

sins; and not for ours only, **but also for those of the whole world.**" (1 John 2:2 NAS)

3. Unification Church – *About a ½ million agree!*
- "Jesus was a perfect man, **not God.**" Similar to the JW's, yet against the revealed truth of God's Word!
  - Jesus "**is the son of Zechariah...**" Yet the Holy Bible is clear; **all these and more say that Jesus is the Son of God:** The Roman centurion (Matt. 27:54), demons (Matt. 8:29), St. Mark (1:1), Gabriel (Luke 1:35), and Jesus Himself (Luke 22:70).
  - Jesus was "**not born of a virgin.**" Yet the Holy Bible summarizes Jesus' birth with these words: "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The **virgin** will be with child and will give birth to a son...'" (Matt. 1:22-23 NIV)
  - "The second coming of Jesus is fulfilled in Sun Myung Moon, who is superior to Jesus and will finish Jesus' mission." **But what did Jesus say?** "Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he...'" (Mark 13:6 NIV) Also, "It is finished!" (John 18:30 NAS) (Also see Phil. 2:9-11)

**Conclusion:** In our day of ✦ smoke and mirrors, ✦ false being embraced over true, and ✦ logic being accepted over the Bible, **let us agree with God the Father who spoke these words to Jesus at His baptism:** "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22 NIV)

*There is much more to be said on this topic.* Please join us in KNOWING and GROWING in some very blessed ways! *Amen!*

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# Jesus → The Son of God?

## NO WAY! – Part 1

Based on Various Passages



*The Baptism of Our Lord – 2010*

Sunday, January 10 → 8:15 & 10:45

**Introduction:** Dear friends, we call ourselves Christians *BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?* To profess to be a Christian is to acknowledge a **CONNECTION to the Messiah** (Hebrew) or the **Christ** (Greek), which means the Anointed One.

*SO WHO IS THAT ANOINTED ONE?* We say He is Jesus – because the Bible says: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power." (Acts 10:38 NIV)

On this *first Sunday after the Epiphany*, we begin to consider the Person of Jesus: **Is He the Son of God OR is He not?** Please join me on an interesting journey as we seek to answer that question in various ways *according to the truth.*

**Just before we begin our journey:** *WHY IS THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY AN EXCELLENT TIME TO STUDY WHO JESUS IS?*

- Epiphany falls between Christmas and Lent:
  - **Christmas** – we heard the true accounts of prophets, angels, and shepherds – also of Simeon and Anna *in regard to JESUS.*

- **Lent** – we will vividly remember how Jesus suffered and died on a cross.
- **Epiphany falls in between to make sure we are absolutely certain about who Jesus is.** THEN, *when we focus on His saving work*, we know ✦ He is God, ✦ His work was for us, and ✦ His work is done!

Therefore, right now, *let's get it straight about Jesus!* Let's be certain of who He is *so we actually benefit from what He did!*

Now, *as we are shocked by the sinful, mixed up, truth-rejecting world in which we live*, let us be moved to ♥ rejoice in the truth AND ♥ share it with others!

**Some OPINIONS and TRUTH about Jesus:** (Some information in this section came from "Christianity, Cults & Religions" by Rose Publishing, Torrance, CA)

1. Jehovah's Witnesses – *Over 7 million agree!*
  - a. **"Jesus is not God."** The JW' Bible actually goes a little further than that by referring to Jesus as **"a god."** (John 1:1) But Luther's Small Catechism, question 119, asks: **How do you know that Jesus Christ is true God?** Four answers and supporting passages are given:
    - i. **Jesus has divine names;** for example, Thomas said: **"My Lord and my God."** (John 20:28)
    - ii. **Jesus possesses divine attributes** – eternal (John 1:1-2), almighty (Matt. 28:18), all-knowing (John 21:17), present everywhere (Matt. 28:20).
    - iii. **Jesus does divine works** – forgives (Matt. 9:6), created (Col. 1:16), will judge (John 5:27).
    - iv. **Jesus receives divine honor and glory** (John 5:22-23).

- b. **"On earth [Jesus] was a man who lived a perfect life."** Yet the Holy Bible says that **no man can live a perfect life:** Psalm 51:5; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:10, 23 – even the JW' Bible agrees with the Holy Bible! *So their teachings contradict their own source of truth!*
- c. **"Jesus is not coming again..."** Nevertheless, even the JW' Bible says: **"...they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."** (Matthew 24:30)

**NOTE:** *The truth is important* – ✦ the Bible is the truth (John 17:17), ✦ Jesus is the truth (John 14:6), and ✦ the truth has been given by God to set us free (John 8:32)!

**HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER?** You are taking a true or false test; the statement you must respond to is 99% true. How would you answer? **T or F**

2. Mormonism – *Over 12 million agree!*
  - a. **"Jesus is a separate god from the Father."** **But in the Holy Bible Jesus said:** **"I and the Father are one."** (John 10:30 NIV)
  - b. **"Jesus was married."** One Mormon sermon states: **"Jesus also married Mary and Martha and the other Mary at Cana of Galilee..."** (Apostle Orson Hyde, Journal of Discourses, 4:259; 2:82) That is a convenient statement, especially to support the practice of multiple wives, *but the Holy Bible gives no hint to such realities!*
  - c. **"His death on the cross does not provide full atonement for all sin..."** **But what does the Holy Bible say?** **"And He Himself is the propitiation for our**