



# What God Has (And Has Not) Joined Together (6)

God and Jesus  
(Who is Jesus? His Deity)

**John 10:30**

Our 2026  
Theme

# Introduction

- We have introduced our theme for 2026, “What God has (and has not) joined together”. This theme is based on **Matthew 19:6**.
- Our last 2 lessons have addressed salvation and baptism
- Today, we want to address how God and Jesus are joined together. Specifically, we want to consider the deity of Jesus.

# Rejecting/Redefining Jesus as God

- The reality of Jesus is a subject that cannot be ignored. He is too engrained in history and the world to dismiss.
- Worldviews and religions have to reconcile Jesus with their belief system - even those that deny or question God's existence.
- Some outright reject Him while others, showing reverence for Him redefine His nature.

# Rejecting/Redefining Jesus as God

- **Judaism (traditional)** – believes that YHWH is one person only (considering their history with idolatry and God this is understandable). They reject Jesus as divine nor the messiah. Some view this rejection as a tenet of faith. To such, Jesus was a historical figure. They are still anticipating their messiah.

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- **Islam** – believes Jesus to be a revered prophet. Some of the elements of His life, including the virgin birth, miracles He performed and His ascension to heaven, happened. However, they reject that He is God AND deny His resurrection. Some believe He was not the one crucified. They too reject the trinity (triune God).

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- **Eastern religions (Buddhism, Hinduism, Baha'i, Sikhism, etc.)** – with varying details often viewed Jesus as an enlightened spiritual teacher (sage) who shared spiritual wisdom, but they do not teach that Jesus is the ONE Son of God (views of His deity vary based upon the faith system – e.g., polytheism, pantheism, agnosticism, etc.)

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- **Unitarian Universalists** – see Jesus as a wise teacher. The religion is diverse and inclusive even of humanists, agnostics, various world religions, etc. Most do not view Jesus as divine.

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- **Jehovah's Witnesses** – believe that Jesus was the first creation of God (and thus not eternal). He is not part of a triune deity. Jesus is a separate entity from God the Father. While on earth, He was nothing more than a perfect man who died for our sins (and arose). Before He came to earth, He was Michael the Arcangel. They do believe in the gospels and resurrection.

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- **Mormons (LDS)** – believe that both God the Father and Jesus were physical beings. Jesus was created by God and is distinct from Him (also the Holy Spirit is another distinct person but only a spiritual god). God the Father had relations (somehow) with the virgin Mary and Jesus was conceived. He was exalted to godhood through His obedience.  
(They believe that you too can attain godhood).  
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- **Oneness teaching (Pentecostalism)** – believe that God is singular but He manifested Himself in 3 different forms as needed to accomplish our salvation. They do believe in the gospels and resurrection.
- **Christadelphians** – believe that God is singular and that Jesus was a created man, fully human and not divine. They do believe in the gospels and resurrection.

# What does the Bible say about Jesus as God?

- The Bible is clear there is ONE God (as opposed to idolatry) - **Deuteronomy 6:4, 1 Corinthians 8:4, Galatians 3:20**
- However, God is 3 persons (Triune, Trinity) –
  - Father – **John 6:27, Romans 1:7**
  - Jesus – **John 1:1, 14; Romans 9:5, Hebrews 1:8**
  - Holy Spirit – **1 Cor. 3:16 (cf. 2:9-12); Acts 5:3-4**

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## Concerning the Triune God:

- All 3 are mentioned in various texts –  
**Matthew 28:19** - baptized  
**Matt. 3:16-17** – His baptism  
**2 Corinthians 13:14**
- **Genesis 1:1-2, 26** – At creation.  
Note: Elohim, God is plural.  
**Hebrews 1:1-2, Colossians 1:16**

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## Concerning the Triune God:

- They are 3 distinct persons
  - **John 10:30** – Jesus and Father
  - **John 14:26** – all 3 mentioned.
- NT writers identify His oneness in 3 persons – to reconcile this, we consider the Godhead – while 3 distinct persons, they are in essence ONE – coeternal and coexistent.
- This is why we can say the Father and Jesus are joined together as God!

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## Concerning Jesus:

- He existed before creation
  - **John 1:1 & 3** – AS God (not as A god)!
  - **John 17:3-5** – He desired to be glorified with the glory He had before the world.
- He claimed to be God in word & action
  - **John 10:30, 8:58** – “I AM”
  - He accepted worship – **Matthew 8:2**
  - He forgave sins – **Matthew 9:1-6**
  - He granted eternal life – **John 10:27-28**
  - He performed miracles (signs) – **John 10:37-38, 20:30-31**

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## Concerning Jesus:

- The Jews understood what Jesus was claiming!
  - **John 5:18** – they sought to kill Him
  - **John 8:58-59** – desired to stone Him
  - **John 10:33** – why they sought to stone Him (believed He was blaspheming)
- NT writers declared in deity
  - Peter – **2 Peter 1:1** – our God and Savior Jesus Christ
  - Paul – **Titus 2:13**
  - The Hebrews writer – **Hebrews 1:1-2, 8 (Ps. 45:6)**
- Jesus declared as part of the Godhead – **Colossians 2:9**

# Why is this important?

- IT is about His identity
  - **Matthew 16:15-19**
- Though Him we understand God better
  - **John 14:9** – Have I been with you so long?
  - **2 Corinthians 4:4** – HE is the image of God
  - **Hebrews 1:2-4** – the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person
- It is about His authority
  - **Matthew 28:18-20, Hebrews 5:9**

# Why is this important?

- It Gives His sacrifice its full meaning
  - **Philippians 2:5-11**
  - He was Immanuel – **Matthew 1:23 (cf. Isaiah 7:14)**
  - **Hebrews 9:11-15, 27-28** – the significance of His sacrifice
  - **1 John 4:9-10** – propitiation for our sins
- It is about our salvation
  - **John 14:6** – the only way
  - **John 8:24** – if we do not believe “I AM He...”

# Why is this important?

- We are told that this matters
- **1 John 2:22-23** - Who is a liar be he who denies that Jesus is the Christ...
- **Matthew 10:33-34** – whoever confesses Him, denies Him
- **2 Corinthians 11:4** – If someone comes and preaches another Jesus...
- **Galatians 1:6-9** – there is not “another gospel”



Understanding Jesus as God  
matters!

**How do you view Jesus?**

**How will you respond to  
Him?**



Let us pray!