

Who do You Worship?

Your Salvation Depends on the Correct Answer!

Why this Teaching?

To correct what I believe is an inadequate and possibly false teaching.

It is important to know what we believe and why we believe it. We should be able to defend our faith.

1Pe 3:15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

It is important for us from time to time to evaluate even the most basic of our beliefs to ensure we are on the correct path.

Baselines

I will be using the ESV translation of the scriptures and will attempt to replace sacred names as appropriate.

We will be employing an example of using logic in evaluating our understanding of the Bible.

Isa_1:18 “Come now, let us reason together, says Yahweh: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

In the end we will be employing Occam’s razor to come to our conclusion.

Assumptions

There is in fact a creator! He is the great uncaused cause that has existed, exists and will continue to exist. I worship Yahweh, Who do you Worship?

The Bible is the inerrant Word of Yahweh and has been miraculously preserved with remarkable accuracy.

We will not have time to fully prove the above in this presentation, but we have covered these topics in previous shows.

Let's Start Here

Deu 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is one. 5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deu 4:39 know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that Yahweh is Elohim in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Deu 32:39 ““See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no Elohim beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

More Scriptural Support that Yahweh is THE Elohim!

Psa 18:31 For who is Elohim, but Yahweh? And who is a rock, except our Elohim?—

Isa 44:6 Thus says Yahweh, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, Yahweh of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no Elohim.

Isa 45:5 I am Yahweh, and there is no other, besides me there is no Elohim;

Isa 46:9 remember the former things of old; for I am Elohim, and there is no other; I am Elohim, and there is none like me,

2Sa 7:22 Therefore you are great, O Yahweh Elohim. For there is none like you, and there is no Elohim besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Yahweh is El Elyon (Most High El)

Psa 83:18 that they may know that you alone, whose name is Yahweh, are the Most High over all the earth. 9 For you, O Yahweh, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all elohim. 2 For Yahweh, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Yahweh is El Elyon Over Other Elohim

Deu 32:8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Elohim.

Psa 82:6 I said, “You are elohim, sons of the Most High, all of you; 7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.” 8 Arise, O Elohim, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

What Have We Learned?

1st Premise – Yahweh is **THE MOST HIGH** the Elohim over all other lesser Elohim. There are none that can compare to or replace Him!

We are to Worship **ONLY** Yahweh

Exo 20:2 “I am Yahweh your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 **“You shall have no other Elohim before me.** 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 **You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I Yahweh your Elohim am a jealous Elohim,** visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Exo 34:14 (for **you shall worship no other Elohim,** for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous Elohim),

Second and Third Witnesses

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Luk 4:8 And Yeshua answered him, “It is written, **“You shall worship Yahweh your Elohim, and him only shall you serve.”**

He is likely referring to:

Deu 6:13 It is Yahweh your Elohim you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. 14 **You shall not go after other elohim, the elohim of the peoples who are around you—**

Yahweh Does Not Share His Glory!

Isa 42:8 I am Yahweh; that is my name; **my glory I give to no other**, nor my praise to carved idols.

What Have We Learned?

2nd Premise – We are to worship **NO OTHER** Elohim besides Yahweh!
Yahweh will not share His glory with **ANY OTHER** Elohim.

Yahweh Does Not Change

Mal 3:6 “For I Yahweh do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

Num 23:19 Elohim is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

We Can Trust Yahweh's Word

Isa 55:11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

What Have We Learned?

Yahweh's Word is His bond, He will not change it and He will uphold what He says!

Who is Yeshua?

One might think this to be a simple question, but as we progress through this presentation, you might be surprised how complicated this question is in reality. The proper understanding of this topic, I believe, is **VITAL** to your salvation and understanding of the Gospel of the Kingdom. Test what I am about to share against scripture, to prove to yourself what is **TRUTH**.

Yeshua the Man

Luk 2:7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luk 2:21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Yeshua, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

Luk 2:40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Luk 2:52 And Yeshua increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Yeshua the Man

Mat 4:2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Joh 4:6 Jacob's well was there; so Yeshua, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Joh 11:35 Yeshua wept.

Joh 19:28 After this, Yeshua, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

Luk 23:46 Then Yeshua, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

What Have We Learned?

Yeshua was a mortal man subject to all the limitations of mortality, including death. He was fully Human.

Yeshua Worships Yahweh

Mat 4:10 Then Yeshua said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ““You shall worship Yahweh your Elohim and him only shall you serve.””

Mat_6:9 Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Joh 11:41 So they took away the stone. And Yeshua lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

Luk 22:42 saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”

Joh 20:17 Yeshua said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Yeshua only Does His Father's Will

Joh 5:30 “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Joh 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Joh 8:28 So Yeshua said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.

