



WHO IS

JESUS?

CHRISTOLOGY

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Our objectives at the end of the study

- ▶ JESUS IN HISTORY- Prophecies fulfilled about His life
- ▶ THE DUAL NATURE OF CHRIST
- ▶ THE DOCTRINE OF KENOTIC CHRISTOLOGY
- ▶ THE MAGNITUDE OF HIS TEMPTATIONS
- ▶ THE NECESSITY OF HIS HUMAN NATURE
- ▶ DIFFICULT BIBLE TEXTS ON CHRISTOLOGY

EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW

EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW 3×
WHO JESUS IS
EVERYBODY OUGHT TO TELL 3×
WHO JESUS IS

CHOROUS

HE'S THE LILLY OF THE VALLEY!
HE'S THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR!
HE'S THE FAIREST OF TEN THOUSAND
EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW

PREDICTIONS FULFILED

1. SEED OF THE WOMAN	GEN 3:15	GAL 4:4
2. BORN OF A VIRGIN	ISA 7:14	MAT 1:23
3. OF THE FAMILY OF SHEM	GEN 9:6	GEN 11 GENEALOGY
4. OF THE RACE OF THE HEBREWS		JOHN 4: 9
5. SEED OF ABRAHAM	GEN 22:18	GAL 3:16
6. FROM THE LINE OF ISAAC	GEN 21: 12	GAL 4:23-28
7. OF JACOB (ISRAEL)	GEN 28:12-14	LUKE 1 :68
8. OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID	ISA 9:7	MAT 1, LUKE 1:69
9. BORN AT BETHLEHEM	MICAH 5:2	LUKE 2:4
HIS SUFFERINGS	ISAIAH 53	LUKE 24 JOHN 26

PREDICTIONS FULFILED

BETRAYED FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER	ZECHARIAH 11:12-13	MATT 26 :14-15
DEATH ON A CROSS	ISA 53:8-9	1 COR 15:3
ENTOMBMENT AND EMBALMENT	ISA 53:9	MARK 14:8
RESSURECTION ON THE THIRD DAY	MAT 12:40, 16:4	MAT 27:63
HIS ASCENSION TO HEAVEN	PSALM 68:18	ACTS 1:9
HIS SECOND ADVENT	ISAIAH 40:10	ACTS 17:31

THE TESTIMONY OF THE QU'RAN

- ▶ SURAH AL-IMRAN 3:45
- ▶ SURAH YUNUS 19:19
- ▶ SURAH AL-IMRAN 3:49
- ▶ SURAH AL-NISAH 4:171
- ▶ SURAH 3:55

Sura 3:45 (Al-Imran)-JESUS IS MESIAH

- ▶ "The angels said to Mariam (Mary):
'Allah bids you rejoice in a Word from
Him. His name is *al-Masih (Messiah)*,
Isa the son of Mariam. He shall be
noble in this world and in the next,
and shall be favored by Allah.'"

Sura 19:19 (Mariam) – JESUS IS HOLY SON OF MARIAM

▶ JIBRIL TO MARIAM "I am the messenger of your Lord,' he replied and have come to give you a holy son."

Sura 3:49 (Al-Imran)- JESUS PERFORMS WONDERS THAT ONLY ALLAH CAN PERFORM

- ▶ (Jesus is speaking) "I bring you a sign from your Lord. From clay, I will make for you the likeness of a bird. I shall breathe into it and, by Allah's leave, it shall become a living bird. By Allah's leave, I shall give sight to the blind man, heal the leper and raise the dead to life."

Sura 10:34 (Yunus) -

"Say: Can any of your partners (associate-gods) produce a creation, then reproduce it? Allah produces a creation, then reproduces it." Only God can create and give life.

Sura 4:171 (Al-Nisa)- JESUS ISN'T THE WORD OF ALLAH


- ▶- "Al-Masih (Messiah), Isa (Jesus) the son of Mariam, was no more than Allah's apostle and His Word which He bestowed on Mariam, and a spirit proceeding from Him."

Sura 3:55 (Al-Imran)- JESUS DIED

- ▶ - "Allah said, Isa (Jesus), I am about to cause your term on earth to end "Inim wuta wafika" and lift you up to Me. I shall take you away from those who disbelieve and exalt your followers above them till the Day of Resurrection."

Sura 19:33 (Mariam)-DIED AND WAS RAISED BY ALLAH

- ▶ Jesus is quoted as saying, "So peace be on me on the day I was born, and on the day I die; and may peace be upon me on the day when I shall be raised to life."

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- ▶ Both the **Bible** and the **Quran** establishes the uniqueness of The personality of Jesus. And in both cases one special thing we see is that Jesus seem to be depicted as both GOD and MAN.
 - ▶ HOW DO WE SEE THIS?

THE DUAL NATURE OF CHRIST

POPULAR VIEWS

50% MAN	+	50% GOD
100% GOD	+	100% MAN
100% GOD	+	0% MAN
100% MAN	+	0% GOD

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH

- ▶ 1. JESUS CHRIST IS FULLY GOD
- ▶ 2. JESUS CHRIST IS FULLY MAN

A CRUCIAL ELEMENT IN THE DOCTRINE OF THE GODHEAD is the divinity of Jesus Christ because the doctrine of the trinity teaches that there is only ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS AND THAT EACH PERSON IS FULLY DIVINE.

