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# Jesus Christ Was Worshipped

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## God Only Must Be Worshipped Jesus Christ Was Worshipped Therefore Jesus Christ Must Be God

- I. **Definition of Worship:** Greek4352. **proskuneo**, pros-koo-neh'-o; from Grk 4314 and a prob. der. of Grk 2965 (mean. to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); to fawn or crouch to, i.e. (lit. or fig.) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore):-worship. Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt **worship** the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- II. Occurrences of the Greek word "proskuneo" where worship of God is referred to.  
**Luke 4:8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt **worship** the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.  
**John 4:20** Our fathers **worshipped** in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to **worship**.  
**John 4:21** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, **worship** the Father.  
**John 4:22** Ye **worship** ye know not what: we know what we **worship**: for salvation is of the Jews.  
**John 4:23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall **worship** the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to **worship** him.  
**John 4:24** God is a Spirit: and they that **worship** him must **worship** him in spirit and in truth.  
**John 12:20** And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to **worship** at the feast:  
**Acts 8:27** And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to **worship**,  
**Acts 24:11** Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to **worship**.  
**1 Cor 14:25** And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will **worship** God, and report that God is in you of a truth.  
**Hebrews 11:21** By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and **worshipped**, leaning upon the top of his staff.  
**Rev 4:10** The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and **worship** him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,  
**Rev 5:14** And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and **worshipped** him that liveth for ever and ever.  
**Rev 7:11** And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and **worshipped** God,  
**Rev 11:16** And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and **worshipped** God,  
**Rev 15:4** Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and **worship** before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.  
**Rev 19:4** And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.  
**Rev 22:9** Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: **worship** God.
- III. Occurrences of proskuneo where worship is misplaced and therefore sinful.  
**Matthew 4:9** And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and **worship** me.  
**Acts 7:43** Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to **worship** them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.  
**Acts 10:25** And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and **worshipped** him.  
**Rev 9:20** And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not **worship** devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:  
**Rev 13:4** And they **worshipped** the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they **worshipped** the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?  
**Rev 13:8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall **worship** him, whose names are not written in the book of life of

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the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

**Rev 13:12** And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to **worship** the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

**Rev 13:15** And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not **worship** the image of the beast should be killed.

**Rev 14:7** Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and **worship** him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

**Rev 14:9** And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship** the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

**Rev 14:11** And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who **worship** the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

**Rev 16:2** And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which **worshipped** his image.

**Rev 19:10** And I fell at his feet to **worship** him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: **worship** God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**Rev 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not **worshipped** the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

**Rev 22:8** And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to **worship** before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

**Rev 22:9** Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: **worship** God.

IV. Occurrences of the Greek word "proskuneo" where Jesus Christ receives and or accepts worship from his creatures. He does not rebuke like angel did to John in Rev. 22.

**Matthew 2:2** Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to **worship** him.

**Matthew 2:8** And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and **worship** him also.

**Matthew 2:11** And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and **worshipped** him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

**Matthew 8:2** And, behold, there came a leper and **worshipped** him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

**Matthew 9:18** 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.

**Matthew 14:33** Then they that were in the ship came and **worshipped** him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

**Matthew 15:25** Then came she and **worshipped** him, saying, Lord, help me.

**Matthew 18:26** The servant therefore fell down, and **worshipped** him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

**Matthew 20:20** Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, **worshipping** him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

**Matthew 28:9** 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 **worshipped** him.

**Matthew 28:17** And when they saw him, they **worshipped** him: but some doubted.

**Mark 5:6** But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and **worshipped** him,

**Luke 24:52** And they **worshipped** him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

**John 9:38** And he said, Lord, I believe. And he **worshipped** him.

**Hebrews 1:6** And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God **worship** him.

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## V. Comments:

- A. God only should be worshipped (Ex. 20:3-5). To worship God is to glorify God. God will not give his glory to another (Isa. 42:8; 48:11). To worship (give honor, glory) something other than God is to give God's glory to something else. Our worship is restricted to **ONE** God.
- Exodus 20:3** Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- Exodus 20:4** Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:
- Exodus 20:5** Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- Isaiah 42:8** I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
- Isaiah 43:7** Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.
- Isaiah 48:11** For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.
- Deut 6:4-5** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
- Rev 14:7** Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.
- Neh 9:6** Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.
- B. Misplaced worship is sinful and apparent in numerous biblical texts.
1. Cornelius and Peter **Acts 10:25**
  2. John and the Angel **Rev 19:10; 22:8,9** v.6 indicates it's an angel not Christ that is being worshipped.
  3. Paul and Barnabus at Lystra **Acts 14:11-18**
  4. The people that worship the Beast/Dragon/Satan **Rev 13:8;14:7;19:20;20:4.**
  5. Those that worship and serve the creature rather than the creator are worthy of death. **Rom 1:25;32**
  6. Every man that trusts in man or in the flesh instead of God is cursed. **Jer 17:5**
- C. God the Father commands the angels in Heb 1:6 to worship Christ. Heb 1:6b literally reads "Let worship" and is in the active voice and imperative mood. That means that the angels are commanded to actively engage in the worship of Christ.

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- D. According to John 5:23 we should honor the Son to the same degree and same extent as we honor the Father. Not to do so is sinful.
- E. Christ nowhere rejects the worship given him by men.