

Jesus Christ is LORD

Is Jesus Christ fully God Almighty? I've heard many Christian adults correct children who call Jesus Christ, "God," by saying, "No, He's not God; He's God's *Son*." The connotation is that He is not quite completely God. There is a tendency for people to think of Christ as a somewhat a lesser and separate Being than the greater God of the Old Testament. As a child, I always thought of Jehovah as God the Father, and Jesus Christ as God the Son. In my mind, Jehovah was strict and severe, and Christ was kind and forgiving. But what do the Scriptures say? Are there two distinctly separate Lords or only One manifest differently? That is the purpose of this paper.

It is with much timidity that I even dare to approach this incredible subject that entails the being and nature of God. I am acutely aware that "great is the mystery of godliness." Moreover, it has to be such an incredible thing, since John 17:3 says the whole purpose of eternity is to know God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. There is certainly more to this topic that I don't understand than I do. How can God be in all places at once and even in different forms at the same time? How can Jehovah on earth rain down fire and brimstone from Jehovah in heaven? (Gen 19:24) How can Christ pray to God the Father as though He is a distinctly separate Person, and yet say emphatically that He and the Father are one? In this life, there is so much about God that is far beyond our ability to even begin to grasp. To avoid introducing our own erroneous conclusions, we must stick strictly to Scripture on this great topic and not go beyond the inspired Word.

I believe that Jesus Christ is undeniably God Almighty. Also, I think that the Bible unequivocally demands that God is one most glorious Being. Moreover, it would seem that just as this one God has no problem being in several places at once, He can also be in more than one manifestation at the same time. There are an abundance of Scriptures that emphasize both the deity of Christ and the perfect Oneness of God. I want to place these Scriptures before my own eyes and anyone else who cares to see this much-repeated truth. Jehovah and Jesus Christ are one and the same God, manifest differently.

In Exodus 3:13, Jehovah calls Himself the great "I AM." This is from a Hebrew word, which is a composite of the verb "to become." Welch points out that if you are very intimately acquainted with the original Hebrew here, the expanded thought in this title "I AM" is that "I will become whatever is necessary for Me to become in order for My purposes to be wrought." The transcendent, unknowable God stooped and made Himself known as Jehovah, the glorious Holy One of Israel. Then He bent lower still and become like flesh as we are, in the person of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, too many of us misinterpret the great condescension of Christ and try to deny Him His essential deity! Jesus Christ makes the same claim as the great "I AM" in John 8:58, because that is who He is.

One more point before we begin to open the Scriptures in earnest on this subject. The Septuagint, which is the Greek translation of the Old Testament, was done and in place for at least three hundred years before Christ came into this world at Bethlehem. The word, LORD (all capitals), which is used consistently for Jehovah, is always translated "Kurios" in the Septuagint. In the New Testament, "Kurios" is also used to refer to the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, people at that time would immediately know that when we say Jesus Christ is Lord ("Kurios"), it is one and the same LORD as Jehovah of the Old Testament.

In this paper, I have tried to lay Old Testament Scriptures along side of New Testament Scriptures to show that they are both emphatically speaking of One and the same glorious God. When I see the sheer number and scope of these passages all lined up side by side, I find it totally convincing.

One LORD

In the Old Testament, Jehovah made it abundantly clear that there is one and only one God, and He would not give His glory to another. However, Jesus Christ is not only referred to as Lord and God, but Christ says that all men must honor the Son *even as* they honor the Father. There is no conflict, because God in all His manifestations is still the one true

God. All of the following Scriptures apply equally to both Jehovah and Christ. That is why they are used interchangeably.

(Deu 6:4 KJV) "Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God is one LORD:**"

(John 10:30 KJV) "**I and my Father are one.**"

(Eph 4:4-6 KJV) "*There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; {5} One Lord, one faith, one baptism, {6} One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all."*

No other God

(Deu 32:39 KJV) "See now that I, *even I, am* he, and **there is no god with me:** I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand."