- ▶ CHRIST IS FULLY EQUAL TO THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EVERY WAY EXCEPT IN **OFFICE WORK**. ALL THREE MEMBERS OF THE TRINITY HAVE THE SAME DIVINE ATTRIBUTES BUT EACH HAS CHOSEN
 - ▶ **1. a different APPEARANCE**
 - ▶ **2. a different MANNER OF OPERATION**
 - ▶ **3. a distinctive MINISTRY**

Jesus was also fully God

▶ 100% God

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS GOD

1. HIS DIVINE ATTRIBUTES

Omnipotent-MAT 28:18- All power has been given me in heaven and upon earth.(also John 17:2)

Omniscient-COL 2:3- in which are hid all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge.

Omnipresence-MAT 28:20-, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.***Limited by His incarnation

Immutable HEB13:8- Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Self-existence-JOHN 11:25-I am the resurrection, and the life

Holiness LUKE 1:35-therefore also that **holy thing** which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.(MARK 1:24- I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.)

Eternal- ISAIAH 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.(see COL 1:17)

Love-1 John 3:16- Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS GOD

2. HIS DIVINE PREROGATIVES AND POWERS

The works of God are ascribed to JESUS

1. CREATOR- col 1:16- for by Him were all things created(see john 1:3)
2. SUSTAINER and UPHOLDER-col 1:17- In Him do all things consist (Heb 1:3-Jesus upholds all things by the word of His power)
3. HIS VOICE SHALL RAISE THE DEAD-John 5:28,29-for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
4. HE SHALL JUDGE THE WORLD- john 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.(Mat 21:31-32)
5. HE FORGAVE SINS AUTONOMOUSLY – Mat 9:6-that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, Mark 2:5-sick of the palsy

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS GOD

3. HIS DIVINE NAMES

1. **EMMANUEL**-God with us –Mat 1:23

2. **SON OF GOD**- Mark 1:1- the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

3. **YAHWEH/ELOHIYM** Isaiah 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God **EL-Ohiym**, The everlasting Father-**EL-Olam**, The Prince of Peace **EL-Shalom**.

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS GOD

4. HIS DIVINITY ACKNOWLEDGED

1. by the people of His time- John 1:1,14- (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
2. By Thomas- John 20: 28-My Lord and my God.
3. By His Father- Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.
4. BY Demons-

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS GOD

5. HIS EQUALITY WITH GOD ASUMED

Gospel commission- [mat 28:19](#)

The Grace/Pauline benediction- [2 Corinthians 13:14](#)

Diversities of Spiritual gifts- [2 Corinthians 12:4-6](#) –read

The brightness of God's glory and the express image of His person- [Heb 1:3](#)

I and My Father are One- [John 10:30](#)

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS GOD

6. HE IS WORSHIPED AS GOD

1. after resurrection by disciples-MATT 28:17-And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted

2.By angels- heb 1:6

3. BY all creature- Philippians 2:10, 11\

NOTE : only God is supposed to be worshipped and served-
luke 4: 8

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS GOD

7. HIS PERSONAL TESTIMONY

“I AM”

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

expressing immutability

Jesus was also fully Man

▶ 100% man

ACCEPTANCE IS CRUCIAL

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ
is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist
1 John 4:3

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS FULLY MAN

1. HIS HUMAN BIRTH-

- ▶ The Word was **made flesh**, and **dwelt** amongst us-John 1:14
- ▶ **Made of a woman** , made **under the law**- Galatians 4:4
- ▶ Seed of the woman- Genesis 3:15
- ▶ **Genealogy** traced through men- MAT 1:1
- ▶ **The Carpenter's Son**, the brother of James, and Joses and Judah AND SIMON -Mark 6:3

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS FULLY MAN

2. HIS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Luke 2:40 And **the child grew**, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon h
- ▶ Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in **wisdom** and **stature**, and in **Favour with God and man.**
- ▶ NOTE: In all his human development He **WAS SINLESS-(Heb 5:8-9, 2:10-18)**

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS FULLY MAN

3. HE WAS CALLED MAN

► **By others-**

John 1:30 John The Baptist After me cometh **a man** which is preferred before me: for **he was before me.**

Acts 2:22; Rom 5:15, 1 Cor 15:21 etc

► **Jesus' favorite designation for Himself** in all scripture, one which He used to refer to Himself 70 times was **THE SON OF MAN**

Mat 8:20, 26:62 etc

BIBLICAL PROOF OF THE ASSERTION OF CHRIST AS FULLY MAN

4. HIS HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ As humans are made a little lower than the angels,(Psalms 8:5) so is Christ. He was flesh and blood(HEB 2:9) as we all are and the in all things he was made like his fellow human beings(HEB 2:17)
- ▶ **He experienced**
- ▶ **HUNGER-Mt 4:2**
- ▶ **THIRST-Joh 19:28**
- ▶ **TIREDDNESS- John 4:6**
- ▶ **SLEEP-Mt 8:24**
- ▶ **ANXIETY-Joh 12:27**
- ▶ **ANGER -Mr 3:5**
- ▶ **WEEPING-Joh 11:35**
- ▶ **DEATH-Joh 19:30**

AND SO..

