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**Why Do Christians Worship Jesus?**

**Hebrews 1:1-14**

**Key Truth:** Jesus Christ is the last revelation of God.

**1. We worship Jesus because there is nobody greater.**

 A. He is superior to all who came before Him.

 B. He is the Heir of all things

 C. He is the perfect representation of God.

 D. He is the Savior of the world.

2. **Jesus is superior to the Angels.**

 A. The Jewish culture concerning Angels.

 B. Jesus created Angels. Col. 1:16

 C. The position of Jesus as firstborn over creation

 1. Jesus is the only Son of God.

 D. Jesus is worshipped by Angels.

**3. We worship Jesus because he is God.**

 A. Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one.

 B. The Father identifies Jesus as God.

 C. Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father

 1. The enthronement of Christ.

 D. Jesus is the eternal creator.

 E. Jesus is the exalted one.

 1. Angels minister on behalf of Jesus.

**Conclusion:** Jesus Christ is worthy to be worshipped and adored. Let us live a life that reflects His worthiness.

**Food for Thought for the week of December 18, 2016**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Matthew describes the turn of events that led to the arrival and initial worship of Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-13

The Visit of the Wise Men

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 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.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 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.

1. How does the instant unsolicited worship of Jesus by the wise men inspire you to seek to worship Jesus in such an uninhibited way?

2. Have you made worship a priority when it comes to Christ?

3. What steps are you making to increase your worship of Jesus?