

Sermon Notes: Jehovah's Witness Compared to What We Believe Pt 3 -

Topic: What do they think about Jesus?

Scripture Text: Matthew 3:13-17

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“Jesus did not have any strong points because He did not have any weak points and that is a good point.”

Matthew 3:13-17 (NKJV) ¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ And John *tried to prevent Him*, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit *it to be so now*, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. ¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

They believe that Jesus is really Michael the Archangel (Chief angel)

They refer to Jude 9 when it says “Michael “the” archangel meaning only one.

This is disproven. Refer to Daniel 10:13 *...and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes,*

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They connect Jesus through 1 Thessalonian 4:16: (NWT) “The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a commanding call, with **an archangel’s voice**.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. ...

The term “the voice of an archangel” could refer to the forcefulness of His voice or it could refer to one of the archangels announcing His dissension as the trumpets of God did.

They believe the Bible speaks of both Michael and “his angels” and Jesus and “his angels” nowhere the Bible indicates that there are two armies of faithful angels

Michael as the leader of angels (Rev 19:14-16). Jesus as the leader (2 Thessalonians 1:7, Matt 13:41, 16:27, 24:31).

ANSWER #1: Although Michael was the commander of God’s army they were still subject to Jesus. On His return, Jesus actively takes charge and leads the army of which Michael is a part of. God’s use of angels does not preclude Jesus being the head of the army of angels. Of all the multitude of names and titles given to Jesus none were Michael nor the title “Archangel”.

Colossians 2:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

ANSWER #2 The Bible has true witnesses that say Jesus is the Son of God, the Christ with no mention of being connected to Michaël (, *Luke 8:28, Luke 4:40-41, John 1:49, John 11:25-27, Matthew 16:16, Matthew.*

They also teach that Jesus was NOT raised in the FLESH and took on a body with wounds marks to bolster Thomas' faith. They base this on 1 Peter 3:18) (NWT).

That thinking makes Jesus a deceiver, a title belonging to the devil (Revelation 12:9)
ANSWER: *1 Peter 2:21–22 (NKJV)* ²¹ *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:* ²² *“Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;*
(See also Luke 24:36-39)

1 John 4:1–3 (NKJV) ¹ *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*

They believe that Jesus returned to earth in 1914 in an invisible form.

See Matt. 24:30 & Rev. 1:7

They believe that God's only name is Jehovah

This discounts names like Abba, Adonai, Allah, El Elyon, El Olam, El Roi, El Shaddai, Elohim, Yahweh, Jehovah.

Christ never used the name Jehovah and when Moses asked God “who shall I say sent me” God said *Exodus 3:14 (NKJV)* ¹⁴ *And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”*

Message Scriptures: **Matthew 3:13–17**, *Daniel 10:13* , *1 Peter 3:22* *Matthew 28:18*, *Colossians 2:9–10* , *Luke 8:28* , *Luke 4:40–41*, *John 1:49*, *John 11:25–27*, *Matthew 16:16*, *Matthew 17:5*, *Hebrews 1:1–4*, *1 Peter 3:18* ,*Matthew 28:9–10* ,*Matthew 28:16–17*, *John 20:24–25*, *John 20:27–28*, *Luke 24:36–39*, *1 Corinthians 15:51–52*, *1 Corinthians 15:53*, Matt. 24:30, Rev. 1:7

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Resources:

History of Jehovah's Witnesses

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Jehovah%27s_Witnesses

Basic Facts

<https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/worldwide/>

How to Respond to Jehovah's Witnesses by Randall Watters

<http://www.freeminds.org/doctrine/respond.htm>

10 Important Questions for the Jehovah's Witness Worldview

<http://coldcasechristianity.com/2014/some-important-questions-for-the-jehovahs-witness-worldview/>

False doctrines of the Jehovah's Witnesses reviewed!

<http://crossbearer-brian.tripod.com/id56.htm>

Jehovah's Witnesses Organization

<https://carm.org/jehovahs-witnesses>

Jehovah's Witness an Adventist Cult?

http://www.watchtowerlies.com/origins_of_jehovah_s_witnesses.html

Watch Tower Society Unfulfilled Prophecies

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watch_Tower_Society_unfulfilled_predictions

How to Respond to Jehovah's Witnesses

<http://www.freeminds.org/doctrine/respond.htm>

YouTube Video reference to Michael

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bspmOpqE_4s

JW New World Translation Study Bible

<https://www.jw.org/en/publications/bible/study-bible/books/john/5/>

<http://www.lovetoshareministries.com/jehovahs-witnesses/jesus-raised-a-spirit.html>

Names of God

<http://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/names-of-god>

<https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/who-is-michael-the-archangel-jesus/>