▶ 100% GOD

SON OF GOD

Relationship With
The Godhead

100% MAN

SON OF MAN

Solidarity With
Human Race

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is **one God**, and one mediator between
God and men, **the man Christ Jesus**;



▶ But How did GOD BECOME
MAN?

It's a mystery!

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- ▶ There is no one who can explain the mystery of the incarnation of Christ.

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- ▶ Avoid every question in relation to the humanity of Christ which is liable to be misunderstood. Truth lies to the track of presumption. In treating upon the humanity of Christ you need to guard strenuously every assertion, lest your words be taken to mean more than they imply and thus you lose or dim the clear perception of His humanity as combined with His humanity.

How did God become man?

- ▶ The predominant theory confusing many individuals and churches today is the doctrine of

▶ KENOTIC CHRISTOLOGY

THE BELIEF THAT CHRIST JESUS BECAME SOMETHING OTHER THAN
GOD WHEN HE CAME TO THIS WORLD

Does the BIBLE and SPIRIT OF PROPHECY consent to it?

DOCTRINE BASED ON Philippians

2:5-8

- ▶ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **But made himself of no reputation**, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, **and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.** (KJV)

It is based on Philippians 2:7(a)

“but He emptied Himself...”

(Revised Standard Version)



“but He emptied Himself...”

(Revised Standard Version)

OTHER ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

“made Himself nothing”NIV

“stripped Himself of all privileges”
.....PHILIPS

“laid aside His mighty power and
glory”LIVING BIBLE

“made Himself of no
reputation” ...NKJV

“but He emptied Himself...”

(Revised Standard Version)

Empty in Greek is “**kenoo**”
whose noun form is “**kenosis**”

**Did Christ Really Empty Himself
Of His Deity Before Coming To
Earth?**

FROM PHILLIPIANS 2:5-7 KJV

note 3 things

- ▶ 1. Jesus was in the **“form of God”** Form Greek Morphe

Form is an outward expression of an inner nature , implication: Jesus was actually God!

- ▶ 2. Jesus took **“the form of a servant”** which actually means that at his Incarnation he actually took the form of Man.it was not a change of His nature as God to man as in the **metamorphosis** of a caterpillar to a butterfly, instead He added a human nature to His humanity

- ▶ 3. He was then made **in the likeness of man.** That is he was **human in all physical appearance just like me!**



