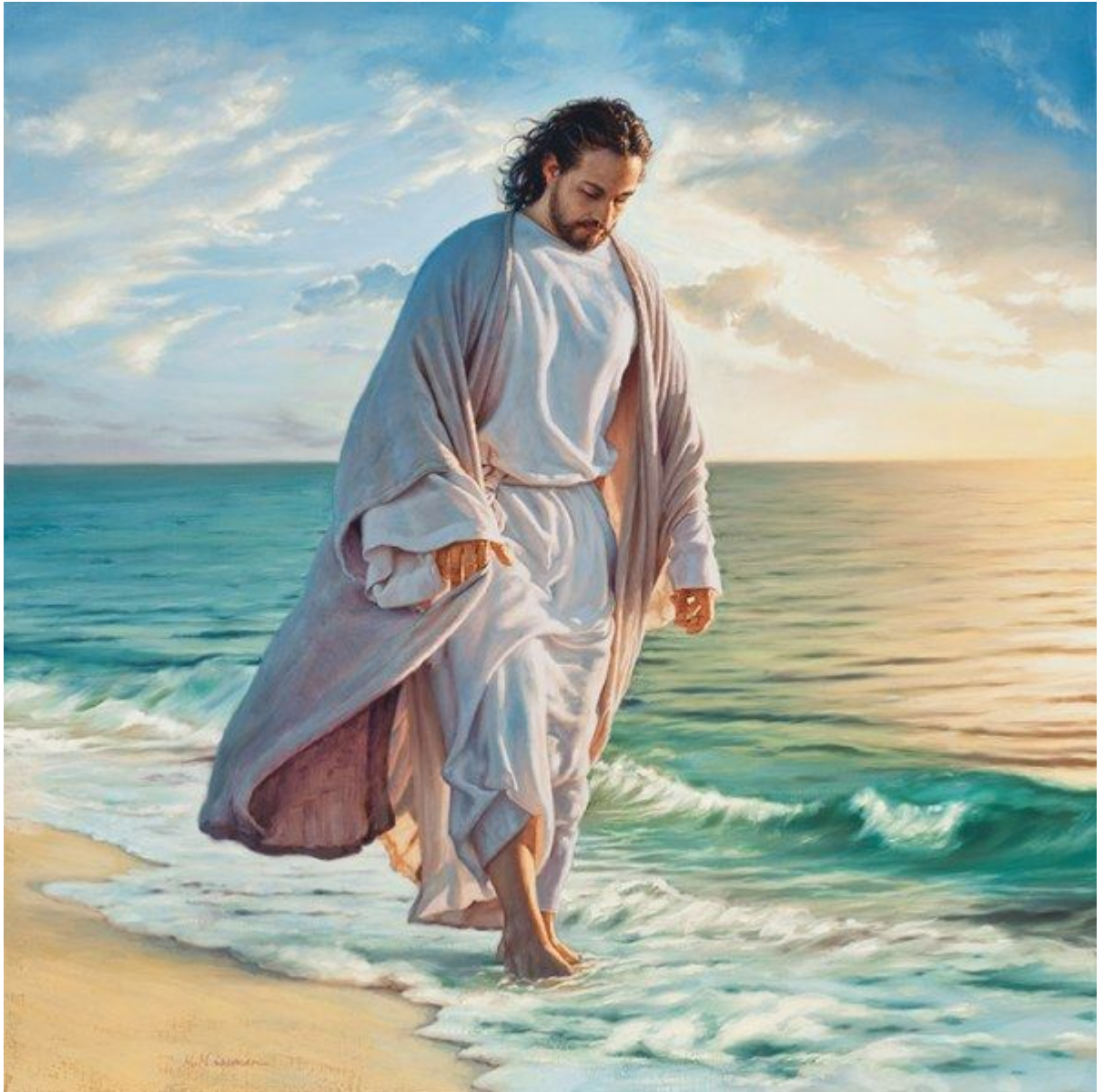


Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is said by many to be Almighty God, "God the Son," the second person of the Trinity. However, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is mentioned in the Bible as being God's "servant." In view of the claims



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First, let's
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"Peter's sermon identifies Jesus with the 'I Am' of Israel's history"—The Word In Life Study Bible, page 1928, citing Acts 3:11-26 as "proof."

"The Church responds by worshipping Jesus"—The Word In Life Study Bible. page 1928, citing Acts 4:23-27 as "proof."

Contrary to the above claims, Jesus is not called "I Am" in Peter's sermon, nor is he worshipped, in Acts 3 & 4. In fact, the scriptures in Acts 3 & 4 contradict such claims. Let's look and see.

"God Servant"

"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus"—Acts 3:13 NIV

“When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways”—Acts 3:26 NIV

“Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed”—Acts 4:27 NIV

“Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus”—Acts 4:30 NIV

In the context of Acts 3 & 4, Jesus is called God's “servant” four times. God is clearly shown to be someone other than Jesus. We ask, how could Jesus be the “I am” of Exodus 3:14, therefore, God, if he is God's “servant”?

Acts 4:26 quotes **Psalms 2:2**, which says, **“Kings of the earth station themselves and princes have been united together, against YHWH, and against his Messiah”**

(LSV). Jesus is clearly shown to be the “Messiah” in the New Testament. **Psalms 2:2** makes clear that Yahweh has “his Messiah,” thus strongly indicating that Jesus is not Yahweh God. Other scriptures in the Bible also refer to Jesus as God's “servant.” For example:

Matthew 12:17-21 quotes **Isaiah 42:1-4**. **“Here is my servant whom I have chosen” (Matthew 12:17 NIV)**. This obviously refers to the Messiah Jesus Christ, as being God's “servant.” In fact, all four “servant songs” of Isaiah are applied to the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The other three “servant song” references in Isaiah to “my servant” are as follows:

“The LORD . . . said to me, ‘You are my servant’ . . . he says: ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant . . . I will make you as a light for the nations’” (Isaiah 49:1,3,6 ESV).

“Which of you fears Yahweh and listens to his servant's voice? (Isaiah 50:10 NJB)

“Behold, my servant shall act wisely, he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted” (Isaiah 52:13 ESV)

Another Old Testament reference to “my servant” is in Zechariah: **“High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch” (Zechariah 3:8 NIV)**. Both ‘my servant’ and “the Branch” are recognized as Messianic titles that refer to Jesus.

There is cryptic reference to Jesus as “my servant” in Ezekiel: **“My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd . . . David my servant will be my servant forever” (Ezekiel 37:24,25 NIV)**. Jesus, under the cryptic name “David” is twice called “my servant” in this context.

How can Jesus be Almighty God if he is ‘God’s servant’? The Scriptural answer? — He can’t!

Worship Jesus?

Who did Jesus say we should worship?

“The true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth” (John 4:24 ESV).

“You shall worship the Lord your God” (Matthew 4:10 ESV).

Jesus sent the Revelation. Who does Revelation say to worship?

“Worship God” (Revelation 19:10; 22:9).

We can clearly see that the New Testament flatly contradicts the idea that Jesus was worshipped by early church, or that he should be worshipped by Christians today.

Conclusion

Jesus is shown to be God's servant several times in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, so he cannot be God, nor should he be worshipped.