The NIV Denies the Deity of Jesus Christ

- I. The purpose of this study.
 - 1. The purpose of this study is to see if the New International Version (NIV) and the New World Translation (NWT) (the Jehovah's Witness bible) teach the deity of Jesus Christ.
 - A. It is common knowledge that the Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe in the deity of Jesus Christ and that they have tried to remove all references to the deity of Christ from their NWT bible.
 - B. It is not so commonly known that the NIV translators did much of the same thing to the NIV.
 - C. The study will expose the NIV for the antichrist translation that it is.
 - 2. This outline is derived from an outline called "The Deity of Jesus Christ" which was written to prove that Jesus is God using a KJV Bible.
 - A. The idea for this current study was conceived after the outline "The Deity of Jesus Christ" was completed, and the verse references in that outline were not modified after it was completed.
 - B. Therefore, the verses in this study were not cherry-picked to prove that the NIV is antichrist.
 - C. The outline below is unchanged from the original with the exception of the addition of the printed verse references from the KJV, NWT, and NIV.
- II. The goal of this study
 - 1. Cults and all other false religions deny the deity of Christ.
 - 2. As Christians, you will be challenged to defend your believe that Jesus is God.
 - 3. The aim of this study is to give overwhelming scriptural proof that Jesus Christ is God.
- III. Old Testament prophesied that the Messiah would be God.
 - 1. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah, Jesus would be called *the mighty God* (Isa 9:6 c/w Luk 2:11).
 - i. **Isa 9:6 (KJV)** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, <u>The mighty God</u>, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
 - ii. Isa 9:6 (NWT) For a child has been born to us, A son has been given to us; And the rulership will rest on his shoulder. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, <u>Mighty God</u>, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Isa 9:6 (NIV) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, <u>Mighty God</u>, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <u>PASS</u>
 - B. *The mighty God* is Jehovah (The LORD) (Jer 32:18; Psa 50:1).
 - i. Jer 32:18 (KJV) Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name,
 - ii. Jer 32:18 (NWT) the One showing loyal love to thousands, but repaying the error of the fathers to their sons after them, the true God, the great and <u>mighty One</u>, whose name is Jehovah of armies. <u>FAIL</u>

- iii. Jer 32:18 (NIV) You show love to thousands but bring the punishment for the parents' sins into the laps of their children after them. Great and <u>mighty</u> <u>God</u>, whose name is the LORD Almighty, <u>PASS</u>
- iv. **Psa 50:1** (**KJV**) <u>The mighty God, even the LORD</u>, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.
- v. **Psa 50:1** (**NWT**) <u>The God of gods</u>, Jehovah, has spoken; He summons the earth From the rising of the sun until its setting. <u>FAIL</u>
- vi. **Psa 50:1** (**NIV**) <u>The Mighty One</u>, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets. <u>FAIL</u>
- C. Therefore, Jesus Christ is Jehovah God.
- D. Jesus, the son of David would be called THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jehovah our righteousness) (Jer 23:5-6).
 - i. Jer 23:5-6 (KJV) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that <u>I will raise</u> <u>unto David a righteous Branch</u>, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6) In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and <u>this is his name whereby he shall be</u> called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
 - ii. Jer 23:5-6 (NWT) "Look! The days are coming," declares Jehovah, "when <u>I will raise up to David a righteous sprout</u>. And a king will reign and show insight and uphold justice and righteousness in the land. 6) In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will reside in security. And <u>this is the name by which he will be called: Jehovah Is Our Righteousness</u>." <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Jer 23:5-6 (NIV) "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when <u>I will</u> raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. 6) In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior. PASS
- 2. The Messiah was prophesied to be God (Psa 45:2-7 c/w Heb 1:8-9).
 - Psa 45:2,6-7 (KJV) 2) Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever....6) <u>Thy</u> throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7) Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
 - ii. Psa 45:2,6-7 (NWT) 2) You are the most handsome of the sons of men. Gracious speech flows from your lips. That is why God has blessed you forever....6) God is your throne forever and ever; The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness. 7) You loved righteousness, and you hated wickedness. That is why God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your companions. <u>FAIL</u>
 - iii. Psa 45:2,6-7 (NIV) 2) You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever....6) Your throne, O God,[a] will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. 7) You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing

you with the oil of joy. (*Note a.* Psalm 45:6 <u>Here the king is addressed as</u> <u>God's representative</u>.) **FAIL**

- iv. Heb 1:8-9 (KJV) 8) But <u>unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God</u>, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9) Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- v. Heb 1:8-9 (NWT) 8) But <u>about the Son, he says: "God is your throne</u> forever and ever, and the scepter of your Kingdom is the scepter of uprightness. 9) You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, anointed you+ with the oil of exultation more than your companions." <u>FAIL</u>
- vi. Heb 1:8-9 (NIV) 8) But <u>about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God</u>, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. 9) You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."[a] (*Note*: a. Hebrews 1:9 <u>Psalm 45:6,7</u>) <u>FAIL</u> (because of notes)
- 3. The Messiah was also prophesied to be eternal.
 - A. His goings forth have been from everlasting (Mic 5:2 c/w Mat 2:6).
 - i. **Mic 5:2 (KJV)** But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.
 - Mic 5:2 (NWT) And you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, The one too little to be among the thousands of Judah, From you will come out for me the one to be ruler in Israel, <u>Whose origin is from ancient times</u>, from the days of long ago. <u>FAIL</u>
 - iii. Mic 5:2 (NIV) "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." FAIL
 - B. He would be called the *everlasting Father* (Isa 9:6).
 - i. **Isa 9:6 (KJV)** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, <u>The everlasting Father</u>, The Prince of Peace.
 - ii. Isa 9:6 (NWT) For a child has been born to us, A son has been given to us; And the rulership will rest on his shoulder. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, <u>Eternal Father</u>, Prince of Peace. <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Isa 9:6 (NIV) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. PASS
- 4. Jesus would be called Emanuel which means "God with us" (Isa 7:14 c/w Mat 1:23).
 - i. **Isa 7:14 (KJV)** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, <u>a</u> virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name <u>Immanuel</u>.