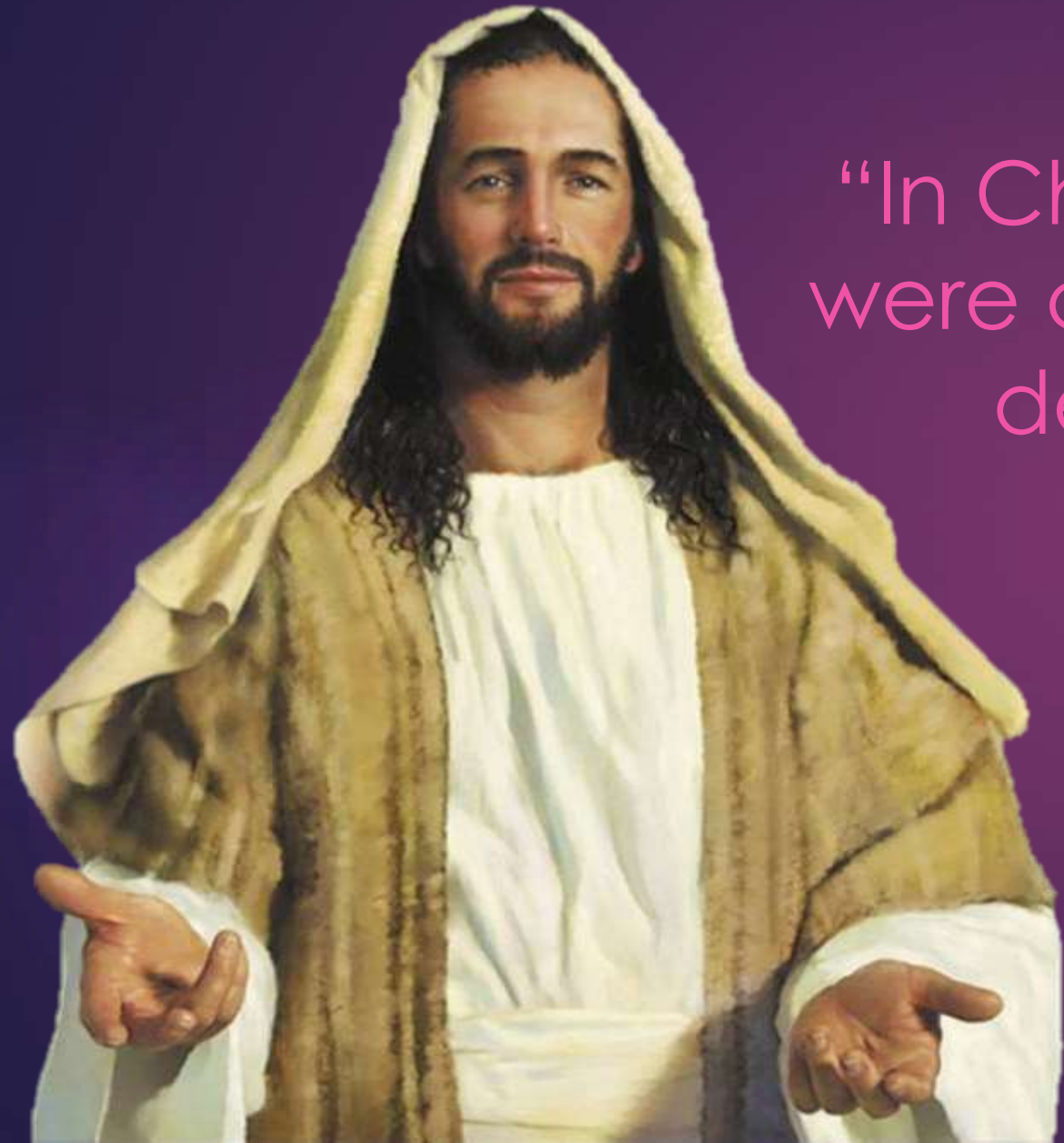
100% GOD



100% GOD + 100% MAN

“THE DIVINE CONDESCENSION”

-The Mystery Of Godliness-



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“In Christ, divinity and humanity were combined. Divinity was not degraded to humanity”

E. G. WHITE

**“THE DIVINE
CONDESCENSION”**

The Incredible Humility Revealed!!!

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS: WHO, BEING IN THE **FORM OF GOD**, THOUGHT IT NOT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD: **BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION**, AND TOOK UPON HIM THE **FORM** OF A SERVANT, AND WAS MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN: AND BEING FOUND IN FASHION AS A MAN, HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF, **AND BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.** (KJV)



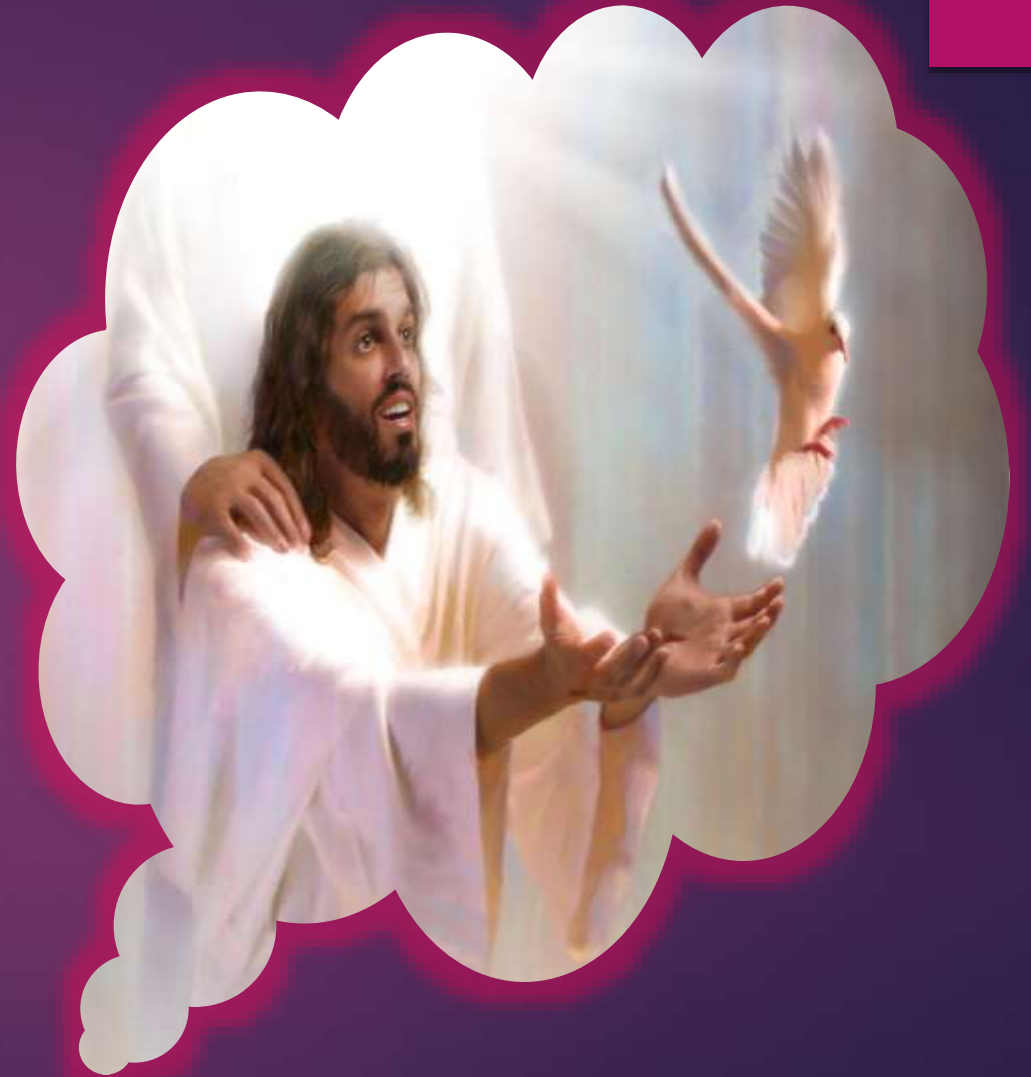
For I came down
from heaven, not
to do mine own
will, but the will of
Him that sent me.

