

Who Was Jesus? - ii

TEXT: Acts 9:5

INTRODUCTION:

- A. JESUS IS GOD(**John 1:1**).
 - 1. Unexpected controversy.
 - 2. Possesses divine attributed fully(**Col. 2:9**).
- B. OBJECTIONS OF COURSE RAISED & QUESTIONS ASKED.

I. OBJECTIONS TO John 1:1.

- A. FIRST TACTIC - ATTACK A STRAW MAN.
 - 1. No one claims Jesus and Jehovah the same person here.
 - 2. Same in essence or substance.
- B. SECOND - SPURIOUS ATTACK ON THE GRAMMAR.
 - 1. Absence of the definite article..."a god."
 - a. "Godlike, divine, a god, but not Almighty God."
 - b. **2 Cor. 4:4**. "a reference to Satan or human perceptions perverted?"
 - c. They quote **Thayer**. "The **logos** was divine, not the Divine Being himself." **No citation**. But note **Thayer** on **theotes**, pg. 288. "Deity, **the state of being God**, Godhead; **Col. 2:9**."
 - 2. The significance of the Greek article?
 - a. We dare not allow them to arbitrarily determine this.
 - b. Other verses: **John 1:6, 12, 13, 18**. Note the dishonest translation. No article at all. Why?(**Mat. 5:9; Luke 1:35, 78; 2:40**).

II. ISN'T GOD SUPERIOR TO JESUS? YES!

- A. WHAT DID JESUS SAY?(**John 6:38; 17:4; 14:28**).
- B. WHAT DID THE APOSTLES SAY?(**1 Cor. 11:3; Acts 2:22**).
- C. BUT JESUS WAS NOT ALWAYS SO!
 - 1. He gave up much(**Phil. 2:5-8; John 17:5**).
 - 2. Jesus had to learn obedience(**Heb. 5:8-9**).

III. JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD!

- A. HIS "ONLY BEGOTTEN SON"(**John 3:16**). What does this mean?
 - 1. Does not always refer to origin - Abraham (**Heb. 11:17; Gal. 4:22; Gen. 21:10-12**).
 - 2. **Psa. 2:7** fulfilled in **Acts 13:32-33**.
 - 3. What happened when Jesus was raised?(**Eph. 1:20-23; Heb. 1:3-5; 5:5-6**).
- B. THEN JESUS, AS THE "ONLY BEGOTTEN" IS OUR PRIEST AND KING.
 - 1. As our priest - perfect sacrifice(**1 Pet. 1:18-19**).
 - 2. As our king - all authority(**Col. 3:17**).

CONCLUSION: WILL YOU SUBMIT TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S SON?