(1 Chr 17:20 KJV) "O LORD, *there is* none like thee, **neither is there any God beside thee,** according to all that we have heard with our ears."

(Mat 22:42-45 KJV) "**Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. {43} He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, {44} The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? {45} If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?"**

(Isa 43:3 KJV) "For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee." (Isa 43:10-11 KJV) "Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. {11} I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.**"

(Isa 43:10-15 KJV) "Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: **before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. {11} I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.** {12} I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when *there was* no strange god among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God. {13} Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it? {14} Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is* in the ships. {15} I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King."

(Isa 45:21 KJV) "Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? **and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.**"

(John 20:27-29 KJV) "Then saith he to Thomas, **Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. {28} And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. {29}** Jesus saith unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.**"

First and the Last

Jehovah is the first and last in this first passage from Isaiah.

(Isa 44:6-8 KJV) "**Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.** {7} And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them. {8} Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it*? ye *are* even my witnesses. **Is**

there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any."

However, the following verses definitely refer to Christ as the first and the last. Who was dead and lives again? Who is the Alpha and the Omega? Jesus Christ, of course.

(Rev 1:17-18 KJV) "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not; I am the first and the last: {18} I am he that liveth, and was dead;** and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

(Rev 1:11-13 KJV) "Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:** and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. {12} **And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; {13} And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man,** clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle."

(Rev 22:12-13 KJV) "**And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. {13} I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.**"

Glory retained for God Alone

(Isa 42:8 KJV) "**I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another,** neither my praise to graven images."

(John 5:23 KJV) "**That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.**"

(2 Cor 4:6 KJV) "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of **the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**"

Image of the Invisible God

There can be no discrepancy in Scripture. Several verses say that no man has ever seen God, and other passages talk about those who saw God face to face. How can all the apparently opposite statements about man's ability to see God be true at the same time?

(Exo 33:20 KJV) "And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for **there shall no man see me, and live.**"

(John 1:18 KJV) "**No man hath seen God at any time;** the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*."

(1 John 4:12 KJV) "**No man hath seen God at any time.** If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

(Gen 32:30 KJV) "And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: **for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.**"

(Judg 13:22 KJV) "And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, **because we have seen God.**"

(Exo 33:11 KJV) "And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle."

(Num 14:14 KJV) "And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: *for* they have heard that thou LORD *art* among

this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and *that* thy cloud standeth over them, and *that* thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night."

(Deu 5:4 KJV) "The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,"

(Deu 34:10 KJV) "And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,"

(Isa 6:5 KJV) "Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: **for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.**"

This puzzle is answered in the person of Jesus Christ. He is the image of the invisible God, and it was He who people saw in both the Old and New Testament. He makes the unseen, incommunicable, unknowable, infinite, transcendent God who the "heaven of heavens" cannot contain known to us. Just as a word declares an invisible idea, so Jesus Christ declares and makes known the unknowable God. He does this so well that he could tell Philip, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." God had to stoop down greatly to come into the realm of creation, time, and space. He stooped even further to take the form of flesh that we might know Him, see Him and hear Him. What is God like? God is Christ-like, for Christ is God.

(John 1:18 KJV) "**No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.**"

(John 1:1 KJV) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.**"

(John 1:14 KJV) "And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

(John 17:26 KJV) "**And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**"

(1 Tim 3:16 KJV) "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

(Col 1:13-15 KJV) "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: {14} In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: {15} **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature."

