

## Answering a Jehovah's Witness

### THEIR BELIEFS

#### "Trunk issues"

Deny the Trinity

Deny the Deity of Christ

Deny the Deity of the Holy Spirit

Salvation by Good Works

and membership in the Watchtower

Deny the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus

#### "Branches"

Deny the reality of eternal hell

Deny necessity of rebirth for everyone,  
only the 144,000

#### "Leaves"

Use no blood products

Earthly governments are from the devil

—no patriotism—*UN is 666*

Jesus died on a stake, not a cross

End-times prophecies

Don't celebrate Christmas or birthdays

#### Deity of Christ verses

Revelation 1:8; 21:6-7; 22:12-13; **1:17-18**

Isaiah 44:6; 48:12-16

John 1:49

John 5:18—John comments on Jesus' Deity

#### Jesus is worshipped

Matthew 2:11; John 9:37-8; Matt 14:33; 28:9,17

Luke 24:51-52

Jesus is "I AM"—John 8:58; 8:24 and many others

NWT denies all references to "I AM"

#### Be prepared to answer verses that show Christ

##### humbling Himself to the Father

I Cor. 11:3; John 14:28

#### Be prepared to answer verses that show that the

##### NT uses the word "God" as the Father's title and

##### "Lord" as Jesus' title—but both are God in essence

John 17:3; Ephesians 4:5-6; intro verses to epistles

#### Be prepared to answer Colossians 1:15-18

"firstborn" is not "first-created"—prototokos [prototype]

\*premier in position and authority—the best

Israel was God's "firstborn" [Ex 4:22; Jer 31:9]

when they were certainly not the first nation created!!

Compare to 1:18 "firstborn from the dead"

He was NOT the first to raise from the dead!

##### Those raised from the dead before Jesus

I Kings 17:22—Elijah/widow's son

II Kings 4:34—Elisha/Shunnamite's son

II Kings 13:21—Elisha's bones raise a man

Luke 7:11—only son of a widow

Luke 8:40—Jarius' daughter

John 11:38—Lazarus

Matt 27:52—Many people at Jesus' death

NWT "by him all [other] things were created" 1:16

The words "other" are NOT in the greek

### Do's and Don'ts

**Do's:** Love them, Discuss Deity of Christ, Discuss Assurance of Salvation by faith alone [I John 5:13], keep printed helps in your Bible, Focus on the younger witness, Realize that terms are defined differently by them, Frequently re-read Bible verses, KEEP IT SIMPLE, encourage independent thinking based on the Bible only, Answer quickly the verses they bring up that show Christ humbled, Redirect to "Trunk issues", Give your personal testimony

**Don'ts:** Engage in peripheral discussions...the "leaves", Attack the history of the JW's as your main argument, Give JW conversion testimony as your main argument, Be discouraged—seeds may be planted!

### Salvation by Faith alone—with assurance!

#### Assurance

I John 5:13—You can KNOW that you have eternal life, and not just "hope"

#### Faith alone

Ephesians 2:8-9

#### What does God require for eternal life?

John 6:28-29—believe in Jesus

According to the JW: "Individually they must meet God's requirements"

#### There is another Jesus who is preached

2 Cor. 11:4; "For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached..."

It is important to receive the REAL Jesus by faith alone.

### Notes: