

Does Scripture teach us that we are to worship Christ?

Matthew records that **wise men** followed a star in order to find the newborn messiah. They visited Herod in Jerusalem who in turn falsely promised to worship Jesus when the wise men informed him regarding his location. Once found, the wise men fell down and worshipped the baby Jesus. Thirty years later, while Jesus was in the wilderness, Satan tempted Jesus and requested that Jesus worship him. Jesus responded by quoting Scripture, "Thou shalt worship God alone."

When Jesus descended from a mountain, he was approached by **a leper** who worshipped him. **A ruler** worshipped him. When the disciples were caught in a storm and their ship began to sink, Jesus commanded the sea to be still. **Those on the ship** worshipped him and declared, "You are the Son of God." When speaking to the religious, Jesus accused them of hypocrisy and quoted Isaiah, "In vain do you worship God." The **mother of Zebedee's children** worshipped Jesus when she presented a petition to him requesting that he have her two sons sit on his right and left in his kingdom. After the death of Jesus, several **women** saw Jesus and fell at his feet worshipping him. The **eleven disciples** later saw the resurrected Jesus and worshipped him.

Mark records that a **demon possessed man** approached Jesus in the region of the Gadarenes. The man fell at Jesus' feet and worshipped calling him Son of the Most high God. Jesus again quoted Isaiah when speaking to the religious. He told them, "you worship God in vain." In Mark's account of the gospel, Jhe reports that soldiers mocked Jesus and pretended to worshipped him while they beat him.

In Luke's account of the gospel, the devil approaches Jesus asking for worship. Jesus quoted Scripture by declaring, "You should worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt though serve. Luke reports that **those who saw Jesus ascend** into heaven worshipped him.

John records that while Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman, he spoke of Father as seeking worshippers who would worship him in spirit and truth. **A blind man** who had been healed by Jesus worshipped him. This man declared, "if any be a worshipper of God..."

In the Acts of the apostles, Luke informs us that **Lydia, Justus, and Cornelius** worshipped God. When Cornelius fell before Peter to worship him, he told him to get up and informed him that he (Peter was just a man.) Luke reports that some men worshipped the host of heaven. Paul was accused of teaching men to worship God contrary to the law. The Ephesians were said to worship a goddess. **Paul** went to Jerusalem to worship God. He claimed to worship the God of his fathers.

In his epistle to the Romans, Paul states that some worship and serve the creature more than the Creator who is blessed forever. He states that when church members prophecy, **listeners worship** God.

In Phillipians, Paul declares that he worships God in the spirit. In Colossians, he states that some men falsely worship angels and are involved in will worship. In 2 Thessalonians, he states that the son of perdition will seek men to worship him.

The writer to the Hebrews quotes God as saying, "Let the **angels** of God worship him."

In the book of revelations, John states that Jesus declared to the church in Philadelphia that he would make others to come and worship before their feet. John states that 24 elders fell and worshipped God who lives for ever and ever. The 24 elders are said to cast their crowns before the throne. All the angels stood around the throne and worshipped God. The 24 elders sat before God on their seats. They fell on their faces and worshipped God. The 24 elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne. John fell at the feet of an angel and worshipped. An angel told John to worship God. An angel informed men to fear God, give him glory and worship him.

Some men worshipped the dragon and the beast. Some worshipped the image of the beast. Some men worshipped devils and idols.