(Heb 1:2-3 KJV) "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; {3} **Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

(John 14:8-11 KJV) "Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. {9} Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? {10} Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. {11} Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.**"

Two Aspects of Christ's glory

Are there really two aspects to Christ's glory? I believe Scripture teaches that Christ has an inherent glory and an inherited glory. Let's examine this. First, notice the great emptying of our Lord in Philippians 2:5-11. He *voluntarily* laid aside the majesty of His deity, and yet He was still was fully God manifest in the flesh. He had the inherent glory of

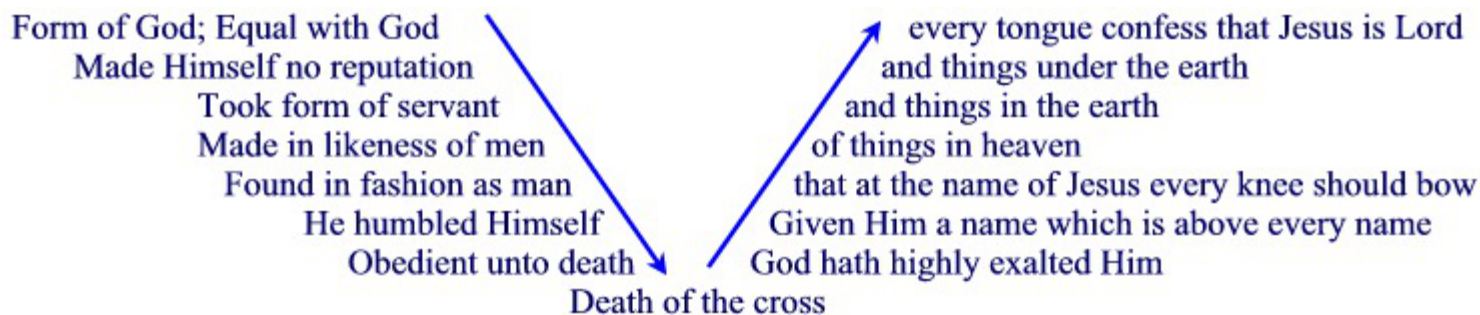
the omnipotent God, yet he willingly became weak and lowly for our sakes. Then He descended lower still to the ignominy of the cross. (2 Cor 8:9 KJV) "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, **though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.**"

At this very lowest possible point of the cross, He accomplished the greatest triumph of all for us. He was crucified in weakness, yet how the weakness of God is stronger than men! (1 Cor 1:25 KJV) "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and **the weakness of God is stronger than men.**" If the greatest work for all mankind was accomplished by the voluntary weakness and poverty of God, what will it be like when His glory and His strength are revealed? That is the other side of Phil. 2:5-11.

(Phil 2:5-11 KJV) "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: {6} **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:** {7} But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: {8} And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. {9} **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,** and **given him a name which is above every name:** {10} That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; {11} And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The left side of the chart below illustrates the seven steps down to the low point of the cross. The right side of this chart shows the glory *given* and due unto Him for the perfect Servant's work, which He has done. This exaltation is deserved by virtue of His work. Notice also the shape of the V: true victory in Jesus!

(Phil. 2:5-11) "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"



Still, is there really a given glory that is distinct from Christ's inherent glory as God? Look at the following passages.

This first verse looks back to the inherent glory of Christ.

(John 17:5 KJV) "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self **with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**"

These next verses speak of this given glory. This glory is a result of His work. We can behold this given glory and potentially share in it.

(John 17:22 KJV) "And the **glory which thou gavest me** I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:"

(John 17:24 KJV) "Father, I will that **they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me:** for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

Again, we see these two aspects of Christ's glory in the following extract from Hebrews.

(Heb 1:2-9 KJV) "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; {3} Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; {4} Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. {5} For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? {6} And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. {7} And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. {8} But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. {9} Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even thy God*, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Verse three explains that He was inherently the "brightness of His glory and the Express Image of His Person," and "He upholds all things by the word of His power." Hebrews 1:10 says, "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands."

Why would the writer need to say in verse 4 that Christ is made better than the angels? Of course, the One who is the express image of God and *created* the angels is better than them! Verse 2 and verse 4 explain that this glory of Christ is by an *obtained inheritance*. In other words, He earned this particular station. This is the given glory versus the inherent glory of Christ.

