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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (48)
ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTION #39
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Objection #38: According to the Law (Deuteronomy 13), Jesus was a false prophet because he taught us to follow other gods (namely, the Trinity, including the god Jesus) gods our fathers have never known or worshiped. This makes all his miracles utterly meaningless.

Brown's short response to this objection:

Have you ever read what Jesus and his followers taught? They emphasized, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). Follow him. Obey him. Jesus pointed everyone to God his heavenly Father—by his miracles, by his message, and by his life. He lived, died, and rose again for the glory of his Father. Thus, Jesus was a faithful and true prophet.¹

Following this discussion, Brown lists passages where Christ's teachings and miracles caused the people to praise the "God of Israel." Jesus the Messiah, the true and faithful prophet, directed all mankind to worship the one true God. He did this through His entire ministry and through the ministry of His apostles:

Matthew 15:30 And great multitudes came to Him, bringing with them *those who were* lame, crippled, blind, dumb, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them,³¹ so that the multitude marveled as they saw the dumb speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

Luke 19:37 And as He was now approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,

¹Michael L. Brown, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus: General and Historical Objections—Volume 2*, (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000), 48-52. In his book, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response that is followed by a more developed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response, after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his longer responses (there is far too much material to include in the DDRs).

Acts 3:13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, *the one* whom you delivered up, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.

The very mission of Israel was to bring the knowledge of the true God to the entire world. There can be doubt that Jesus Christ has been the most successful and effective Jewish prophet who has ever walked this earth. It is absurd to think that Jesus taught man to follow other gods.

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