- ii. **Isa 7:14 (NWT)** Therefore, Jehovah himself will give you a sign: Look! The <u>young woman</u> will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and she will name him <u>Immanuel</u>. <u>FAIL</u>
- iii. Isa 7:14 (NIV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you[a] a sign: The virgin[b] will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him <u>Immanuel</u>. (*Note*: b. Isaiah 7:14 Or <u>young woman</u>) FAIL
- iv. Mat 1:23 (KJV) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name <u>Emmanuel</u>, which being interpreted is, <u>God with us</u>.
- v. **Mat 1:23 (NWT)** "Look! The virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will name him <u>Immanuel</u>," which means, when <u>translated</u>, "With Us Is God." **PASS**
- vi. Mat 1:23 (NIV) "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"[a] (which means "God with us"). <u>PASS</u>
- 5. God said that "they shall look upon *me* whom they have pierced" (Zec 12:10).
 - i. Zec 12:10 (KJV) And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon <u>me</u> whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.
 - ii. Zec 12:10 (NWT) "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of favor and supplication, and they will look to <u>the one</u> whom they pierced, and they will wail over him as they would wail over an only son; and they will grieve bitterly over him as they would grieve over a firstborn son. <u>FAIL</u>
 - iii. Zec 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. PASS
 - B. They looked on Jesus whom they pierced (Joh 19:33-37).
 - C. The shepherd who was pierced was Jesus Christ the *fellow* of the LORD (Zec 13:6-7 c/w Mat 26:31).
 - i. Zec 13:6-7 (KJV) 6) And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. 7) Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my <u>fellow</u>, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.
 - ii. Zec 13:6-7 (NWT) 6) And if someone asks him, 'What are these wounds between your shoulders?' he will answer, 'Wounds I received in the house of my friends.'" 7) "O sword, awake against my shepherd, Against the man who is my <u>companion</u>," declares Jehovah of armies. "Strike the shepherd, and let the flock be scattered; And I will turn my hand against those who are insignificant." FAIL

- iii. Zec 13:6-7 (NIV) If someone asks, 'What are these wounds on your body[a]?' they will answer, 'The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.' 7) "Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is <u>close to me</u>!" declares the Lord Almighty. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. (*Note:* a. Or *wounds between your hands*) FAIL
- D. <u>Fellow</u> 1. a. One who shares with another in a possession, official dignity, or in the performance of any work; a partner, colleague, co-worker. Also, one united with another in a covenant for common ends; an ally.
- E. Jesus is the Word who is God (**Joh 1:1**), the second person of the Trinity (**1Jo 5:7**), and is therefore the *fellow* of the LORD.
 - i. Joh 1:1 (KJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - ii. Joh 1:1 (NWT) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. FAIL
 - iii. Joh 1:1 (NIV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. PASS
 - iv. **1Jo 5:7 (KJV)** For there are three that bear record <u>in heaven, the Father,</u> the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
 - v. 1Jo 5:7 (NWT) For there are three witness bearers: FAIL
 - vi. 1Jo 5:7 (NIV) For there are three that testify: <u>FAIL</u>
- F. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- 6. God said, "Cast in unto the potter: a goodly price that *I* was prised at of them...", prophesying of when He would be prized for thirty pieces of silver (**Zec 11:13**).
 - i. Zec 11:13 (KJV) And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that <u>I was prised</u> at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.
 - ii. **Zec 11:13 (NWT)** Then Jehovah said to me: "Throw it into the treasury the magnificent value with which they <u>valued me</u>." So I took the 30 pieces of silver and threw it into the treasury at the house of Jehovah. <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Zec 11:13 (NIV) And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the handsome price at which they <u>valued me</u>! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord. <u>PASS</u>
 - B. This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus who was prized at thirty pieces of silver (Mat 26:14-15; Mat 27:9-10).
 - C. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- IV. Jesus claimed to be God.
 - 1. Jesus plainly claimed to be God.
 - A. Jesus claimed to be Jehovah.
 - i. Jesus told the Jews, "before Abraham was, I am." (Joh 8:58)
 - a. Joh 8:58 (KJV) Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, <u>I am</u>.

- b. Joh 8:58 (NWT) Jesus said to them: "Most truly I say to you, before Abraham came into existence, <u>I have been</u>." <u>FAIL</u>
- c. Joh 8:58 (NIV) "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" PASS
- ii. "I AM" is Jehovah God's name (Exo 3:14).
 - a. **Exo 3:14 (KJV)** And God said unto Moses, <u>I AM THAT I AM</u>: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, <u>I AM</u> hath sent me unto you.
 - b. Exo 3:14 (NWT) So God said to Moses: "<u>I Will Become What I</u> <u>Choose to Become</u>." And he added: "This is what you are to say to the Israelites, '<u>I Will Become</u> has sent me to you.'" <u>FAIL</u>
 - c. **Exo 3:14 (NIV)** God said to Moses, "<u>I AM WHO I AM</u>.[a] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '<u>I AM</u> has sent me to you.'" (*Note*: a. Or I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE) **FAIL**
- iii. Therefore, Jesus was claiming to be Jehovah God.
- B. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, making Himself equal with God (Joh 5:17-18; Joh 10:36; Mat 26:63-64; Mar 14:61-62; Joh 9:35-37).
 - i. Joh 5:17-18 (KJV) 17) But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. 18) Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but <u>said also that God was his</u> Father, making himself equal with God.
 - ii. Joh 5:17-18 (NWT) 17) But he answered them: "My Father has kept working until now, and I keep working." 18) This is why the Jews began seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath but he was also calling God his own Father, making himself equal to God. PASS
 - iii. Joh 5:17-18 (NIV) 17 In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." 18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. PASS
 - iv. The NIV and the NWT both also get passes on **Joh 10:36; Mat 26:63-64;** Mar 14:61-62; Joh 9:35-37.
- C. Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, the Christ (Joh 4:25-26).
 - a. Joh 4:25-26 (KJV) 25) The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26) Jesus saith unto her, <u>I that speak unto thee am he</u>.
 - b. Joh 4:25-26 (NWT) 25) The woman said to him: "I know that Messiah is coming, who is called Christ. Whenever that one comes, he will declare all things to us openly." 26) Jesus said to her: "I am he, the one speaking to you." PASS
 - c. Joh 4:25-26 (NIV) 25) The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain

everything to us." 26) Then Jesus declared, "<u>I, the one speaking to</u> you—I am he." <u>PASS</u>

ii. The OT declared that the Messiah was God (Isa 9:6; Mic 5:2).

a. See Section III,3,A&B for these verses in the NWT and NIV. iii. Therefore, Jesus claimed to be God.

