## Those who do not honor the Son, do <u>NOT</u> honor the Father.

Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. John 5:23 (ESV)

A church that is weak on Jesus is a weak church.

## Religions that do not honor Jesus as God do NOT know God.

There is no single scriptural text in which Jesus claimed explicitly to be divine. Nor is there any implicit text, which can be interpreted exclusively to mean a claim of divinity. - <a href="http://www.sultan.org/articles/pincd.html">http://www.sultan.org/articles/pincd.html</a>

These dogmas (claiming Jesus is God) are offensive to God and to Jesus, associating other (Jesus) with God in His exclusive divine attributes. Indeed, associationism (claiming Jesus is one with God the Father) is the cardinal sin that can never be forgiven should one depart this earthly life insisting on it. - http://www.sultan.org/articles/pincd.html



Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. John 5:24 (ESV)

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:11–12 (ESV)

## Life from Jesus is not just in the future, it is <u>NOW</u>.

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John 5:16-29

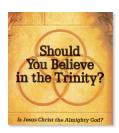
And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. John 5:16 (ESV)

#### Jesus claimed to be God.

But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." John 5:17 (ESV)

This was why the Jews were seeking <u>all the more to kill him</u>, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but <u>he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God</u>. John 5:18 (ESV)

Jesus never claimed to be God. Everything he said about himself indicates that he did not consider himself equal to God in any way - not in power, not in knowledge, not in age. -Why You Should Not Believe The Trinity. Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1989, pg. 16.



# If Jesus is God, and the Father is God, do we still have one God?

The Shema - "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Deuteronomy 6:4 (ESV)

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. John 5:19–20 (ESV)

The Son only does what he sees the Father doing.

The Father loves the Son and <u>shares</u> all he does with Him.

### Miracles were only the beginning.

And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. John 5:20 (ESV)

## God the Father delegated to Jesus the right to give life and raise the dead.

For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. John 5:21 (ESV)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. John 5:25–26 (ESV)

The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. 1 Samuel 2:6 (ESV)

# God the Father delegated to Jesus the right to <u>judge</u> the dead.

The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, John 5:22 (ESV)

And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. John 5:27–29 (ESV)

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" Genesis 18:25 (ESV)

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2 (ESV)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matthew 28:18 (ESV)

### God the Father's desire is that we honor God the Son.

that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. John 5:23a (ESV)

## Let the New Testament <u>sharpen</u> our application of the Old Testament.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Psalm 96:9 (ESV)