

**MATERIALS FROM BIBLE
RE/ JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES***

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*also helpful in responding to others who deny Bible teaches Jesus' deity

OT Citations in NT Where "Jehovah" of OT Applied to Jesus

Matt 3:3 citing Isa 40:3: make ready way of LORD

Isa 40:3 (NIV) *A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.*

Matt 3:3 (NIV) *This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"*

John is preparing way for Jesus, cp vv 11-12

[Mk 1:3 citing Isa 40:3 similar]

Mark 1:2 citing Mal 3:1

Mal 3:1 (NIV) *"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.*

Mark 1:2 (NIV) *It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"*

Mal: my messenger & he will clear the way before me

Mark: my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way

LORD talking in Mal, applied to Jesus in Mark (vv 7-8)

[Lk 1:76 citing Mal 3:1 similar]

John 1:23 citing Isa 40:3

Isa 40:3: see above

John 1:23 (NIV) *John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" {[23] Isaiah 40:3}*

long explanation in Jn 1:22-34; John the Baptist is preparing the way of Jesus.

John 12:40-41 citing Isa 6:10 & 3: Isa saw his glory & spoke of him

Isa 6:10 (NIV) *Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."*

John 12:40 (NIV) *"He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn--and I would heal them." 41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.*

identified in Isa 6:3,5 as LORD of hosts

read context of both Jn 12:36-50; Isa 6:1-10

John 19:37 citing Zech 12:10

Zech 12:10 (NIV) *"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son."*

John 19:37 (NIV) *and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."*

Zechariah: LORD says "look on Me whom they have pierced"

John 19:34: Jesus pierced; 19:37 "they will look on him," etc said to be fulfilled

Acts 2:17 citing Joel 2:28

Joel 2:28 (NIV) *"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."*

Acts 2:17 (NIV) *"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."*

Joel: LORD speaking (2:27,32): "I will pour out"

Acts: Peter notes (v 33) "Christ has poured out..."

Rom 10:13 citing Joel 2:32

Joel 2:32 (NIV) *And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.*

Rom 10:13 (NIV) *for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

"everyone who calls on name of Lord will be saved"

Joel uses LORD

Paul in Rom 10 is referring to "Jesus as Lord"

Eph 4:8 citing Ps 68:18:

Psa 68:18 (NIV) *When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men, even from the rebellious-- that you, O LORD God, might dwell there.*

Eph 4:8 (NIV) *This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."*

Psalm applies ascending to LORD

Ephesians applies ascending to Christ

Php 2:10-11 and Rom 14:10-11 citing Isa 45:23:

Isa 45:23 (NIV) *By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. 24 They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.*

Phil 2:10 (NIV) *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Rom 14:10 (NIV) *You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'"*

"every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear"

note both contexts:

Isa 45:21 no God apart from me

Isa 45:24 in LORD alone is righteousness & strength

Heb 1:8 citing Ps 45:6 (LXX 44:7):

Psa 45:6 (NIV) *Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.*

Heb 1:8 (NIV) *But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.*

note Greek in both places

1:8 *pros ton huion* (says to the Son)

44:7 *ho thronos sou, ho theos* (your throne, O God)

Heb 1:10 citing Ps 102:25: thou LORD laid foundation...

Psa 102:25-27 (NIV) *In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. 27 But you remain the same, and your years will never end.*

Heb 1:10-11 (NIV) *He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.*

Ps: note LORD in 102:1,12,18-19,21-22

[LXX text slightly different, has *kurie* in 101:26]

Writer of Hebrews says God is here speaking of the Son.

1 Peter 2:8 citing Isa 8:14: stone of stumbling, rock of offense

Isa 8:14 (NIV) *and he will be a sanctuary; but for both houses of Israel he will be a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap and a snare.*

1Pet 2:7 (NIV) *Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," 8 and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for.*

applied to Christ in 1 Pet 2:4 but to LORD in Isa 8:13

Rev 7:17 alluding to Ps 23:1-2

Psa 23:1-2 (NIV) *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,*

Rev 7:17 (NIV) *For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

"the Lamb will shepherd them" => "the LORD is my shepherd

"will lead them to springs of living water" => "He leads me beside waters of refreshment"

Worship & Jesus

Refusal of Worship by Created Beings

Acts 10:25-26: Peter's response when Cornelius attempts to *pipto* "fall at feet";
proskuneo "worship": "stand up; I too am just a man"

Rev 19:10, 22:8-9: John to angel: *pipto* "fall at feet"; *proskuneo* "worship"

Worship to Jesus

Matt 2:11: wise men at Bethlehem to Jesus: *pipto* "fall down"; *proskuneo* "worship"
[cp Mt 4:9-10: Satan's temptation refused]

Matt 28:9: women at Jesus' resurrection: grasp his feet and *proskuneo* "worship"

Rev 5:8-14: 4 creatures & 24 elders before Lamb

8: *pipto* "fall down"; have harps, incense, prayers

9-10,12: sing hymn of praise to him

13: doxology to Father and Lamb

14: *pipto* "fall down" and *proskuneo* "worship"

Jesus Called God

John 20:28: Thomas says "to him" (Jesus): "My Lord & my God"

Titus 2:13: Paul describes believers as waiting for "glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"

2 Pet 1:1-2: "righteousness of our God & Savior Jesus Christ"
knowledge of God, even Jesus our Lord"

Rom 9:5: Christ is "God over all"

John 5:18 "Making himself equal with God"

Rev. 19:15 cp Isa 63:3: called "Almighty"

Isa: "my wrath"

Rev: "wrath of Almighty"

Jesus Characterized as God Is

Jesus is Creator: Jn 1:3; Col 1:16

John 1:3 (NIV) *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

Col 1:16 (NIV) *For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.*

He holds all things together: Col 1:17

Col 1:17 (NIV) *He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Jesus is Redeemer: Gal 3:13

Gal 3:13 (NIV) *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."*

Jesus raises dead: Jn 5:21

John 5:21 (NIV) *For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.*

Including Himself: Jn 2:19-22

John 2:19-22 (NIV) *Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." 20 The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.*

Jesus judges all: Jn 5:22

John 5:22 (NIV) *Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,*

Jesus forgives sin: Mk 2:5, 9-12

Mark 2:5-12 (NIV) *When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . ." He said to the paralytic, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"*

Jesus is prayed to: Acts 7:59-60

Acts 7:59 (NIV) *While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.*

Jesus has hymns sung to Him: Rev 5:8-14

Rev 5:8-14(NIV) *And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. 10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." 11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" 14 The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.*

Jesus is worshiped: Rev 5:8,9,12,13,14

See above

Jesus is to receive same honor as Father: Jn 5:23

John 5:22-23 (NIV) *Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.*

Jesus does everything God the Father does: Jn 5:19-20

John 5:19 (NIV) *Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.*