

# Christ and Worship

**Only God is to be Worshipped**  
(Mt.4:9-10; Lk.4:7-8; De.6:13; 10:20)

**Jesus Received / Accepted Worship**

Jesus worshiped **as a child** by the wise men (Mt.2:11)

Jesus worshiped by the **leper** (Mt.8:1-4; Mk.1:40; Lk.5:12)

Jesus worshiped by the **blind man** (Jn.9:35-38)

Jesus worshiped by His **disciples** (Mt.14:33)

Jesus worshiped by His **disciples after His resurrection** (Mt.28:9; Jn.20:28)

Jesus worshiped by **angels** (He.1:6)

Jesus worshiped by the **4 living creatures** and the **24 elders** (Re.5:8)

**Jesus is God**

He accepted what He deserved

**Jesus is an Imposter**

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1. Old Testament passages clearly call the Messiah God (Is.7:14; 9:6; Ze.12:10)
2. New Testament passages clearly call Jesus God (Jn.1:1, 14; 1Tm.3:16; Ti.2:13; He.1:8; etc).
3. Jesus Himself said that God alone is to be worshipped (Mt4:9; Lk.4:7-8), yet He accepted the worship of men and angels.

## Jesus is Worthy of Worship

1. A divine being is one who possesses the nature of deity, and is worthy of worship. This concept is affirmed in scripture (Ps.18:3; Mt.4:10; Re.22:9).
2. During His earthly ministry, Jesus allowed himself to be worshiped (Mt.8:2; 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 20:20; Mk.5:6-7; Jn.9:35-38). It does not follow that He is worshiped the same way one would honor any important dignitary (Mt.14:33).
3. Angels worshiped Christ, and we are "lower" than angels (He.2:7). Jesus is given the same sort of adoration as the Father (Re.5:13b).
4. Paul explicitly states the Christ is so exalted that, in His name, "every knee should bow" and every tongue confess that He is Lord (Ph.2:10-11). Bowing the knee is an obvious allusion to worship (Is.45:23; Ro.11:4).