Again, these two sides of Christ's glory explain the next puzzling verses in 1 Timothy. Who is the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords? It is Christ, of course.

(Rev 17:14 KJV) "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful."

Now, we know that Christ is both King of Kings and the image of the invisible God, yet why does it say that He is invisible and dwells in light no man can approach?

(1 Tim 1:17 KJV) "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

(1 Tim 6:15-16 KJV) "Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; {16} Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

The answer again seems to be that we cannot share or even see or approach that inherent glory of Christ as the immutable, incommunicable God in all His Majesty.

The glory of God that we see in the face of Jesus Christ is that inherited, given glory.

Jesus Christ, the Almighty

Most people agree that there can be only one Almighty God, yet the Scriptures do not hesitate to assign this title to the Lord Jesus Christ as well.

(Isa 9:6 KJV) "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, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

(Notice that this Child born, and the Son given is called Almighty God. Furthermore, both Welch and Bullinger point out that the title, "the everlasting Father," does not name the Son as the Father, which is a different manifestation of God. But rather, in the Old Testament, the title "father" is also used to indicate a pre-eminent position. Here, in addition to His other great titles, Christ is the Father of all ages and purposes, not the Father in relationship to the Son.)

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Immanuel

(Isa 8:7-8 KJV) "Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: {8} And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, **O Immanuel.**"

(Here, it is Jehovah who is addressed as Immanuel. But, in the next verse, who is assigned this name, Immanuel?)

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(Isa 7:14 KJV) "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and **bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**"

(Mat 1:23 KJV) "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and **shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**"

Thy throne, O God

Again, this passage from Psalm 45 would seem to unquestionably refer to the infinite God.

(Psa 45:3-7 KJV) "Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, **O most mighty,** with thy glory and thy majesty. {4} And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. {5} Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee. {6} **Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. {7} Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**"

Now, look at the definite address of the Son in the very same quoted verse in Hebrews 1:8.

(Heb 1:8-10 KJV) "**But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. {9} Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. {10}** And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:"

Alpha and Omega, the Almighty

Here again, it is the risen, glorified Christ who calls Himself, the Alpha and the Omega, the One who is, and was, and is to come. And it is Christ Himself who says here that He is the Almighty.

(Rev 1:8 KJV) "**I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.**"

Worship Accepted

In the Bible, an angel or servant of God never accepted worship. Their reply would always be as follows:

(Rev 19:10 KJV) "**And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**"

However, Jesus Christ always rightfully accepted worship as God and did not rebuke such an action.

(John 13:13 KJV) "Ye call me **Master and Lord**: and ye say well; for so I am."

(John 9:37-38 KJV) "And Jesus said unto him, **Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.** {38} And he said, **Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.**"

(John 20:27-28 KJV) "Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. {28} And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**"

(Heb 1:5-6 KJV) "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? {6} And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him."

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Every Knee shall Bow

Again in the first passage from Isaiah, it is the LORD God Jehovah who says there is none other, and every knee shall bow to Him. Still, the next two passages definitely assign that worship to Christ. Once more, this can only be possible if Jehovah and Christ are one and the same God!

(Isa 45:21-23 KJV) "Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. {22} Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and there is none else. {23} I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

(Rom 14:10-11 KJV) "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. {11} For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

(Phil 2:10-11 KJV) "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; {11} And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

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King of Kings, Lord of Lords

Again, we find Old Testament Scriptures that identify the LORD Jehovah as King. We then turn the page to the New Testament and find this title belonging distinctly to Jesus Christ.

(Isa 6:1 KJV) "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." (Isa 6:5 KJV) "Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

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(1 Tim 6:14-16 KJV) "That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our **Lord Jesus Christ**; {15} Which in his times he shall show, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, **the King of kings, and Lord of lords**; {16} Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen."

(Rev 15:3-4 KJV) "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and **the song of the Lamb**, saying, **Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints**. {4} Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."

