

## SYLVIA'S CORNER

### THAT'S NOT MY JESUS

"What do you mean there's more than one Jesus?" my friend asked curiously. She seemed surprised by my statement. "Let's look in the Bible and I'll show you," I replied.

In 2 Corinthians 11:4, it reads, "For if he that cometh preacheth **ANOTHER** Jesus whom we have not preached..." So there really is another Jesus. Continuing down to 2 Corinthians 11:13, you'll find that those preaching about another gospel are "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

Just what are the "false apostles" (spoken of above) saying about my Jesus?

#### 1. JESUS WAS CREATED

First they tell us that Jesus was a created being. They say that he was born to a heavenly mother, and that Lucifer, (The Devil) was his brother. Can this really be the case? In Ezekiel 28:13, the scripture says that Lucifer was created! The King of Tyre referred to in this scripture is Satan, Lucifer, the Devil, or whatever you choose to call him. He was an angel.

Jesus was not created. In John 1:1, the Bible tells us that "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" So from this we can see that Christ was with God before time began, and He was God. My Jesus was never created by a union between a heavenly mother and father. My Jesus was always equal in essence with God. My Jesus, in fact, created all things. In John 1:3, it says that "all things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

Again in Colossians 1:16, the Bible says, "For by him (Jesus) 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: all things were **CREATED** by Him and for Him." From this we see that **ALL** things were created by Jesus.

#### 2. GOD, THE FATHER SLEPT WITH MARY TO CREATE JESUS

Another false teaching in Mormonism is that the Holy Spirit had nothing to do with how Jesus was conceived. Brigham Young taught that God the Father slept with Mary to produce Jesus. If you are so inclined, you can look this up in the Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1, pg. 50, and also in Vol. 8, pg. 115. Bruce R. McConkie agrees in the 1979 edition of Mormon Doctrine. He says that Christ was begotten in the same way that mortal men were.

If that wasn't enough, Orson Pratt went even further in the Seer, 1983 edition. He even said that Mary was the lawful wife of God the Father, lending her to Joseph to be his mortal wife on earth, but taking her back again in eternity to be one of **HIS MANY** wives and raise spirit children. **That's not my Jesus!** The Jesus that Orson Pratt is talking about would have to have an adulterous father, and an adulterous mother who was certainly not a virgin.



The Bible definitely refutes this false teaching! In Isaiah 7:14, Mary's being a virgin is prophesied. Again in Matthew 1:18,20 it says that Mary was found with child of the Holy Ghost

#### 3. JESUS WAS A POLYGAMIST

Yes, on page 172 of the Seer, Orson Pratt said that the great Messiah was a polygamist. He said that both Jesus and God the Father would inherit their wives in eternity as well as in time. In the Journal of Discourses Vol. 2, pg. 210, Orson Hyde said that Jesus was married at Cana. He also said that Mary, Martha, and others were his wives, and that he had children as well.

The Bible, on the other hand, shows that God was never in favor of polygamy. In Genesis 2:24, Deuteronomy 17:17, and 1 Timothy 3:2,12, God's displeasure with it is apparent. Although polygamy is not practiced today, except by fringe groups, the doctrine was still taught and **that's not my Jesus.**

#### 4. THE JESUS OF MORMONISM WORKED HIS WAY FROM MANHOOD TO GODHOOD.

In the Gospel Through The Ages, pg. 51, it talks about how Jesus progressed to godhood. Mormons believe in eternal progression. They believe that God the Father was once a man who earned his way to becoming God. They believe that Jesus did the same. To the contrary, **my Jesus was always God.** He came to earth and became a man in order to save me from my sins, while laying down his glory. **Big difference!**

#### 5. THE MORMON JESUS REQUIRES WORKS FOR SALVATION.

Another thing that makes my Jesus different is that he puts absolutely **NO** conditions on my salvation. Once I ask to have my sins forgiven and accept him into my heart to be my personal Savior, he adds no conditions. There is absolutely nothing I have to do or can do to be saved other than that. **He took care of all my sins--past, present, and future on the cross,** and when he died, He said, "It is finished!" Please see Ephesians 2:8,9,10, Romans 5:1, 2 Corinthians 5:5:17, acts 16:31, and John 5:29

The Mormons, on the other hand, do not consider Jesus's death to be sufficient for salvation. They require obedience to all the ordinances of the gospel. Check out the third Article of Faith, and the Doctrines of SALVATION, Vol. 1, pg. 134. Also in 2 Nephi 25:23, it says, ...**"by grace we are saved, after all we can do."** It gets even more complicated in Mormonism if you read what Joseph Fielding Smith says in the Doctrines of Salvation Vol. 1, pg. 190. It says that there is no salvation without accepting Joseph Smith. Bruce R. McConkie says the same thing. Brigham Young

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says that none will enter the Celestial Kingdom without the consent of Joseph Smith in the Journal of Discourses Vol. 7, pg. 289.

My Jesus is not just a man, not a polygamist, not a co-savior with Joseph Smith, not married, not my elder brother, and not the spirit brother of Lucifer.

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