Joh 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Yeshua the Prophet

Deu 18:15 “Yahweh your Elohim will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16 just as you desired of Yahweh your Elohim at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of Yahweh my Elohim or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17 And Yahweh said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’

What Have We Learned?

- Yeshua worships Yahweh
- Yeshua does only what Yahweh commands Him
- Yeshua is THE Prophet that we must all listen to and obey

The Father is Greater than Yeshua

Joh 14:28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

Joh 5:19 So Yeshua 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. 20 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.

Yeshua an Elohim?

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel. [El with us]**

Isa 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God, Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace.

Isa 43:25 **“I [Yahweh], I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,** and I will not remember your sins.

Mar 2:5 And when Yeshua saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! **Who can forgive sins but God alone?”**

Yeshua an Elohim?

Psa 89:9 You [Yahweh] rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

Psa 107:29 He [Yahweh] made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Luk 8:24 And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!”
And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.

Mrk_4:39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!”
And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Yeshua an Elohim?

Mat 14:26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Yeshua spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

Joh 9:1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ... 7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

Joh 11:43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Yeshua said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Yeshua an Elohim?

Mat 17:1 And after six days Yeshua took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Joh 20:15 Yeshua said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Yeshua said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Yeshua said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Yeshua an Elohim?

Rev 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Yeshua Seated at the Right Hand of Yahweh

Mar 16:19 So then the Lord Yeshua, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Act 2:33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Col 3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Yeshua Seated at the Right Hand of Yahweh

1Pe 3:21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Yeshua Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Heb 12:2 looking to Yeshua, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Rev 3:21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

What Have We Learned?

Yeshua is a demigod.

Demigod - A demigod is a being that is part-human and part-divine, most commonly the offspring of a god and a human. (Similar to Greek concept but not quite the same)

Yeshua was fully Human AND fully God (Yahweh)

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Genesis 6:1-4 and Deuteronomy 32 worldview

Yeshua Accepts Worship

Mat_2:2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Mat 2:11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Mat 14:33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Mat 28:9 And behold, Yeshua met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Mat 28:17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

Yeshua Accepts Worship

Luk 24:52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, .

Joh 9:38 He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

Joh 20:28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Act 27:23 For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship,

Rom 14:11 for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

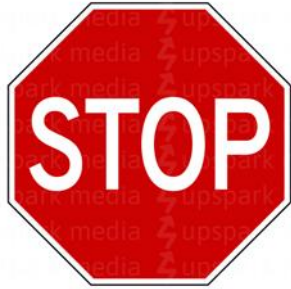
Yeshua Accepts Worship

Php_2:10 so that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Yeshua Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? 6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels worship him.”

Rev 1:17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,

Rev_22:3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.



FULL STOP!



We have an **APPARENT** contradiction with scripture!

1st Premise – Yahweh is **THE MOST HIGH** the Elohim over all other lesser Elohim. There are none that can compare to or replace Him!

2nd Premise – We are to worship **NO OTHER** Elohim besides Yahweh! Yahweh will not share His glory with **ANY OTHER** Elohim.

IF we worship Yeshua and He is just a demigod, one of the lesser Elohim, we commit **SIN** and **SCRIPTURE IS BROKEN!**

IF Yeshua was sinless as the Bible indicates and He is just a demigod and **ACCEPTS** worship He has committed **SIN** and **SCRIPTURE IS BROKEN!**

Contradiction or Paradox?

A contradiction is a situation, statement, or idea that contains two or more elements that are directly opposed to each other and cannot coexist or be simultaneously true.

A paradox is a statement or argument that seems self-contradictory or absurd but may contain an underlying truth, often by challenging common sense or revealing flaws in assumptions.

Who is Our Savior?

Isa_43:3 For **I am Yahweh your Elohim, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.** I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

Isa 43:10 “You are my witnesses,” declares Yahweh, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. **Before me no Elohim was formed, nor shall there be any after me. 11 I, I am Yahweh, and besides me there is no savior.**

Isa_45:15 Truly, you are a Elohim who hides himself, O Elohim of Israel, the Savior.

Who is Our Savior?

Isa 45:21 Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, Yahweh? **And there is no other Elohim besides me, a righteous Elohim and a Savior; there is none besides me.**

Isa_60:16 You shall suck the milk of nations; you shall nurse at the breast of kings; and you shall know that **I, Yahweh, am your Savior and your Redeemer**, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Hos_13:4 But I am Yahweh your Elohim from the land of Egypt; you know no Elohim but me, and besides me there is no savior.

Another Savior?

Luk_2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Joh 4:42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Act 4:11 This Yeshua is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for **there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**”

Act_5:31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Act_13:23 Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Yeshua, as he promised.

Another Savior?