(Rev. 19:11-16) "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. {12} His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. {13} And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and **his name is called The Word of God**. {14} And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. {15} And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. {16} **And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**."

Creator

The mountain of evidence just keeps growing. The LORD of Hosts, Jehovah, and God of Israel *alone* is credited in the Old Testament with creation. However, Christ is definitely named as the creator in the New Testament. Are we going to believe in two Creators? No, there is just one most magnificent God who can manifest Himself differently.

Jehovah

(Isa 37:16 KJV) "**O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth**."

(Gen 1:1 KJV) "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

(Job 33:4 KJV) "The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life."

(Isa 40:25-28 KJV) "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. {26} Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth. {27} Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God? {28} **Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth**, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding."

(Isa 42:1-6 KJV) "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. {2} He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. {3} A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. {4} He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. {5} **Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein**; {6} I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;"

(Isa 43:7 KJV) "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."

(Isa 43:14-15 KJV) "Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is* in the ships. {15} **I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.**"

(Isa 64:8 KJV) "But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

Christ

(John 1:1-3 KJV) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. {2} The same was in the beginning with God. {3} **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**"

(John 1:10 KJV) "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."

(Col 1:15-17 KJV) "Who is **the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: {16} For by him 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: {17}** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

(Heb 1:2-3 KJV) "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds;** {3} Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and **the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power,** when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

One Savior

Again in the following verses, Jehovah is named as Savior in the Old Testament, but Acts 4:12 emphatically says of Jesus Christ: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Of course, there is no discrepancy, just further proof that Jesus Christ and Jehovah are one and the same most glorious Being. Most people know that the word "Jesus" means Savior. Even more wonderfully, Bullinger points out in Appendix 98 of the Companion Bible, that Joshua is the Old Testament equivalent name of Jesus. Joshua means either "salvation of Jehovah" or even more significantly in terms of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Jehovah, the Savior."

(Isa 60:16 KJV) "Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob."

(Isa 12:2-3 KJV) "Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. {3} Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

(Isa 25:8-9 KJV) "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken *it.* {9} And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

(Isa 45:15 KJV) "Verily thou *art* a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour."

(Isa 63:16 KJV) "Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting."

(1 Tim 4:10 KJV) "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."

(Titus 1:3-4 KJV) "But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour; {4} To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour."

(Titus 2:10 KJV) "Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

(Titus 2:13 KJV) "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" (According to the Companion Bible, the words "and our" do not occur in the original. It should read, "appearing of our great God, the Savior Jesus Christ.")

(Titus 3:4-6 KJV) "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, {5} Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; {6} Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;"

(2 Pet 1:11 KJV) "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

(2 Pet 2:20 KJV) "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning."

(2 Pet 3:18 KJV) "But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen."

(Jude 1:25 KJV) "To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen."

The Shepherd

David and Isaiah both name the LORD God Jehovah, as the Shepherd; but again, who takes that title in the New Testament?

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(Psa 23:1 KJV) "A Psalm of David. **The LORD is my shepherd;** I shall not want."

(Isa 40:10-11 KJV) "Behold, the **Lord GOD** will come with strong *hand,* and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him. {11} He shall feed his flock like a **shepherd;** he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."

(John 10:11-16 KJV) "**I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd** giveth his life for the sheep. {12} But he that is an hireling, and not the **shepherd,** whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. {13} The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. {14} **I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep,** and am known of mine. {15} As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. {16} And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and **one shepherd.**"

(Heb 13:20 KJV) "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,"

(1 Pet 2:25 KJV) "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the **Shepherd** and Bishop of your souls."

(1 Pet 5:4 KJV) "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

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One Judge

Again, we see the same pattern repeated with another attribute of God. In the Old Testament, Jehovah is definitely assigned the office of Judge of the earth, but who is named as Judge repeatedly in the New Testament? "**For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:**" (John 5:22 KJV)

(Gen 18:25-26 KJV) "That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? {26} And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."