John 6:38



▶ that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 8:28



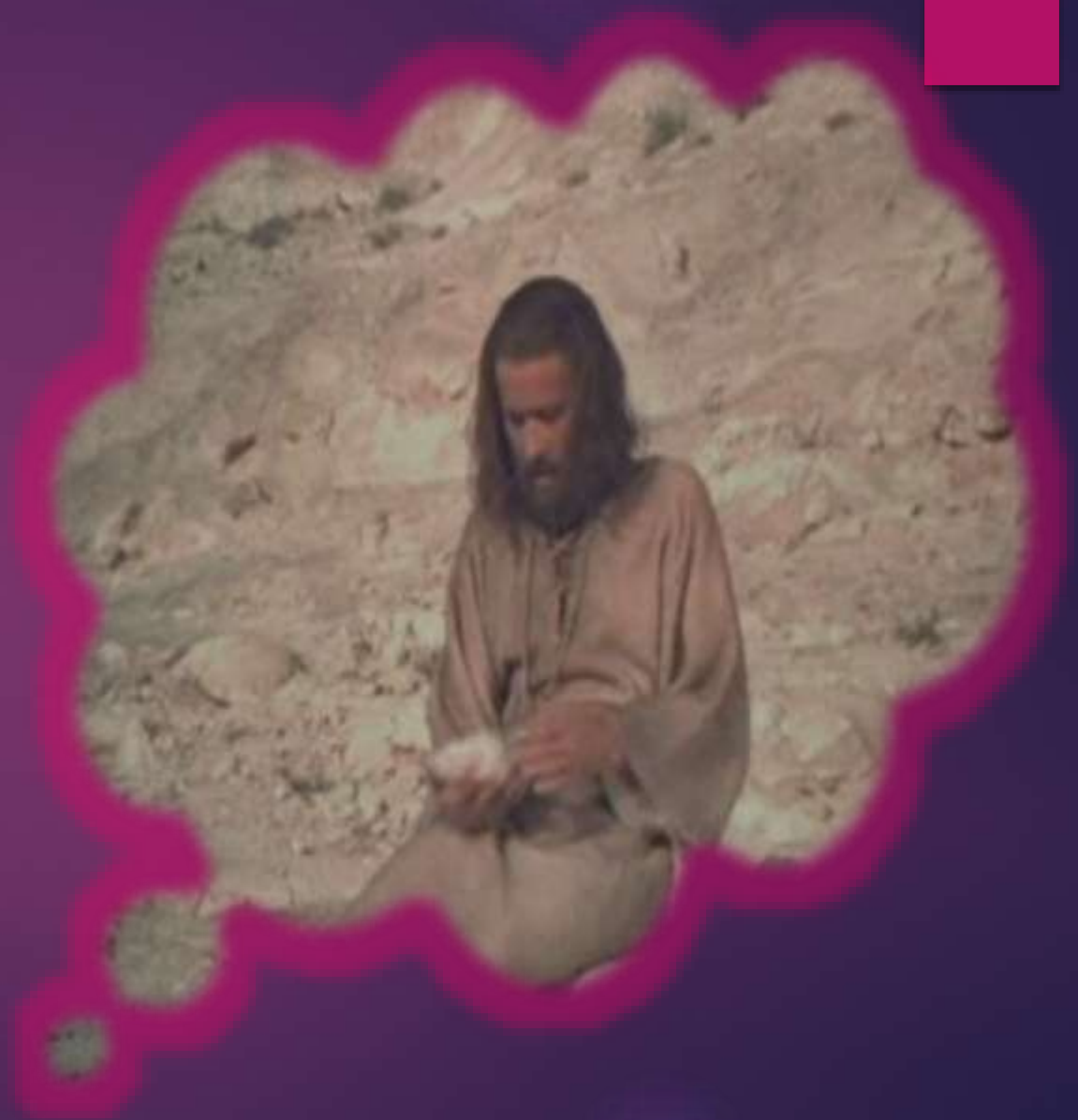
▶because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me.

John 5:3



▶ Jesus saith unto them, *My meat* is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.