Eph_5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Php_3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Yeshua Christ,

2Ti_1:10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Yeshua, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Tit_1:4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Yeshua our Savior.

Another Savior?

Tit_2:13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Yeshua Christ,

Tit_3:6 whom he poured out on us richly through Yeshua Christ our Savior,

2Pe_1:1 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Yeshua Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Yeshua Christ:

2Pe_1:11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Yeshua Christ.

Another Savior?

2Pe_2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Yeshua Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2Pe_3:2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

2Pe_3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Yeshua Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

1Jn_4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Jud_1:25 to the only God, our Savior, through Yeshua Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Pulling it all Together

Isa 45:14 Thus says Yahweh: “The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you and be yours; they shall follow you; they shall come over in chains and bow down to you. They will plead with you, saying: **‘Surely Elohim is in you, and there is no other, no elohim besides him.’**” 15 Truly, you are a Elohim who hides himself, **O Elohim of Israel, the Savior.** 16 All of them are put to shame and confounded; the makers of idols go in confusion together. 17 But Israel is saved by Yahweh with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity. 18 **For thus says Yahweh, who created the heavens (he is Elohim!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): ‘I am Yahweh, and there is no other.** 19 I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I Yahweh speak the truth; I declare what is right. 20 “Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. 21 Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? **Was it not I, Yahweh? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous Elohim and a Savior; there is none besides me.** 22 “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! **For I am Elohim, and there is no other.** 23 **By myself I have sworn;** from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: **‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’** 24 “Only in Yahweh, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. 25 In Yahweh all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.”

Pulling it all Together

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.** 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 **All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.** 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Act 4:11 This Yeshua is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 **And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”**

Php_2:10 **so that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Yeshua Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Condescension of Yeshua

Php 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Yeshua, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Yeshua Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Another Contradiction or Paradox

Obviously, according to the way the Bible is written there can be only one Savior, yet Yahweh and Yeshua both claim this title/role.

We have another Contradiction/Paradox to work out.

The Bible Calls Yeshua Yahweh

Jer 23:5 “Behold, the days are coming, declares Yahweh, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: **‘Yahweh is our righteousness.’**

Zec 12:10 “And I [**Yahweh**] will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me [**Yahweh**], on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Yeshua Appears to Claim He IS Yahweh

Joh 8:57 So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” 58 Yeshua said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Yeshua hid himself and went out of the temple.

This is likely Yeshua referencing this passage:

Exo_3:14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Yeshua Appears to Claim He IS Yahweh

Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one.” 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. 32 Yeshua answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” 33 The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” 34 Yeshua answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are elohim’? 35 If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— 36 do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? 37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; 38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” 39 Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

Yeshua Appears to Claim He IS Yahweh

Why were the Jews picking up stones to kill him? They correlated his words with this scripture:

Deu 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is one. 5 You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Yeshua asked for which good work do you stone me? He also said:

Mar 10:18 And Yeshua said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

Yeshua Appears to Claim He IS Yahweh

Going back to the passage we referenced earlier, when He declares His works 'good,' Yeshua is, once again, claiming to be YHWH. Maybe it would help if we read that passage translated in this manner (offered for the purposes of clarity, only):

37 If I am not doing the works of my Father ***[works which only God can do]***, then do not believe me; 38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe me ***[the man]***, believe the works ***[which demonstrate I am God]***, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father. ***[that the Father and I are One]***”

Occam's Razor

Occam's Razor is the problem-solving principle that recommends searching for explanations constructed with the smallest possible set of elements.

Occam states that if you have two competing ideas to explain the same phenomenon, you should prefer the simpler one.

My Conclusion

When studying scripture and especially apparent problems like we see here where there seems to be a contradiction we need to look for a solution that fits the whole of scripture and harmonizes the entire message the best we can from the available information.

As I apply logic and Occam's razor to the issue we have been discussing the only conclusion that I can come to that resolves the paradox and harmonizes the entirety of scripture is this:

Yeshua is some how, way, shape or form, YAHWEH!

Paradox Resolved?

If Yeshua **IS** Yahweh then this resolves the apparent conflict with these premises....

1st Premise – Yahweh is **THE MOST HIGH** the Elohim over all other lesser Elohim. There are none that can compare to or replace Him!

2nd Premise – We are to worship **NO OTHER** Elohim besides Yahweh! Yahweh will not share His glory with **ANY OTHER** Elohim.

IF Yeshua is Yahweh and we worship Yeshua scripture is still intact and we have not sinned.

IF Yeshua was sinless as the Bible indicates and He is Yahweh and **ACCEPTS** worship He has committed **NO** sin and scripture is intact.

Test This!

This has been my approach to this issue. I could be wrong. Test what I have covered. If you find any fallacies in my arguments please email us at Admin@WeWhoAreLost.com but please provide your justification from the Bible.