(Deu 32:36 KJV) "For the **LORD shall judge his people**, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that *their* power is gone, and *there is* none shut up, or left."

(1 Sam 2:10 KJV) "The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the **LORD shall judge the ends of the earth**; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed."

(1 Chr 16:33 KJV) "Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the **LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.**"

(Psa 7:8 KJV) "**The LORD shall judge the people**: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me."

(Psa 96:10 KJV) "Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously."

(Psa 96:13 KJV) "Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth."

(Psa 98:9 KJV) "Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity."

(Psa 135:14 KJV) "For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants."

(Isa 33:22 KJV) "**For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.**"

(Rom 2:16 KJV) "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."

(Rom 14:10 KJV) "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

(2 Cor 5:10 KJV) "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad."

(2 Tim 4:1 KJV) "I charge *thee* therefore before God, and **the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;**"

(2 Tim 4:8 KJV) "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

(Heb 10:30 KJV) "For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people."

(Rev 19:11-13 KJV) "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. {12} His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. {13} And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."

(Rev 20:12-13 KJV) "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. {13} And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

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The Rock

Here again, Jehovah is named the Rock in the Old Testament and Christ is given the same title in the New Testament. Furthermore, Jehovah names Himself as the Stumbling Stone and the Rock of Offense to Israel. Later on, this role is given exclusively to Christ. This can only make sense if they are one and the same God.

(Deu 32:3-4 KJV) "Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. {4} He is the Rock, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he."

(Deu 32:15 KJV) "But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation."

(Deu 32:18 KJV) "Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee."

(1 Sam 2:2 KJV) "There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God."

(2 Sam 22:2-3 KJV) "And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; {3} The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence."

(2 Sam 22:32 KJV) "For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?"

(Psa 18:2 KJV) "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower."

(Psa 18:31-32 KJV) "For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God? {32} *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect."

(Psa 78:35 KJV) "And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer."

(Psa 92:15 KJV) "To show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him."

(Psa 95:1 KJV) "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

(1 Cor 10:4 KJV) "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

Stumbling Stone

(Isa 8:13-15 KJV) "Sanctify the **LORD of hosts himself**; and *let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.* {14} And **he shall be** for a sanctuary; **but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel**, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. {15} And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken."

(Rom 9:30-33 KJV) "What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. {31} But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. {32} Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. **For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; {33} As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**"

(1 Cor 1:23 KJV) "But we preach **Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock**, and unto the Greeks foolishness;"

(Isa 28:16 KJV) "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."

(1 Pet 2:6-8 KJV) "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. {7} Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, {8} And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."

(Eph 2:20 KJV) "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;"

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Fulfilled Prophecy

It is very convincing indeed to see the volume of Scriptures that speak prophetically of Jehovah; then in their subsequent fulfillment, they unreservedly assign the prophetic passage to Jesus Christ. Here are some examples.

Prepare the way of the LORD

Whose way did John the Baptist prepare? Of course, it was Jesus Christ's, but this is said in fulfillment of the prophecy to prepare the way of Jehovah.

(Isa 40:3 KJV) "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."

(Mat 3:1-3 KJV) "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, {2} And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. {3} For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

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Thirty pieces of silver

Here Jehovah says *My price is thirty of silver*, but its fulfillment is obviously met in Christ.

(Zec 11:6,12 KJV) "For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD... And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price **thirty pieces of silver.**"

(Mat 26:14-15 KJV) "Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, {15} And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver.**"

(Mat 27:9 KJV) "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the **thirty pieces of silver**, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;"

One Pierced

Jehovah says it is "Me whom they pierced," but the fulfillment of this prophecy is again in the person of Jesus Christ.

(Zec 12:8-10 KJV) "In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. {9} And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. {10} And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn."

(John 19:34-37 KJV) "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. {35} And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. {36} For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. {37} And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced."

