

RED HERRING #1.  
"Did Jesus the Man  
really exist?"

IS JESUS GOD ?

↓ errr...

The JESUS = GOD  
equation blows a  
few fuses

↓ Let's be a bit  
more subtle....

QUESTIONS ABOUT  
JESUS

1. WHAT KIND OF  
A HUMAN BEING?

APPEARANCE"  
"ANGEL"  
"LESH AND BLOOD"  
WITHOUT SIN  
PERFECTION  
OF HUMANITY

2. WHEN DID JESUS  
BECOME SPECIAL ?

"ADOPTED"  
AT:  
BAPTISM  
RESURRECTION  
BIRTH  
"INCARNATION"  
DAWN OF CREATION (COU)  
ETERNITY

↓  
IS IT ADOPTION OR  
UNVEILING? (EPI.)

3. WHAT "PART"  
OF JESUS IS SPECIAL ?

"WORD"  
JNL  
"WISDOM"  
PROVB  
"SON"  
HUMAN  
OR  
DIVINE?

4. WHAT IS HIS  
RELATION TO  
"THE FATHER" ?

→ ON PAR? → 2 GODS?  
→ SUBORDINATE →  
LESS THAN TRUE  
GOD?

EMPEROR  
"KYRIOS"  
"LORD"  
VISH  
DONAI'

LITURGICAL  
INFLUENCE

→ FATHER / SON / HOLY SPIRIT  
→ FATHER / SON

HOW DID THIS ALL COME TO A HEAD?

ARIUS (250-336 AD)

4th C. worship leader

"There was a time when he was not"  
"ΟΤΙ ΤΩΤΕ ΟΥΚ ΗΥ"

PROV. 8 / COLOSSIANS

ARIUS was a biblical conservative

Jehovah's Witnesses

Rang alarm-bells with traditional liturgy

ATHANASIUS 296-373 AD

Appeal to Doctrine of Salvation: only God can save us, not a 2nd hand salvation

WORSHIP — WITNESS

"THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK"

Need for UNITY

COUNCIL OF NICEA

"Eternally begotten of the father"  
"God from God  
light from light  
Very God from Very God  
Begotten, not made  
of one substance with the father."

This gives rise to some:

QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD

UNITY?

POLYTHEISM?

HAS GOD CHANGED?

All the GOSPELS  
ask the question  
WHO IS JESUS?

(the 'boring' way)  
of answering

GENEALOGY!  
Matthew/Luke

Rooted in History  
↓  
Israel  
↓  
Vocation  
↓  
God's People  
↓  
"strange" people  
↓  
Tamar:  
Rahab:  
Ruth:  
Mary:

So...

John the Baptist's  
ANSWER

WHO IS  
JESUS?

The Disciples'  
ANSWER

WAYS OF  
ANSWERING

KINGDOM

Son of Man

MESSIAH

Son of God

THEN THERE CAME...  
THE RESURRECTION  
led to reassess all previous theol.

THE DISCIPLES  
STARTED

LORD

CALLING JESUS...

THE CHURCHES VIEWPOINT  
Their view of Jesus is changed by the  
resurrection. ∴ All of the above titles  
and concepts are looked at through  
the experience