- D. Jesus said that He and God the Father were one, declaring Himself to be God (Joh 10:30-33; Joh 17:11).
 - Joh 10:30-33 (KJV) 30) <u>I and my Father are one</u>. 31) Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32) Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33) The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, <u>makest thyself God</u>.
 - ii. Joh 10:30-33 (NWT) 30) <u>I and the Father are one</u>." 31) Once again the Jews picked up stones to stone him. 32) Jesus replied to them: "I displayed to you many fine works from the Father. For which of those works are you stoning me?" 33) The Jews answered him: "We are stoning you, not for a fine work, but for blasphemy; for you, although being a man, <u>make yourself a god</u>." FAIL
 - iii. Joh 10:30-33 (NIV) 30) <u>I and the Father are one</u>." 31) Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, 32) but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" 33) "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, <u>claim to be God</u>." <u>PASS</u>
 - iv. The NIV and the NWT both also get passes on Joh 17:11.
- 2. Jehovah God used the phrase "I am he" a total of five times in the OT to declare that He was God (Isa 41:4; Isa 43:10; Isa 43:13; Isa 46:4; Isa 48:12).
 - i. **Isa 41:4 (KJV)** Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; <u>I am he</u>.
 - ii. Isa 41:4 (NWT) Who has acted and done this, Summoning the generations from the beginning? I, Jehovah, am the First One; And with the last ones <u>I</u> am the same." FAIL
 - iii. Isa 41:4 (NIV) Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD—with the first of them and with the last—<u>I am he</u>." <u>PASS</u>
 - iv. **Isa 43:10 (KJV)** Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that <u>I am he</u>: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.
 - v. **Isa 43:10 (NWT)** "You are my witnesses," declares Jehovah, "Yes, my servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and have faith in me And understand that <u>I am the same One</u>. Before me no God was formed, And after me there has been none. <u>FAIL</u>
 - vi. **Isa 43:10** (**NIV**) "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and

understand that $\underline{I am he}$. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. \underline{PASS}

- vii. **Isa 43:13 (KJV)** Yea, before the day was <u>I am he</u>; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?
- viii. **Isa 43:13 (NWT)** Also, <u>I am always the same One</u>; And no one can snatch anything out of my hand. When I act, who can prevent it?" **FAIL**
- ix. Isa 43:13 (NIV) Yes, and from ancient days <u>I am he</u>. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?" <u>PASS</u>
- x. **Isa 46:4** (**KJV**) And even to your old age <u>I am he</u>; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.
- xi. Isa 46:4 (NWT) Until you grow old <u>I will be the same</u>; Until your hair is gray I will keep bearing you. As I have done, I will carry you and bear you and rescue you. <u>FAIL</u>
- xii. Isa 46:4 (NIV) Even to your old age and gray hairs <u>I am he</u>, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. <u>PASS</u>
- xiii. **Isa 48:12** (**KJV**) Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; <u>I am</u> <u>he</u>; I am the first, I also am the last.
- xiv. **Isa 48:12 (NWT)** Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I have called. <u>I am the same One</u>. I am the first; I am also the last. <u>FAIL</u>
- xv. **Isa 48:12** (**NIV**) "Listen to me, Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: <u>I am he</u>; I am the first and I am the last. <u>PASS</u>
- B. Jesus used the phrase "I am he" a total of five times in the NT to identify Himself (Joh 8:24; Joh 8:28; Joh 13:19; Joh 18:5-6; Joh 18:8).
 - i. Joh 8:24 (KJV) I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that <u>I am he</u>, ye shall die in your sins.
 - ii. Joh 8:24 (NWT) That is why I said to you: You will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that <u>I am the one</u>, you will die in your sins." <u>FAIL</u>
 - iii. Joh 8:24 (NIV) I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that <u>I am he</u>, you will indeed die in your sins." <u>PASS</u>
 - iv. Joh 8:28 (KJV) Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that <u>I am he</u>, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.
 - v. Joh 8:28 (NWT) Jesus then said: "After you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that <u>I am he</u> and that I do nothing of my own initiative; but just as the Father taught me, I speak these things. <u>PASS</u>
 - vi. Joh 8:28 (NIV) So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that <u>I am he</u> and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. <u>PASS</u>

- vii. **Joh 13:19** (**KJV**) Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that <u>I am he</u>.
- viii. Joh 13:19 (NWT) From this moment on, I am telling you before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe that <u>I am he</u>. <u>PASS</u>
- ix. Joh 13:19 (NIV) "I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that <u>I am who I am</u>. <u>FAIL</u>
- x. Joh 18:5-6 (KJV) 5) They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, <u>I am he</u>. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. 6) As soon then as he had said unto them, <u>I am he</u>, they went backward, and fell to the ground.
- xi. Joh 18:5-6 (NWT) 5) They answered him: "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them: "<u>I am he</u>." Now Judas, his betrayer, was also standing with them. 6) However, when Jesus said to them, "<u>I am he</u>," they drew back and fell to the ground. <u>PASS</u>
- xii. Joh 18:5-6 (NIV) 5) "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "<u>I am he</u>," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) 6) When Jesus said, "<u>I am he</u>," they drew back and fell to the ground. <u>PASS</u>
- xiii. Joh 18:8 (KJV) Jesus answered, I have told you that <u>I am he</u>: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:
- xiv. Joh 18:8 (NWT) Jesus answered: "I told you that <u>I am he</u>. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." <u>PASS</u>
- xv. Joh 18:8 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I told you that <u>I am he</u>. If you are looking for me, then let these men go." <u>PASS</u>
- C. Therefore, Jesus claimed to be Jehovah God.
- 3. The things that Jesus said and did would have been blasphemy for anyone but God to say or do.
 - A. "Never man spake like this man." (Joh 7:46)
 - B. Jesus exhorted His disciples to believe in Him just as they believed in God (Joh 14:1).
 - a. Joh 14:1 (KJV) Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
 - b. Joh 14:1 (NWT) "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Exercise faith in God; exercise faith also in me. <u>PASS</u>
 - c. Joh 14:1 (NIV) "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. (*Note*: a. Or *Believe in God*) **PASS**
 - ii. Jesus would have been inviting a curse on His disciples to put their faith in Him if He were merely a man (Jer 17:5).
 - a. Jer 17:5 (KJV) Thus saith the LORD; <u>Cursed be the man that</u> <u>trusteth in man</u>, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.
 - b. Jer 17:5 (NWT) This is what Jehovah says: "<u>Cursed is the man</u> who puts his trust in mere humans, Who relies on human power, And whose heart turns away from Jehovah. <u>PASS</u>