Mourn for Him

While Zechariah says Israel shall mourn for Jehovah whom they pierced, Matthew and Revelation identify that One as Jesus Christ.

(Zec 12:9-12 KJV) "And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. {10} And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn. {11} In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. {12} And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;"

(Mat 24:30 KJV) "**And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**"

(Rev 1:7-8 KJV) "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. {8} I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

The Second Coming

Do both Jehovah and Christ come with all the saints? Of course not, Jesus Christ is Jehovah manifest differently.

(Zec 14:1-4 KJV) "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. {2} For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. {3} Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. {4} And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

(Zec 14:4-5 KJV) "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. {5} And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee."

(Acts 1:11-12 KJV) "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. {12} Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet,** which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey."

(1 Th 3:13 KJV) "To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.**"

(Jude 1:14-15 KJV) "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, {15}** To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

(Mat 24:29-30 KJV) "**Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: {30} And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**"

(Mark 13:24-26 KJV) "**But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, {25} And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. {26} And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.**"

(Luke 21:25-27 KJV) "**And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; {26} Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. {27} And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**"

Day of the Lord

In the Day of the Lord, only One will be exalted. Old Testament Scriptures say it is Jehovah, who is exalted and executes the wrath of God. The New Testament says it is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Again, these must be two titles for the one true God.

(Isa 2:10-12 KJV) "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty. {11} The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. {12}** For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:"

(Isa 13:6-9 KJV) "**Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.** {7} Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: {8} And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames. {9} Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it."

(Joel 1:15 KJV) "Alas for the day! **for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.**"

(Joel 2:11-14 KJV) "And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it? {12} Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: {13} And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. {14} Who knoweth *if* he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; *even* a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?"

(Joel 2:31 KJV) "**The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.**"

(Acts 2:20 KJV) "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:"

(Rev 6:12-17 KJV) "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; {13} And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. {14} And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. {15} And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; {16} And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; {17} **For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**"

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One Mediator

So far we have concentrated on the deity of Jesus Christ, but the Scripture also emphasizes the sinless humanity of Christ. How can God be manifest in the flesh and be both fully God and fully man? How can He be the one true God and also the mediator between God and man? No wonder this is called a great mystery! Job cries out in Job 9:32-33 (NIV), "If only there were someone to arbitrate between us, to lay his hand upon us both!" That is our great need; someone who could bridge the gap between the infinite, incomprehensible, perfect God and fallen, sinful man. God's provision is our salvation. Only God manifest in the flesh could die the just for the unjust to bring us to God. Only He could be both the Just and the Justifier at the same time.

(1 Tim 2:5 KJV) "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"

(1 Tim 3:16 KJV) "And without controversy **great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit,** seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

(Job 33:23-26 KJV) "If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show unto man his uprightness: {24} Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom. {25} His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth: {26} He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness."

(John 3:14-16 KJV) "**And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: {15} That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. {16} For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**"

(Rom 8:3 KJV) "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:"

(Heb 2:9 KJV) "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

(Heb 2:14-16 KJV) "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; {15} And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. {16} For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham."

(Heb 4:15 KJV) "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

(1 John 5:20 KJV) "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life." (The Greek word for "This" is "the same." As Welch points out, this verse should be translated, "...we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. *The same* is the true God and eternal life." Jesus Christ is the true God; manifest in the flesh, and through Him we have eternal life.)

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Conclusion

In view of such an overwhelming avalanche of evidence, isn't there but one conclusion? Jesus Christ is a most glorious manifestation of the one true God.

(Zec 14:9 KJV) "And the **LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.**"

(Heb 13:8 KJV) "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

(1 Tim 3:16 KJV) "**And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...**"

I highly recommend C.H. Welch's audio on this subject called "One Lord" W-192, which is part of the larger *Christian Fundamentals* study, available on this web site. This audio was a great inspiration for me to study this topic for myself.

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