

- Jesus is not a created being.
- Jesus is the creator.
- He is "*Immanuel*," which is translated, "*God with us*" (Mt 1:23).
- He was God in the flesh (Jn 1:1-14).
- Heb 1:5-13 clearly states that Jesus was no angel. This directly contradicts the JWs position that Jesus was originally Michael the Archangel.

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