- c. Jer 17:5 (NIV) This is what the LORD says: "<u>Cursed is the one</u> <u>who trusts in man</u>, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. <u>PASS</u>
- iii. Therefore, Jesus was clearly showing that He is God.
- C. Jesus said that all men should honour Him as they honour the Father (Joh 5:23).
 - i. Joh 5:23 (KJV) That <u>all men should honour the Son, even as they honour</u> <u>the Father</u>. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.
 - ii. Joh 5:23 (NWT) so that <u>all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father</u>. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Joh 5:23 (NIV) that <u>all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father</u>. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. PASS
- D. Jesus said He is the way, the truth, and the life (Joh 14:6).
 - i. Joh 14:6 (KJV) Jesus saith unto him, <u>I am the way, the truth, and the life</u>: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
 - ii. Joh 14:6 (NWT) Jesus said to him: "<u>I am the way and the truth and the life</u>. No one comes to the Father except through me. <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Joh 14:6 (NIV) Jesus answered, "<u>I am the way and the truth and the life</u>. No one comes to the Father except through me. <u>PASS</u>
- E. Jesus said that He gives His sheep eternal life (Joh 10:27-28).
 - i. Joh 10:27-28 (KJV) 27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28) And <u>I give unto them eternal life</u>; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
 - ii. Joh 10:27-28 (NWT) My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28) <u>I give them everlasting life</u>, and they will by no means ever be destroyed, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Joh 10:27-28 (NIV) 27) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <u>PASS</u>
- F. Jesus said that all power in heaven and in earth was given to Him (Mat 28:18).
 - i. Mat 28:18 (KJV) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, <u>All power</u> is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
 - ii. **Mat 28:18 (NWT)** Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying: "<u>All</u> authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Mat 28:18 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "<u>All authority in</u> heaven and on earth has been given to me. <u>PASS</u>
- G. Jesus said that He had power to lay down his life and to take it up again (Joh 10:18).
 - i. Joh 10:18 (KJV) No man taketh it from me, but <u>I lay it down of myself</u>. <u>I</u> have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.
 - ii. Joh 10:18 (NWT) No man takes it away from me, but <u>I surrender it of my</u> own initiative. <u>I have authority to surrender it, and I have authority to</u> receive it again. This commandment I received from my Father. <u>PASS</u>

- iii. Joh 10:18 (NIV) No one takes it from me, but <u>I lay it down of my own</u> <u>accord</u>. <u>I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again</u>. This command I received from my Father." <u>PASS</u>
- H. Jesus said that he that hath seen Him hath seen the Father (Joh 14:9).
 - i. Joh 14:9 (KJV) Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? <u>he that hath seen me hath seen the Father</u>; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?
 - ii. Joh 14:9 (NWT) Jesus said to him: "Even after I have been with you men for such a long time, Philip, have you not come to know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father also. How is it you say, 'Show us the Father'? FAIL (using "also" removes the reference to the deity of Christ)
 - iii. Joh 14:9 (NIV) Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? <u>Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father</u>. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <u>PASS</u>
- I. Jesus said, while standing on earth, that He was in heaven (Joh 3:13).
 - i. Joh 3:13 (KJV) And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.
 - ii. Joh 3:13 (NWT) Moreover, no man has ascended into heaven but the one who descended from heaven, the Son of man. FAIL
 - iii. Joh 3:13 (NIV) No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. FAIL
- J. Jesus said that He had glory with God the Father before the world was (Joh 17:5).
 - i. Joh 17:5 (KJV) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
 - ii. Joh 17:5 (NWT) So now, Father, glorify me at your side with the glory that I had alongside you before the world was. PASS
 - iii. Joh 17:5 (NIV) And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with <u>the</u> glory I had with you before the world began. PASS
- K. All these statements would have been pure blasphemy for Jesus to say, were He not God.
- L. Jesus accepted worship from people (Mat 14:33; Mat 8:2; Mat 9:18; Mat 28:9; Joh 9:38).
 - a. **Mat 14:33 (KJV)** Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.
 - b. Mat 14:33 (NWT) Then those in the boat did <u>obeisance to him</u>, saying: "You really are God's Son." <u>FAIL</u>
 - (i) <u>Worship</u> v. 1. a. *trans*. To honour or revere as a supernatural being or power, or as a holy thing; to regard or approach with veneration; to adore with appropriate acts, rites, or ceremonies.
 - (ii) <u>Obeisance</u> 1. The action or fact of obeying; = obedience 3. A bodily act or gesture expressive of submission or respect (almost always, A bending or prostration of the body in token of this); a respectful salutation; a bow or curtsy: = obedience
 - c. Mat 14:33 (NIV) Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." <u>PASS</u>

- d. Mat 8:2 (KJV) And, behold, there came a leper and <u>worshipped</u> <u>him</u>, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
- e. Mat 8:2 (NWT) And look! a leper came up and <u>did obeisance to</u> <u>him</u>, saying: "Lord, if you just want to, you can make me clean." FAIL
- f. Mat 8:2 (NIV) A man with leprosy came and <u>knelt before him</u> and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." <u>FAIL</u>
- g. Mat 9:18 (KJV) While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.
- h. **Mat 9:18 (NWT)** While he was telling them these things, look! a certain ruler who had approached <u>did obeisance to him</u>, saying: "By now my daughter must be dead, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will come to life." <u>FAIL</u>
- i. Mat 9:18 (NIV) While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and <u>knelt before him</u> and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." <u>FAIL</u>
- j. **Mat 28:9 (KJV)** And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and <u>worshipped him</u>.
- Mat 28:9 (NWT) And look! Jesus met them and said: "Good day!" They approached and took hold of his feet and <u>did obeisance to him</u>. <u>FAIL</u>
- Mat 28:9 (NIV) Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. PASS
- m. Joh 9:38 (KJV) And he said, Lord, I believe. And <u>he worshipped</u> <u>him</u>.
- n. Joh 9:38 (NWT) He said: "I do put faith in him, Lord." And <u>he did</u> obeisance to him. <u>FAIL</u>
- o. Joh 9:38 (NIV) Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and <u>he</u> worshiped him. <u>PASS</u>
- ii. Only God is to be worshipped (Mat 4:10).
 - a. **Mat 4:10 (KJV)** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, <u>Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only</u> shalt thou serve.
 - b. Mat 4:10 (NWT) Then Jesus said to him: "Go away, Satan! For it is written: '<u>It is Jehovah your God you must worship, and it is to him</u> alone you must render sacred service.'" **PASS**
 - c. **Mat 4:10 (NIV)** Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: '<u>Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only</u>. <u>PASS</u>
- iii. Therefore, Jesus is God.

