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The Deity of Jesus Christ (Old Testament)

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I. Introduction to Apologetics

The English word for apology comes from the Greek word “apologia” (plea or defense) and it is used in the Bible for making a rational defense

- A branch of theology that specializes in making a rational defense of our Christian faith.

- Principles to keep in mind:
 1. **Our desire** must be to show them the love of Christ even though we are dealing with their intellect.

 2. **Our defense** must flow out of and be firmly grounded in the Word of God.

 3. **Our dependence** must remain in the Holy Spirit of God to bring genuine conviction of sin and not reason.

 4. **Our discipline** must never be allowed to feed our pride and hinder the work of presenting Christ.

 5. **Our determination** must be to arrive back at the gospel of Jesus Christ, regardless of the subject discussed.

III. Who is Jesus Christ?

- A. Gospel message has two primary components (1 Corinthians 2:2):
 - B. Jesus Christ is the dominating theme of the entire Bible.
 - 1. Prophetically
 - 2. Historically
 - 3. Theologically
 - 4. Eschatologically
- C. If there so much evidence, why don't more people believe it and why are there so many different views?

1. Divine side to salvation

a. John 6:44

b. John 16:8

c. John 3:16

2. Human side to salvation

D. Why God would allow this?

Beliefs about Jesus Christ

Not God: Just one of many sons of God.	Hinduism
Not God: A man far beneath Buddha in importance.	Buddhism
Not God: Definitely not sinless.	Bahai
Not Almighty God: He is Michael, the 1st creation of God, a god who created us	Jehovah's Witnesses
Not God: Jesus is pretty much ignored entirely.	Transcendental Meditation
One of many gods, the spirit brother of Lucifer.	Mormons
Not God: Not the Son of God, a spiritual guide.	Islam
Christ is a legend from other planets implanted into humans on earth. No greater than Moses.	Scientology

Beliefs about Jesus Christ in the Philippines

Not God: He is the highest creation of God but only a creation, a messenger.	Iglesia ni Cristo
Not Almighty God: Needed to be saved by the Father who is.	Ang Dating Daan
Not God's only Son: Jesus was the savior for the Jews and Quiboloy is the savior for the Gentiles. Apollo Quiboloy claims he is equal with Jesus Christ.	The Kingdom of Jesus Christ

IV. His Deity in the Old Testament

- A. Jesus Christ Himself said that the Old Testament revealed who He really was.

- B. The Disciples believed because of the Old Testament.

- C. The Apostles preached the gospel using the Old Testament.

- D. The New Testament writers based their books on the Old Testament.

V. A Progressive Revelation

- A. As we turn to the Old Testament we need to remember that not everything was revealed to mankind at once.
 - 1. Genesis 3:15

 - 2. Genesis 4:3-5
 - a. God required death as payment for sin.

 - b. He would accept a perfect substitute offered by faith in their place.

 - 3. Genesis 12

 - 4. God send Abraham's descendants Israel and send his large family to Egypt for over 400 years.

 - 5. During Israel's enslavement they grew into a great nation and God chose to reveal Himself to them and the Old Testament was written.

B. God appeared in different ways in the Old Testament and many simply assume it was the Father but they would be wrong.

- Jesus Himself said that it was Him that Abraham knew and that Moses wrote about.
- In the Old Testament Jesus appeared as the Pre-incarnate Christ.
- God Almighty was seen by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob but it was not the Father who has never been seen. **So who was it?**

1. His name is Yahweh. (YHWH)

- a. When God first appeared to Moses He did so in the form of a burning bush and spoke to him.
 - Exodus 3:14
 - Exodus 3:15
- ▶ Yahweh is a shortened form of “I AM WHO I AM” and is translated “LORD” in verse 15.
- The name simple refers to the self-existence of God.

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- b. This name is incredibly important because in the New Testament Jesus used it of Himself on multiple occasions.
- John 8:58

 - John 8:24
- c. The New Testament Greek equivalent of the Old Testament Hebrew name Yahweh is **kyrios**.
- When the Bible uses the word for God it carries the idea of a sovereign being who exercises absolute authority, Lord.

 - To the early Church who used the Old Testament as their Bible, the word Lord, would be identified with the God of the Old Testament (Yahweh).

 - This is why the New Testament confession of faith is that “Jesus is Lord.” (kyrios)

**In the Greek Old Testament Yahweh is translated Kyrios.
In the New Testament Kyrios is translated Lord.**

KÚPLOS

d. Kyrios is from a root word which means “supreme”.

- Isaiah 45:21-23
- Philippians 2:10-11

In the New Testament:

Jesus is referred to as Savior 15 Times.

Jesus is referred to as Lord 618 times.

KÚPLOS = God

2. His name is Elohim.

This is a Hebrew name for God used 2,570 times in the Old Testament. It literally means “strong one”, and the plural “im” indicates fullness of power.

*A voice is calling, “Clear the way for the Lord (Yahweh) in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God (Elohim). **Isaiah 40:3***

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- a. This verse is speaking about John the Baptist, who did John the Baptist prepare the way for?

 - b. The prophet Isaiah has a lot to say about who Jesus Christ would be when He came.
 - El is a singular variant of Elohim which clearly says that the child sent by God would be God Himself in the form of the Son.

