

ii. **Second Choice:** Does Jesus tell us of *our helplessness* and *His finished work*; then *call* and *enable* us to trust in Him as our Savior? **Yes!** All are helpless because all have sinned, so how is Jesus different, *thus our Savior*?

1. Jesus is *God's only Son*.
2. Jesus is *both God and Man*.
3. Jesus kept the law – *all of it* – perfectly in our place (Matt. 5:17).
4. Jesus *received our sins and God's punishment*.

Now, *working through the means of baptism and the Bible*, God has united us to Jesus our Savior!

b. **Jesus was a New Ager who tapped into divine power in the same way that anyone can** – Again, Jesus is both God AND Man, and definitely **not** a New Ager. The Bible says: *“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,<sup>7</sup> having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith,...<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception,... rather than according to Christ.<sup>9</sup> For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form...”* (Col. 2:6-9 NAS)

**Conclusion:** In our day of opinion over truth, I urge you to believe the Bible and trust alone in Jesus Christ → God's only Son, our only Savior! And all God's people said: *Amen!*

**Next Week:** Islam, Nation of Islam, Judaism, and Hinduism. *What do they say about Jesus?* Please join us at Bethlehem or on the web: [www.blc7500.com](http://www.blc7500.com)

# Jesus → The Son of God?

## Many say: “NO WAY!” Part 2

Based on Various Passages



Second Sunday after the Epiphany – 2010  
Sunday, January 17 → 8:15 & 10:45

**Introduction:** Dear friends, IS JESUS → the very Son of God, the Savior of the whole world OR → something less? Last week we learned these *sad* realities:

- Jehovah's Witnesses – They number over 7 million and believe: **Jesus ✦ is not God and ✦ is not coming again.**
- Mormonism – They number over 12 million and believe: **✦ Jesus' death on the cross does not provide full atonement for all sin.**
- Unification Church – They number about a ½ million and believe: **✦ Jesus was not God, ✦ Jesus was not born of a virgin, and ✦ Sun Myung Moon came in Jesus' place to finish His mission.**

To US who ✦ *know the Bible* and ✦ *trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior*, those teachings are: ✓ odd, ✓ false, and ✓ sad; nevertheless, many hold them to be true.

Today, may God:

- Show us more about what others believe about Jesus!
- Make us even MORE CONFIDENT IN JESUS → *God's only Son, our only Savior!*

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

1. Christian Science – They have members *in about 1800 churches and societies throughout the world* who agree with these statements:
  - a. **Jesus was not the Christ** – But Peter said to Jesus: "**You are the Christ**, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven." (Matt. 16:16-17 NIV)
  - b. **Jesus did not suffer for sins** – But Peter wrote: "For **Christ also died for sins** once for all, *the just for the unjust*, in order that He might bring us to God..." (1 Peter 3:18 NAS)
  - c. **Jesus did not die on the cross** – But Peter wrote: "...and **He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross...**" (1 Peter 2:24 NAS)
  - d. **Jesus was not resurrected physically** – But the "angel said to the women... 'He is not here; **he has risen...**'" (Matt. 28:5-6 NIV)
    - a. **Jesus will not literally come back** – But Jesus Himself made this promise to those who trust in Him: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again**, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there you may be also.*" (John 14:2-3 NAS)

2. Unity School of Christianity – *It sure sounds Christian*, but they have many non-Christian beliefs, including – *but not limited to* – the following:
  - a. **Jesus was only a man** – But as stated in last week's sermon, *many declared Jesus to be the Son of God – even Jesus Himself!*
  - b. **Jesus lived many times before** – They make that statement *because they believe in reincarnation*, but the Bible says: "**it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment...**" (Heb. 9:27 NAS)
  - c. **Jesus was in search of His own salvation** – If that is true, *we are all done in a very bad way for all eternity!* **But instead we have good news:**
    - i. The Bible says: "**In him was life** [ζωή] → **eternal life**..." (John 1:4 NIV)
    - ii. Therefore, Jesus rightly said of Himself: "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.**" (John 14:6 NAS)
3. New Age – This quote gives us some understanding of the movement: "**It is a theology of 'feel-goodism,' 'universal tolerance,' and 'moral relativism.'**"<sup>1</sup> These are a couple of their *many unusual teachings*:
  - a. **Jesus is not a savior, but a spiritual model** – But how does salvation work?
    - i. **First Choice:** Does Jesus show us what to do; *then we save ourselves by doing it?* PROBLEM → We must think, speak, and act with absolute perfection, **BUT NO ONE IS ABLE TO DO SO!**

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.carm.org/religious-movements/new-age-movement/what-new-age-movement>