

# Who Was Jesus? - I

**TEXT: Acts 9:5**

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. THE NATURE OF CHRIST IS ALL IMPORTANT.
  1. We need to know his relationship to God and us.
  2. We need to know something of his essence.
- B. CONTROVERSY!
  1. JW's contend Jesus was a lesser god, or angel.
  2. Not so - What does the Bible say?

## I. JESUS IS GOD( John 1:1, 14, 18 ).

- A. PROPHECY( **Isa. 9:6** ).
- B. JESUS HAS GOD'S NAME.
  1. "I am"( **Ex. 3:14; John 8:58** ).
  2. "The first and the last"( **Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:17** ).
  3. "Alpha & Omega"( **Rev. 1:8; 22:13** ).
- C. JESUS WAS AT THE CREATION( **John 1:1-3; Heb. 1:1-2** ).
  1. Jesus was "first-born" of Creation( **Col. 1:15** ).
  2. Also of the dead( **vs. 18** ).
  3. "First-born" defined( **Psa. 89:27; Rev. 1:5; John 5:26-29** ).
  4. Doesn't always refer to "born first"( **Jer. 31:9; Gen. 41:51-52; 48:19** ).
  5. Context explains usage( **Col. 1:15-18** ).
- D. JESUS IS TO BE WORSHIPED  
( **Mat. 28:9, 17; Heb. 1:6; Mat 4:10; Rev. 22:8-9** ).
- E. DOES NOT MEAN "SAME PERSON" - "SAME ESSENCE"( **Col. 2:9** ).
  1. **Vine**, "*theotes*" indicates the divine essence of Godhood, the personality of God."
  2. **A&G**, "Deity, divinity."
  3. **Phil. 2:6**. "*morphe*" means the essential attributes as shown in the form. In his preincarnate state, Christ possessed the attributes of God and so appeared to those in Heaven who saw him." **A. T. Robertson**
  4. **Heb. 1:2-3**.
- F. JESUS IS NOT A LESSER GOD OR ANGEL( **Heb. 1:4-8** ).

## CONCLUSION:

- A. MUCH MORE TO BE SAID.
- B. PERHAPS MANY QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED YET.