



The contrary of a truth can never be demonstrated - Thomas Aquinas

Confident Christians

The Jesus of the Watchtower – Is He the Real Christ?

Is the Jesus of the Jehovah's Witnesses different than the Christ of the Bible?

The Watchtower Christ

The Jesus of the Jehovah's Witnesses comes from their re-written Bible – The New World Translation. Some quick facts about this book:

- No translator was schooled in Greek or Hebrew.
- The translators perjured themselves in court lying about this fact.
- The NWT was written to conform to the teachings of the movement's founder – Charles Taze Russell.

The New World Translation makes the following claims regarding Jesus:

- Jesus is a "mighty god" but not God Almighty.
- Jesus is the first and direct creation of God.
- Jesus made "all other things" for God.
- Jesus was/is the chief angel, Michael.
- Jesus was raised a spirit creature, not bodily.
- Jesus invisibly returned to the earth in 1914 and expelled Satan.

The key item to note about the Christ of the Jehovah's Witnesses is that he is not God, but a created being.

The Jesus of the Bible

The Jesus outlined in the New Testament differs from the Christ portrayed by the Jehovah's Witnesses in that He is:

- Fully God and fully man (John 1:1-3, 14; 8:58).
- Not a created being (Revelation 1:17).
- The One who made all things (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:6).
- Better than the angels (Hebrews 1:5-8).
- Raised from the dead in a physical body (Luke 24:39).
- Returning one day to judge all mankind (Matthew 25:31-46).

The law of non-contradiction says that something cannot be "A" and "Non-A" at the same time and in the same sense. If Jesus' true identity is revealed in the above point, this means that the Jesus of the New Testament does not equal the Christ of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Jesus thought believing in His true identity was pretty important as He said, "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins." (John 8:24).

Which Should You Trust?

So who is right? The evidence points to the Jesus outlined in the New Testament for the following reasons:

The New Testament books are historically reliable:

- 5,000+ ancient manuscripts exist.
- Many of the books were written within 20-30 years after Christ's death.
- All were written during the lifetime of the eyewitnesses.
- No case in history exists where myth has developed within two generations of the event.

The New Testament declares Christ to be God via the following:

- Jesus own words (John 8:58).
- Jesus' actions (accepted worship, forgave sins, said to pray in His name, etc.)
- Jesus miracles and fulfilling the prophecies about God become man (Isaiah 9:6, Micah 5:2).
- The New Testament writers said He was God (John 1:1-3, 14; John 20:28; Romans 9:5; Philipians 2:5-8, and more).

Since we can trust the historicity of the New Testament and see that Jesus proclaimed Himself to be God, acted like God, proved Himself God, and the New Testament writers said He was God – then it must be true.

Believing in a counterfeit Jesus has consequences as stated in Matthew 5:14 . A fake Jesus leads to a fake salvation, which leads to a very real Hell.