John 4:34



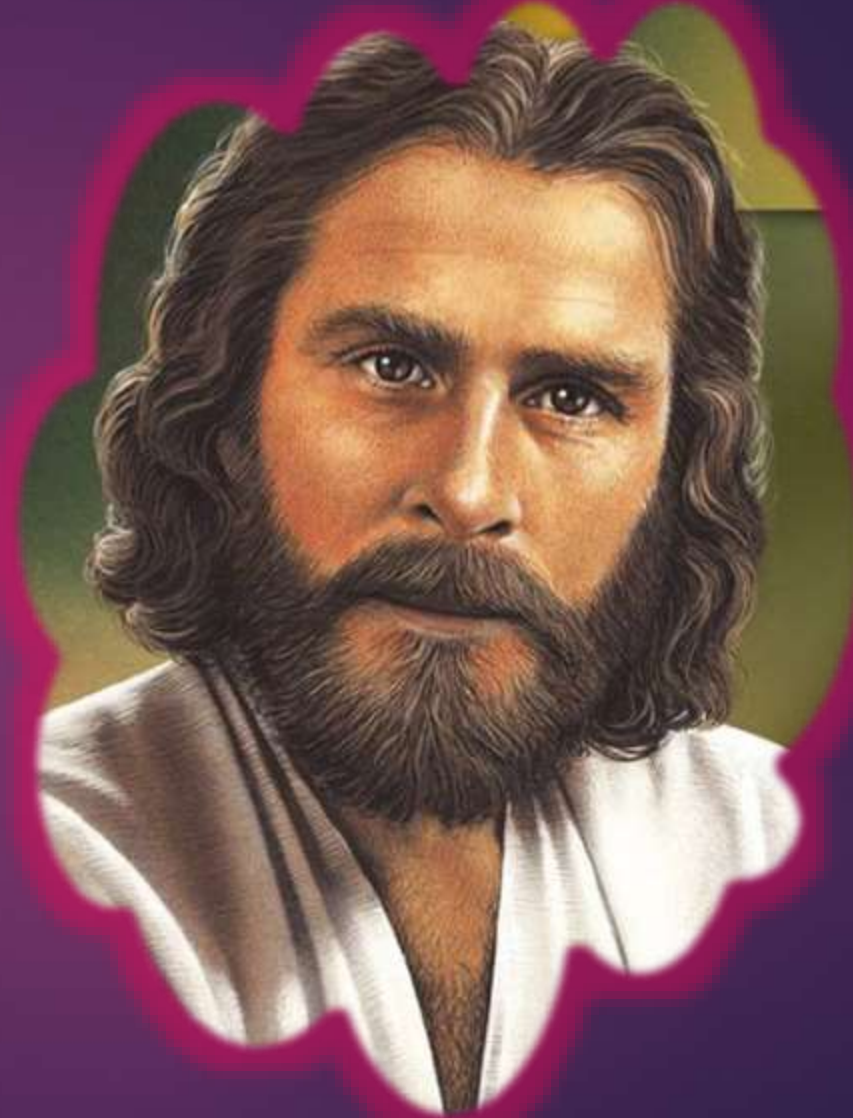
▶ O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

Mt 26:39



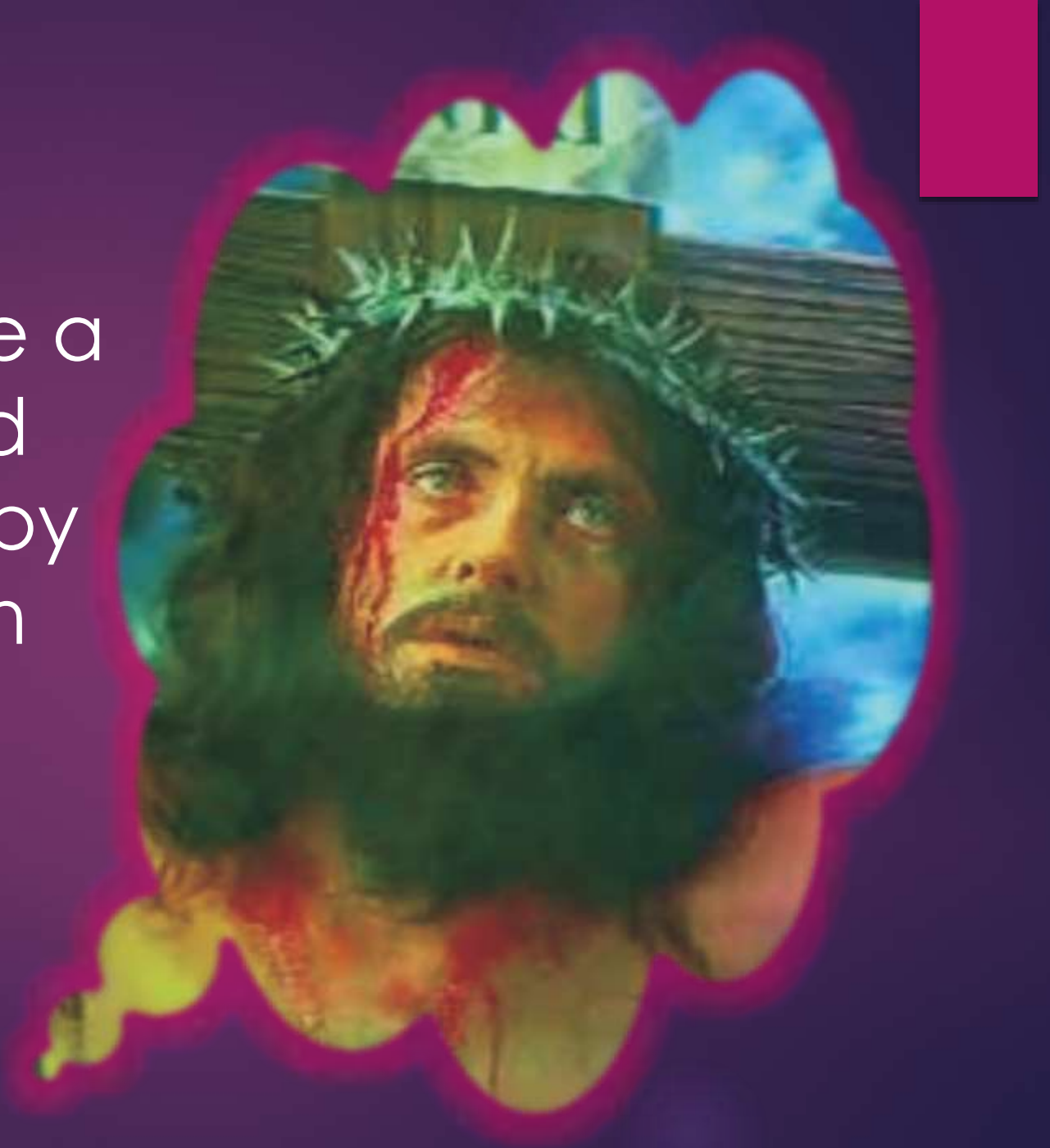
▶ For even
Christ
pleased not
Himself;

