

dead, he impressed the importance and reliability of the Scriptures on the minds of his followers. "Commencing at Moses and all the Prophets he interpreted to them things pertaining to himself in all the Scriptures." He knew that the only way for them to have a firm faith was for them to have an accurate knowledge of God's Word. Do you accept the entire Bible as God's inspired Word and do you know what it contains? That is part of being a Christian.—Matt. 4:4; Luke 24:27.

HIS GOD

Certainly for one to believe the teachings of Christ he must know and worship the God that Christ worshiped. Do not erroneously conclude that Christians are to worship Christ; that is not what he taught. True, he is a god, a mighty one, but he did not worship himself and he did not teach his disciples to worship him. Rather, on the day he was resurrected he told Mary Magdalene: "I am ascending to my Father and your Father and to my God and your God." The Father was not to be ignored as if he were one and the same with the Son. Jesus said: "He that sent me is real."—John 20:17; 7:28.

It is true that his opponents accused Jesus of making himself equal to God by calling God his own Father, but in so doing they misrepresented the facts, as do those who teach the doctrine of the trinity today. Jesus answered their falsehood by saying: "Most truly I say to you, The Son cannot do a single thing of his own initiative." No, he was not equal to God, and he further emphasized that point by saying: "The Father is greater than I am." (John 5:18, 19; 14:28) His own disciples properly understood the matter, and when he asked them, "Who do you say I am?" they did not confuse his identity with that of the Father or say that he was a member of a triune Godhead. No; Peter said: "You are

the Christ, the Son of the living God." His Father had sent him to earth to glorify God and to "give his soul a ransom in exchange for many."—Matt. 16:15-17; 20:28.

Whom, then, did Jesus worship, and whom does he teach us to worship? He answers: "It is written, 'It is Jehovah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service.'" Perhaps the Bible translation you have does not say "Jehovah" at Matthew 4:10 but says "the Lord." If so, please note that Jesus was quoting this from another source, saying, "It is written." He quoted from Deuteronomy 6:13, where, in the *King James Version*, the word "LORD" is printed in all capital letters. Why? Because the original text at this place contains the Hebrew characters for the name of God, Jehovah. Jesus used that name and kept it prominent, his own name meaning "Jehovah is salvation." He taught us to pray: "Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified." In his own prayer to the Father he said: "I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world." Jesus was a worshiper of Jehovah God, and those who are his disciples follow his example.—Matt. 6:9; John 17:6.

VIEWPOINT TOWARD OTHER RELIGIONS

It is a common thought among professed Christians in our time that membership in any church is all right as long as the individual is sincere. That being so, it is considered poor taste to criticize the religion of another person. Those who hold to these ideas may feel that theirs is a tolerant Christian viewpoint. Do the facts support the case?

Christ did not agree that everyone worships the same God or that all religion is good. He outspokenly told the clergy of his day: "You know neither me nor my Father. . . . You are from your father the Devil and you wish to do the desires of