- M. Jesus forgave sins (Mar 2:5,10).
 - a. Mar 2:5,10 (KJV) 5) When Jesus saw their faith, <u>he said unto the</u> <u>sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.</u> 10) But that ye may know that <u>the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins</u>, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)
 - b. Mar 2:5,10 (NWT) 5) When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic: "<u>Child, your sins are forgiven</u>." 10) But in order for you to know that <u>the Son of man has authority to forgive sins on earth</u>—" he said to the paralytic: <u>PASS</u>
 - c. Mar 2:5,10 (NIV) 5) When Jesus saw their faith, <u>he said to the</u> paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 10) But I want you to know that <u>the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins</u>." So he said to the man, <u>PASS</u>
 - ii. Only God can forgive sins (Mar 2:7; Isa 43:25; Dan 9:9; Mic 7:18).
 - a. Mar 2:7 (KJV) Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?
 - b. Mar 2:7 (NWT) Why is this man talking this way? He is blaspheming. <u>Who can forgive sins except one, God?</u>" <u>PASS</u>
 - c. **Mar 2:7** (**NIV**) "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! <u>Who can forgive sins but God alone?</u>" <u>**PASS**</u>
 - iii. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- V. The New Testament declares that Jesus is God.
 - 1. Jesus is the Word who is God (Joh 1:1-3 c/w Joh 1:14).
 - i. Joh 1:1-3,14 (KJV) 1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2) The same was in the beginning with God. 3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
 - ii. Joh 1:1-3,14 (NWT) 1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. 2) This one was in the beginning with God. 3) All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence 14) So the Word became flesh and resided among us, and we had a view of his glory, a glory such as belongs to an only-begotten son from a father; and he was full of divine favor and truth. FAIL (using "through" instead of "by" allows for the JW doctrine that God used Jesus to create all things)
 - iii. Joh 1:1-3,14 (NIV) 1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2) He was with God in the beginning. 3) <u>Through him</u> all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 14) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. FAIL (using "through" instead of "by" allows for the JW doctrine that God used Jesus to create all things)
 - 2. Jesus is God manifest in the flesh (**1Ti 3:16**).

- i. **1Ti 3:16 (KJV)** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: <u>God was manifest in the flesh</u>, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.
- ii. 1Ti 3:16 (NWT) Indeed, the sacred secret of this godly devotion is admittedly great: '<u>He was made manifest in flesh</u>, was declared righteous in spirit, appeared to angels, was preached about among nations, was believed upon in the world, was received up in glory.' <u>FAIL</u>
- iii. 1Ti 3:16 (NIV) Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: <u>He appeared in the flesh</u>, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory. <u>FAIL</u>
- 3. Jesus is one with the Father and the Holy Ghost (1Jo 5:7).
 - i. **1Jo 5:7 (KJV)** For there are three that bear record <u>in heaven, the Father,</u> the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
 - ii. 1Jo 5:7 (NWT) For there are three witness bearers: FAIL
 - iii. 1Jo 5:7 (NIV) For there are three that testify: <u>FAIL</u>
- 4. Jesus, the Son of God, is God (**Heb 1:8**).
 - i. Heb 1:8 (KJV) 8) But <u>unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God</u>, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9) Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
 - ii. Heb 1:8 (NWT) 8) But <u>about the Son, he says: "God is your throne</u> forever and ever, and the scepter of your Kingdom is the scepter of uprightness. 9) You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your companions." <u>FAIL</u>
 - iii. Heb 1:8-9 (NIV) 8) But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. 9) You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."[a] (*Note*: a. Hebrews 1:9 <u>Psalm 45:6,7</u>) (*Note a.* Psalm 45:6 <u>Here the king is addressed as God's representative.</u>) <u>FAIL</u> (because of notes)
- 5. Jesus thought it not robbery to be equal with God (**Phi 2:6**).
 - i. **Phi 2:6 (KJV)** Who, being in the form of God, <u>thought it not robbery to be</u> equal with God:
 - ii. **Phi 2:6 (NWT)** who, although he was existing in God's form, <u>gave no</u> consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God. **FAIL**
 - iii. **Phi 2:6 (NIV)** Who, being in very nature God, <u>did not consider equality</u> with God something to be used to his own advantage; **FAIL**
- 6. Jesus is the true God and eternal life (**1Jo 5:20 c/w 1Jo 1:2 c/w 1Jo 5:11**).
 - i. **1Jo 5:20 (KJV)** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal <u>life</u>.

- a. <u>Even</u> adv. 8. Prefixed to a subject, object, or predicate, or to the expression of a qualifying circumstance, to emphasize its identity. Obs. exc. arch. Also in 16–17th c. (hence still arch. after Bible use) serving to introduce an epexegesis; = 'namely', 'that is to say'.
 b. Being in God IS being in Jesus Christ.
- ii. 1Jo 5:20 (NWT) But we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us insight so that we may gain the knowledge of the one who is true. And we are in union with the one who is true, by means of his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and life everlasting. PASS
- iii. 1Jo 5:20 (NIV) We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. PASS
- iv. **1Jo 1:2 (KJV)** (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you <u>that eternal life</u>, which was with the Father, and <u>was manifested unto us</u>;)
- v. **1Jo 1:2 (NWT)** (yes, the life was made manifest, and we have seen and are bearing witness and reporting to you <u>the everlasting life that was with the</u> Father and was made manifest to us), **PASS**
- vi. **1Jo 1:2 (NIV)** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you <u>the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared</u> to us. <u>PASS</u>
- 7. Jesus is God blessed forever (**Rom 9:5**).
 - i. **Rom 9:5 (KJV)** Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh <u>Christ</u> came, <u>who is over all, God blessed for ever</u>. Amen.
 - ii. Rom 9:5 (NWT) To them the forefathers belong, and from them the Christ descended according to the flesh. <u>God, who is over all, be praised forever</u>. Amen. <u>FAIL</u>
 - iii. Rom 9:5 (NIV) Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the <u>Messiah</u>, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen. PASS
- 8. Jesus is the Almighty God (Rev 1:7-8 c/w Gen 17:1 c/w Job 8:3).
 - Rev 1:7-8 (KJV) Behold, <u>he cometh with clouds</u>; and every eye shall see <u>him</u>, and they also which pierced him</u>: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 8) <u>I am</u> Alpha and Omega, <u>the beginning</u> and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, <u>the Almighty</u>.
 - ii. Rev 1:7-8 (NWT) Look! <u>He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will</u> see him, and those who pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth will beat themselves in grief because of him. Yes, Amen. 8) <u>"I am</u> the Al'pha and the O·me'ga," says Jehovah God, "the One who is and who was and who is coming, the Almighty." FAIL (they attempted to remove the deity of Christ by saying that "Jehovah God" said that He is Alpha and Omega, and also by removing "the beginning and the ending" in verse 8 which links this statement to Jesus Christ in Rev 1:17-18)