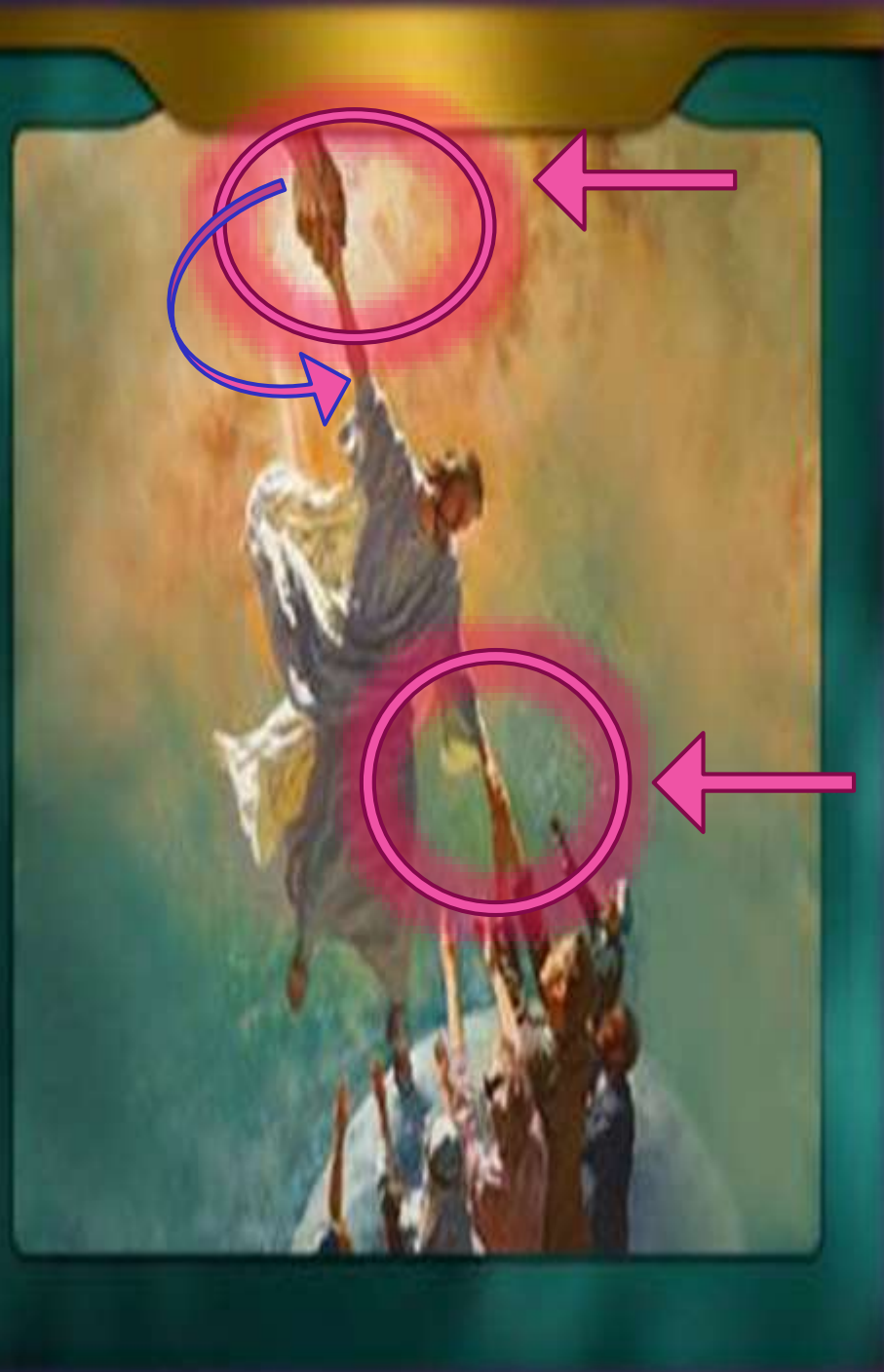
Rom 15:3



▶ Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;

Heb 5:8





The “kenoo” now simply means

A Restraint Of
Power
in Submission to
The Father’s Will

THAT WAS THE HEIGHT
AND DEPTH OF HIS
HUMILITY

Two Sons Go to their Dad to make a
request

Son A



PLEASE DAD, CAN I
GET GH¢10 TO USE?

