

# WHOM DO YOU SEE?

*Searching For A God Who Looks Like Jesus*

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**John 14.7-10**—If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

## **Accommodation, Concession, Ideal and Jewish Investment in the Concessions**

**John 1.17-18**—For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

**Hebrews 1.1-3**—In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son . . . The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being . . .

## **Biblicism vs. Christianity**

**Luke 9.51-55**—As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

**John 5.36**—I have testimony weightier than that of John.

**John 5.39,40**—You study the Scriptures, because you think that in them you will find eternal life. And these very Scriptures speak about me! Yet

Missionary to a Foreign Culture

Leviticus 17.7—They must no longer offer any of their sacrifices to the goat idols to whom they prostitute themselves.

Polygamy  
Slavery  
Nationalism  
Violence  
Sacrifice

Two Biographies

“That the world might be healed . . .” – John 3.17

\*All texts quoted from the TNIV unless otherwise noted.

John 9.16—Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.”

Matthew 5.38,39—You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not retaliate against an evil person.

1 Timothy 2.12—I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.

Deuteronomy 23.15—If a slave has taken refuge with you, do not hand them over to their master.

you are not willing to come to me in order to have life.

John 5.19—Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise.”

## Not a Denigration of Scripture

(2 Timothy 3.16)  
Not a Flat Book

## Not Thomas Jefferson’s Approach

Test

## A Christo-form Hermeneutic

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**More than “Jesus as your Savior.” We must discover “Who” the historical Jesus really was.**

## More than Bible-Study . . . Jesus Study.

(Jewish Jesus - Yahweh and Kingdom & Destiny of Israel)  
Reason for studying the rest of scripture is that we might understand Jesus.

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“The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully.”—Richard Dawkins

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