- iii. Rev 1:7-8 (NIV) "Look, <u>he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye</u> will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen. 8) "<u>I am</u> the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the <u>Almighty</u>." FAIL (they attempted remove the deity of Christ by saying that "the Lord God" said that He is Alpha and Omega, and also by removing "the beginning and the ending" in verse 8 which links this statement to Jesus Christ in Rev 1:17-18)
- 9. Jesus is the great God and our Saviour (Tit 2:13), for whose *appearing* we wait (1Ti 6:14; 1Pe 1:7).
 - i. **Tit 2:13 (KJV)** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious <u>appearing</u> of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
 - Tit 2:13 (NWT) while we wait for the happy hope and glorious manifestation of the great God and of our Savior, Jesus Christ, FAIL (adding "of" removes the deity of Christ)
 - iii. **Tit 2:13 (NIV)** while we wait for the blessed hope—the <u>appearing of the</u> <u>glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ</u>, <u>PASS</u>
- 10. Jesus is the first and the last (**Rev 1:17-18; Rev 21:6; Rev 22:13**).
 - i. Rev 1:17-18 (KJV) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; <u>I am the first and the last</u>: 18) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
 - ii. Rev 1:17-18 (NWT) When I saw him, I fell as dead at his feet. And he laid his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. <u>I am the First and the Last</u>, 18) and the living one, and I became dead, but look! I am living forever and ever, and I have the keys of death and of the Grave. <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Rev 1:17-18 (NIV) When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. <u>I am the First and the Last</u>. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. <u>PASS</u>
 - iv. **Rev 21:6** (**KJV**) And he said unto me, It is done. <u>I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end</u>. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
 - v. **Rev 21:6 (NWT)** And he said to me: "They have come to pass! <u>I am the</u> <u>Al'pha and the O·me'ga, the beginning and the end</u>. To anyone thirsting I will give from the spring of the water of life free. <u>PASS</u>
 - vi. **Rev 21:6 (NIV)** He said to me: "It is done. <u>I am the Alpha and the Omega,</u> <u>the Beginning and the End</u>. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. <u>PASS</u>
 - vii. **Rev 22:13 (KJV)** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
 - viii. **Rev 22:13 (NWT)** I am the Al'pha and the O·me'ga, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. **PASS**

- ix. **Rev 22:13 (NIV)** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. <u>PASS</u>
- B. Jehovah God is the first and the last (Isa 44:6-8; Isa 48:12).
 - i. Isa 44:6,8 (KJV) 6 <u>Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his</u> redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me <u>there is no God</u>. 8) Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. <u>Is there a God</u> <u>beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any</u>.
 - ii. Isa 44:6,8 (NWT) 6) <u>This is what Jehovah says, The King of Israel and his Repurchaser, Jehovah of armies: 'I am the first and I am the last. There is no God but me.</u> 8) Do not be in dread, And do not become paralyzed with fear. Have I not told each of you beforehand and declared it? You are my witnesses. Is there any God but me? No, there is no other Rock; I know of none.'" <u>PASS</u> (Upholds the Trinity (by accident, no doubt), although it does replace "God" with "Rock")
 - iii. Isa 44:6,8 (NIV) 6) "This is what the LORD says Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. 8) Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one." FAIL (passes by showing that God is the first and the last, but fails because it removes the reference to the Trinity by putting the King and Redeemer together, and replaces "God" with "Rock")
 - iv. Isa 48:12 (KJV) Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; <u>I am the first, I also am the last</u>.
 - v. Isa 48:12 (NWT) Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I have called.
 - vi. I am the same One. <u>I am the first; I am also the last</u>. **PASS**
 - vii. Isa 48:12 (NIV) "Listen to me, Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. PASS
- C. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- 11. Jesus is the Savior (Tit 1:4).
 - i. **Tit 1:4 (KJV)** To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and <u>the Lord Jesus Christ our</u> <u>Saviour</u>.
 - Tit 1:4 (NWT) to Titus, a genuine child according to the faith we share: May you have undeserved kindness and peace from God the Father and <u>Christ Jesus our Savior</u>. <u>PASS / FAIL</u> (Passes on Savior, fails because it omits "Lord")
 - iii. Tit 1:4 (NIV) To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and <u>Christ Jesus our Savior</u>. <u>PASS / FAIL</u> (Passes on Savior, fails because it omits "Lord")
 - B. There is no savior beside God (Isa 43:11).
 - i. Isa 43:11 (KJV) I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.
 - ii. Isa 43:11 (NWT) <u>I—I am Jehovah, and besides me there is no savior."</u> <u>PASS</u>

- iii. Isa 43:11 (NIV) <u>I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no</u> savior. <u>PASS</u>
- C. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- 12. Thomas called Jesus his Lord and his God (Joh 20:28).
 - i. Joh 20:28 (KJV) And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.
 - ii. Joh 20:28 (NWT) In answer Thomas said to him: "<u>My Lord and my God</u>!" <u>PASS</u>
 - iii. Joh 20:28 (NIV) Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" PASS
- 13. The things the apostles said about Jesus would be absurd and blasphemous to say about any other being (man or angel).
 - A. All things were made by Christ (Joh 1:1-3; 14; Eph 3:9; Heb 1:2; 1Co 8:6; Col 1:16).
 - a. **Eph 3:9 (KJV)** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
 - b. **Eph 3:9** (**NWT**) and should make everyone see the administration of the sacred secret that has been hidden through the ages in God, who created all things. <u>**FAIL**</u>
 - c. **Eph 3:9** (**NIV**) and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. **FAIL**
 - d. **Heb 1:2 (KJV)** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
 - e. Heb 1:2 (NWT) Now at the end of these days he has spoken to us by means of a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the systems of things. FAIL (using "through" instead of "by" allows for the JW doctrine that God used Jesus to create all things)
 - f. Heb 1:2 (NIV) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and <u>through whom also he</u> <u>made the universe</u>. <u>FAIL</u> (using "through" instead of "by" allows for the JW doctrine that God used Jesus to create all things)
 - g. **1Co 8:6 (KJV)** But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and <u>one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things</u>, and we by him.
 - h. **1Co 8:6 (NWT)** there is actually to us one God, the Father, from whom all things are and we for him; and there is <u>one Lord, Jesus</u> <u>Christ, through whom all things are and we through him</u>. <u>FAIL</u> (using "through" instead of "by" allows for the JW doctrine that God used Jesus to create all things)
 - i. **1Co 8:6 (NIV)** yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but <u>one</u>

Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. **FAIL** (using "through" instead of "by" allows for the JW doctrine that God used Jesus to create all things)

- j. Col 1:16 (KJV) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: <u>all things were created by him</u>, and for him:
- k. Col 1:16 (NWT) because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and on the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. FAIL ("other" is added to change the verse from saying that Jesus is the creator God to saying that he was created by God and then God created everything else through him, and using "through" instead of "by" allows for the JW doctrine that God used Jesus to create all things)
- Col 1:16 (NIV) For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <u>FAIL</u> (using "in him" instead of "by him", and using "through" instead of "by", allows for the JW doctrine that God used Jesus to create all things)
- ii. God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1).
 - a. **Gen 1:1 (KJV)** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
 - b. **Gen 1:1 (NWT)** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <u>PASS</u>
 - c. **Gen 1:1 (NIV)** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <u>PASS</u>
- iii. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- B. All things consist by Christ (Col 1:17).
 - a. Col 1:17 (KJV) And <u>he is before all things</u>, and by him all things <u>consist</u>.
 - b. Col 1:17 (NWT) Also, <u>he is before all other things, and by means</u> of him all other things were made to exist, <u>FAIL</u> ("other" is added to change the verse from saying that Jesus is the creator God to saying that he was created by God and then God created everything else through him)
 - c. Col 1:17 (NIV) <u>He is before all things, and in him all things hold</u> <u>together</u>. <u>FAIL</u> (using "in him" instead of "by him" allows for the JW doctrine that God used Jesus to create all things)
 - ii. <u>Consist</u> v. 1. *intr*. To have a settled existence, subsist, hold together, exist, be. *Obs*. (or *arch.*, after Col. i. 17).
 - iii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
 - iv. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.

- C. In all things He has the preeminence (Col 1:18).
 - a. Col 1:18 (KJV) And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that <u>in all things he might have the preeminence</u>.
 - b. Col 1:18 (NWT) and he is the head of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that <u>he might</u> become the one who is first in all things; <u>FAIL</u>
 - c. Col 1:18 (NIV) And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that <u>in</u> everything he might have the supremacy. <u>PASS</u>
 - ii. <u>Preeminence</u> 1. Higher rank or distinction; priority of place, precedence; superiority.
 - iii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
 - iv. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- D. In Him all fulness dwells (Col 1:19).
 - a. **Col 1:19 (KJV)** For it pleased the Father that <u>in him should all</u> <u>fulness dwell</u>;
 - b. Col 1:19 (NWT) because God was pleased to have <u>all fullness to</u> <u>dwell in him</u>, <u>PASS</u>
 - c. Col 1:19 (NIV) For God was pleased to have <u>all his fullness dwell</u> <u>in him</u>, <u>PASS</u>
 - ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
 - iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- E. In Him dwelleth the all the fulness of the Godhead bodily (Col 2:9).
 - a. Col 2:9 (KJV) For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
 - b. Col 2:9 (NWT) because it is in him that all the fullness of the divine quality dwells bodily. FAIL
 - c. Col 2:9 (NIV) For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, FAIL
 - ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
 - iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- F. Jesus is the express image of God's person (Heb 1:3).
 - a. **Heb 1:3 (KJV)** <u>Who being the brightness of his glory, and the</u> express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of <u>his power</u>, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:
 - b. **Heb 1:3** (**NWT**) <u>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact</u> representation of his very being, and he sustains all things by the word of his power. And after he had made a purification for our sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. <u>FAIL</u> (replaced "brightness" with "reflection")
 - c. Heb 1:3 (NIV) <u>The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word</u>. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <u>PASS</u>

- ii. <u>Express</u> *adj.* 1. a. Of an image or likeness: Truly depicted, exactly resembling, exact. Now chiefly with reminiscence of Heb. i. 3.
- iii. <u>Image</u> n. 1. An artificial imitation or representation of the external form of any object, esp. of a person, or of the bust of a person. a. Such an imitation in the solid form; a statue, effigy, sculptured figure.
- iv. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
- v. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- G. He is made so much better than the angels (Heb 1:4).
 - a. **Heb 1:4 (KJV)** <u>Being made so much better than the angels</u>, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
 - b. **Heb 1:4** (**NWT**) So <u>he has become better than the angels</u> to the extent that he has inherited a name more excellent than theirs. **FAIL** (omitted "so much")
 - c. **Heb 1:4 (NIV)** So <u>he became as much superior to the angels</u> as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. **PASS**
 - ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
 - iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- H. He is the blessed and only Potentate, King of kings, and Lord of lords, who only hath immortality (**1Ti 6:15-16**).
 - a. 1Ti 6:14-16 (KJV) 14) That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15) Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16) Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.
 - b. 1Ti 6:14-16 (NWT) to observe the commandment in a spotless and irreprehensible way until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15) which the happy and only Potentate will show in its own appointed times. He is the King of those who rule as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords, 16) the one alone having immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal might. Amen. FAIL (worded in such a way which fails to state that Jesus Christ is the blessed and only Potentate)
 - c. 1Ti 6:14-16 (NIV) 14) to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15) <u>which God will</u> <u>bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. <u>FAIL</u> (changed "who" to "God" which fails to state that Jesus Christ is the blessed and only Potentate)</u>
 - ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
 - iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- I. He is the head of all things and all things are under His feet (Eph 1:22).

- a. **Eph 1:22** (**KJV**) <u>And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church</u>,
- b. Eph 1:22 (NWT) <u>He also subjected all things under his feet and</u> made him head over all things with regard to the congregation, <u>PASS</u>
- c. Eph 1:22 (NIV) <u>And God placed all things under his feet and</u> appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <u>PASS</u>
- ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
- iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- J. Every knee shall bow to Jesus Christ and confess that He is Lord (**Phi 2:9-11; Rev 5:13**).
 - a. **Phi 2:9-11** (**KJV**) 9) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 - b. Phi 2:9-11 (NWT) 9) For this very reason, God exalted him to a superior position and kindly gave him the name that is above every other name, 10) so that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend—of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground— 11) and every tongue should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. PASS
 - c. **Phi 2:9-11 (NIV)** 9) Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11) and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **PASS**
 - d. **Rev 5:13 (KJV)** And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
 - e. **Rev 5:13** (**NWT**) And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and underneath the earth and on the sea, and all the things in them, saying: "To the One sitting on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever." <u>**PASS**</u>
 - f. Rev 5:13 (NIV) Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:
 "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" PASS
 - ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
 - iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- K. We shall all stand at the judgment seat of Christ and give an account of ourselves to Christ who is God (**Rom 14:10-12**).