Son B



PLEASE DAD, CAN I
USE MY OWN GH¢10
IN MY HANDS?

THOUGH BOTH SONS SOUGHT TO RELY ON THEIR FATHER BUT
THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN THE
NATURE OF THEIR RELIANCE

SON A - HUMANS

WE NEED TO DEPEND ON THE LORD
FOR DIVINE HELP (GHø10)
ALWAYS

WE HAVE NO OTHER OPTION THAN
TO RELY ON THE LORD FOR THE
(GHø10)



SON B - JESUS CHRIST

HE HAD THE DIVINE HELP (GHø10)
WITH HIM ALWAYS

HE HAD AN OPTION TO RELY ON
HIMSELF TO SPEND HIS (GHø10)
BUT HE CHOSE TO
LIVE AS THOUGH HE HAD NO
(GHø10)



Question

If He chose not to use His Divine powers (GHØ10) then why didn't He leave them in heaven before coming to earth?



Answer

If He had left his divine attributes in heaven, He would have ceased to be God, He kept it with Him (so that He will not cease being God) but He chose not to use it (hence taking the form of a human)



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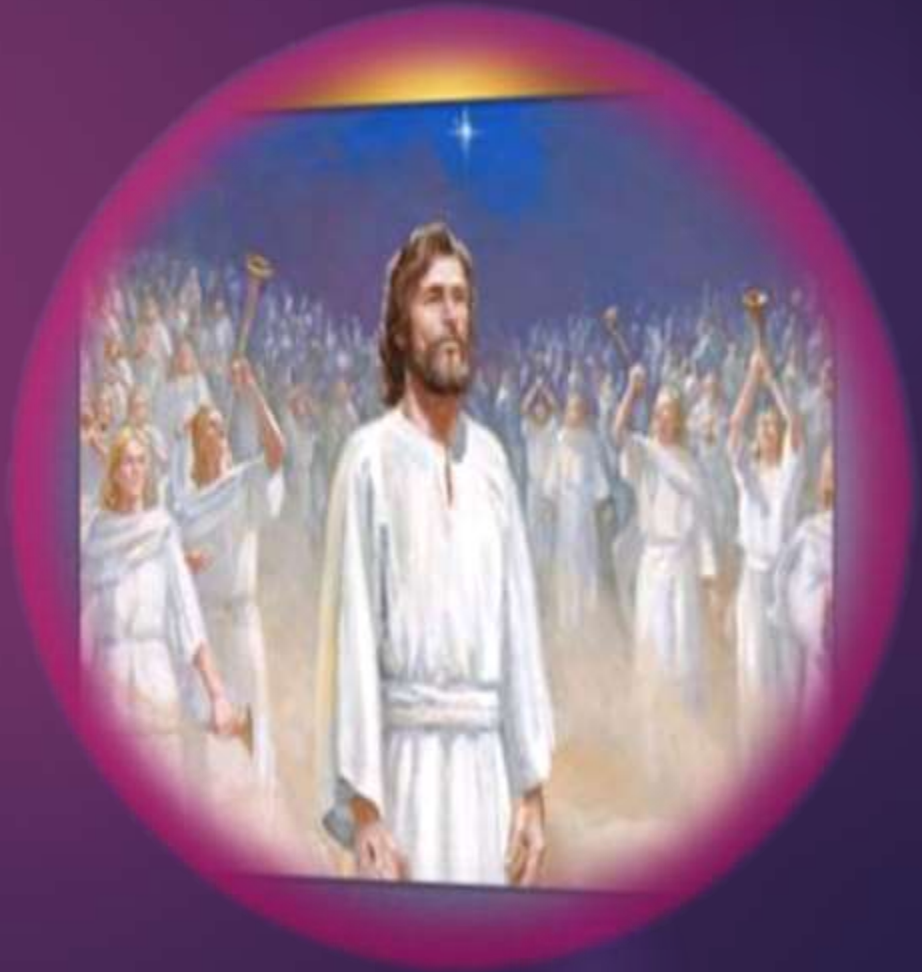
Had Christ come in his divine form, humanity could not have endured the sight. The contrast would have been too painful, the Glory too overwhelming. Humanity could not have endured the presence of one of the pure bright angels from glory. Therefore Christ took not on Himself the nature of angels HE CAME IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN.





E G White, Child Guidance page 20

“He who was the commander of heaven was a willing servant, a loving obedient son and with His own hands worked in the carpenter's shop with Joseph”





Desire Of Ages p70,par1

E. G.White

- ▶ The child Jesus did not receive instructions in the synagogue schools. His mother was His first human teacher .From her lips and from the scrolls of the prophets. He learnt heavenly things-the very words which He Himself had spoken to Moses"





Desire Of Ages p70,par2 E. G.White

- ▶ He who made all thing studied the lessons which His own hands had written in earth and sea and sky.....He studied the life of plants, and animals and the life of man”



DOA 336.2

- ▶ “As Jesus rested by faith in the Father’s care, so we are to rest in the care of our Saviour”

