

**CAN THE  
MORMON  
JESUS  
SAVE YOU ?**



What do you mean, "Can the *Mormon* Jesus save me?" There's only one Jesus! True, there's only one Jesus, one *real* Jesus, that is. But there are other "Jesus's" being promoted that don't really live at all. The Jehovah's Witnesses for instance, believe that Jesus is *Michael the archangel*. This "Jesus" simply doesn't exist. As the Apostle Paul put it:

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel,... (2 Corinthians 11:3,4)

Hopefully, we can agree that it is important to have a personal relationship with the *true* Jesus. As it is written: "*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*" (John 17:3)

Would it be fair to assume that if a person has a *radically* wrong idea of who Jesus is, then he probably doesn't know Him (which would mean, of course, that he doesn't have eternal life)? How can we really *know* Who the *real* Jesus is then? Is it by *feelings*?

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Proverbs 14:12)

Feelings are too shaky. What about the Scriptures?

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

Even Brigham Young gave this challenge:

I say to the whole world, receive the truth, no matter who presents it to you. Take up the Bible, compare the religion of the Latter-day Saints with it, and see if it will stand the test." (Journal of Discourses, Volume 16, page 46)

So let's compare the L.D.S. concept of Jesus Christ with what we find in the Bible. Will it stand the test?

### COMPARING THE L.D.S. JESUS WITH THE BIBLICAL JESUS

1). Jesus is a spirit-brother of Lucifer. (see *The Gospel Through the Ages*, Hunter, page 15).

Lucifer is a created being (see Ezekiel 28:13). Jesus created all the angels before some of them (like Lucifer) rebelled.

For by him (that is, Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers—all things were created by him, and for him; (Colossians 1:16, cf. John 1:1-3,14 and Ephesians 6:12).

The question needs to be asked; "How can Jesus the Creator, be a spirit-brother of His own Creation? It's *impossible!!*

- 2). **Jesus was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. That would make Him the son of the Holy Ghost. He was literally the Son of God. The Father (who has a body of flesh and bones) had a sexual relationship with Mary.** (see *Mormon Doctrine*, McConkie, under "Son of God")

In the first place, the Holy Ghost *is* God (compare Acts 5:3 with 5:4, and I Corinthians 3:16 with 6:19). The Bible declares:

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35. Even see Alma 7:10 in the Book of Mormon.)

How can Jesus be born of a *virgin* (Matthew 1:23), when one described as a "holy Man" literally fathered Him (*Mormon Doctrine*, *ibid.*)? At the conception, Mary was "*espoused to Joseph*" (Matthew 1:18) so wouldn't such a relationship with a Man be immoral (note Joseph's reaction in Matthew 1:19), and even incestuous according to the L.D.S. idea that Mary was a spirit child of the Father (a sexual relationship with one of his own spirit-children)!

- 3). **Jesus sweated for our sins in the garden of Gethsemane "... when he conditionally took upon himself the sins of the world,..."** (see *What the MORMONS think of CHRIST*, L.D.S. Church booklet, page 31)

But Jesus didn't *sweat* for sins in the *garden of Gethsemane*, He *died for sins* upon the *cross*. He could have sweat blood and never died and there would have been no atonement. As it was, He *shed* (not sweat) His blood unto death, thus becoming a sacrifice for sins. This is clear from various passages in the Bible:

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross,... (Colossians 1:20)  
... how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (I Cor. 15:3)

- 4). **Jesus is only part of the way, but self-effort through L.D.S. laws and ordinances provides the rest of the way of salvation** (see Third Article of Faith). "**Christians speak often of the blood of Christ and its cleansing power. Much that is believed and taught on this subject, however, is such utter nonsense and so palpably false that to believe it is to lose one's salvation. ...if we confess Christ with our lips and avow that we accept him as our personal Savior, we are thereby saved. His blood, without other act than mere belief, they say, makes us clean.**" (*What the MORMONS think of CHRIST*, page 31)

The Bible sheds quite a bit of light on this important topic:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins... (Ro. 3:24,25)

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. (Romans 10:9)

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.* (Eph. 2:8,9)

- 5). **Jesus was a man who became a God by obedience to the laws of eternal progression, just as we too, can also become Gods.** (See **What the MORMONS think of CHRIST**, p. 36, **Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith**, pps. 346, 347.)

But instead of a Jesus who progressed from man to God, the Bible tells us that He is God the Word Who became the God-man.

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** (John 1:1) **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (John 1:14)

... even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God. (Psalm 90:2)

Can we become Gods? Notice that God said:

... **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.** (Isaiah 43:10 - the "law of eternal progression" is not a law but an illusion. Also, God is not just God of this earth. He owns it all - see Deut. 10:14)

- 6). **Jesus is Jehovah, a totally separate God from the Father, who is Elohim** (See **The Uniform System for Teaching Families**, p. C-1, and **Articles of Faith**, pps. 466, 467). **They are only one in purpose.**

If this is true, why does Deuteronomy 6:4 literally read:

**Hear Israel, YHWH our Elohim, YHWH one.** (YHWH = the one we call "Jehovah." Notice that it says, "*Jehovah our Elohim.*")

Other verses create problems for the L.D.S. conception of Jesus:

... **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;**... (John 14:9)

**Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? . . . the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me:** ... (John 14:10,11)

**Who is the image of the invisible God,** ... (Colossians 1:15)

If the Father and the Son both had bodies of flesh and bones (see D. & C. 130:22), then you would have one body inside the skin of another body, and vice versa according to John 14:10,11. Oddly enough, even the Book of Mormon teaches they are **one God** (see 2 Nephi 31:21, Mosiah 15:4,5, and Alma 11:44). Write to the address below for a paper that goes into greater detail on the subject, and deals with a variety of L.D.S. proof texts.

#### **CAN THE MORMON JESUS SAVE YOU?**

The answer must be "No," because as you have been shown from the scriptures, he simply doesn't exist. The *real* Jesus however, loves you very much and is offering you eternal life through faith in Him. Won't you humble yourself and turn to Him right now, giving up all your striving to earn righteousness? Let Him credit righteousness to your account through faith in His blood, confessing the *true* Lord Jesus and trusting in your heart that God raised Him (Ro. 3:25, 10:3,4,9).

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