- a. Rom 14:10-12 (KJV) 10) But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11) For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. 12) So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.
- b. Rom 14:10-12 (NWT) 10) But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you also look down on your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11) For it is written: "As surely as I live,' says Jehovah, 'to me every knee will bend, and every tongue will make open acknowledgment to God.'" 12) So, then, each of us will render an account for himself to God. FAIL (changed "Christ" to "God" which removes the reference to the deity of Christ)
- c. Rom 14:10-12 (NIV) 10) You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? 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 acknowledge God." 12) So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. FAIL (changed "Christ" to "God's" which removes the reference to the deity of Christ)
- ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
- iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- L. God hath chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we should be holy (Eph 1:4).
 - a. **Eph 1:4 (KJV)** According as <u>he hath chosen us in him before the</u> <u>foundation of the world</u>, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
 - b. **Eph 1:4 (NWT)** as <u>he chose us to be in union with him before the</u> <u>founding of the world</u>, that we should be holy and unblemished before him in love. <u>FAIL</u>
 - c. Eph 1:4 (NIV) For <u>he chose us in him before the creation of the</u> world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <u>PASS</u>
 - ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
 - iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- M. Jesus abolished the old covenant in His flesh (Eph 2:15).
 - a. Eph 2:15 (KJV) <u>Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances;</u> for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
 - b. Eph 2:15 (NWT) By means of his flesh <u>he abolished the enmity</u>, <u>the Law of commandments consisting in decrees</u>, in order to make the two groups in union with himself into one new man and to make peace, <u>PASS</u>
 - c. Eph 2:15 (NIV) by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <u>FAIL</u> (changed "abolished" to "setting side")

- ii. Only God can abolish his own law.
- iii. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- VI. The works that Jesus did demand that He is God (Luk 8:39).
 - a. Luk 8:39 (KJV) Return to thine own house, and shew <u>how great</u> <u>things God hath done unto thee</u>. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city <u>how great things Jesus had done unto him</u>.
 - Luk 8:39 (NWT) "Go back home, and keep on relating <u>what God</u> <u>did for you</u>." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city <u>what Jesus had done for him</u>. <u>PASS</u> (although it omits "great things")
 - c. Luk 8:39 (NIV) "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. PASS (although it omits "great things")
 - 2. Only God can do wondrous things (**Psa 72:18**).
 - a. **Psa 72:18 (KJV)** Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.
 - b. **Psa 72:18 (NWT)** May Jehovah God be praised, Israel's God, <u>Who</u> <u>alone does wonderful things</u>. <u>PASS</u>
 - c. **Psa 72:18 (NIV)** Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. **PASS**
 - B. The apostles did miraculous works, but they did it through the power that Christ gave them (Mar 16:17-20; Act 3:6-7).
 - C. Jesus did miraculous works by His own power and by His own word, proving He was God, such as the following.
 - 3. Jesus knew men's thoughts (Luk 6:8; Luk 9:47; Joh 2:24-25).
 - a. Luk 6:8 (KJV) But <u>he knew their thoughts</u>, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.
 - b. Luk 6:8 (NWT) <u>He, however, knew their reasoning</u>, so he said to the man with the withered hand: "Get up and stand in the center." And he rose and stood there. <u>PASS</u>
 - c. Luk 6:8 (NIV) But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there. <u>PASS</u>
 - d. Luk 9:47 (KJV) And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,
 - e. Luk 9:47 (NWT) Jesus, <u>knowing the reasoning of their hearts</u>, took a young child, stood him beside him, <u>PASS</u>
 - f. Luk 9:47 (NIV) Jesus, <u>knowing their thoughts</u>, took a little child and had him stand beside him. <u>PASS</u>
 - g. Joh 2:24-25 (KJV) 24) But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because <u>he knew all men</u>, 25) And needed not that any should testify of man: for <u>he knew what was in man</u>.

- h. Joh 2:24-25 (NWT) 24) But Jesus would not entrust himself to them because <u>he knew them all</u> 25) and because he did not need to have anyone bear witness about man, for <u>he knew what was in man</u>. <u>PASS</u>
- i. Joh 2:24-25 (NIV) 24) But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for <u>he knew all people</u>. 25) He did not need any testimony about mankind, for <u>he knew what was in each person</u>. <u>PASS</u>
- B. Jesus is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb 4:12-13).
 - i. Heb 4:12-13 (KJV) 12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and <u>is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart</u>. 13) Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in <u>his sight</u>: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of <u>him with whom we have to do</u>.
 - ii. Heb 4:12-13 (NWT) 12) For the word of God is alive and exerts power and is sharper than any two-edged sword and pierces even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and of joints from the marrow, and is able to discern thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13) And there is not a creation that is hidden from his sight, but all things are naked and openly exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we must give an account. PASS
 - iii. Heb 4:12-13 (NIV) 12) For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, <u>it</u> penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; <u>it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart</u>. 13) Nothing in all creation is hidden from <u>God's sight</u>. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. <u>FAIL</u> (added "it" and changed "his sight" to "God's sight" which removed the identification of the word of God as Jesus Christ)
- C. Only God knows the hearts of the children of men (1Ki 8:39).
 - i. **1Ki 8:39 (KJV)** Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of <u>men</u>;)
 - ii. 1Ki 8:39 (NWT) then may you hear from the heavens, your dwelling place, and may you forgive and take action; and reward each one according to all his ways, for you know his heart (you alone truly know every human heart), PASS
 - iii. 1Ki 8:39 (NIV) then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive and act; deal with everyone according to all they do, since you know their hearts (for you alone know every human heart), PASS
- D. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- 4. Jesus walked on water (Mar 6:48-51).
- 5. Jesus controlled the weather (Mar 4:39-41).
 - A. God controls the weather (Job 37:9-14; Psa 148:8).
 - B. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- Jesus created wine from water (Joh 2:7-11), and bread and fish from nothing (Mar 6:35-44).

- A. God is the Creator (Isa 40:28).
- B. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- 7. Jesus raised the dead (Mar 5:41-42; Joh 11:43-44).
- 8. Jesus gave sight to the blind (Mar 8:22-25).
- 9. Jesus cast out devils, and they feared Him, knowing that he was the Holy One (Mar 1:23-26).
 - A. God is the Holy One (Isa 43:15).
 - B. This is just one more proof that Jesus is God.
- 10. Jesus said that even if you don't believe Him, believe the works which prove that He is God (Joh 10:36-38).