

## **Jehovah's Witnesses vs the Bible – Summary Handout**

This handout summarises the key differences between Jehovah's Witness teaching and the Bible.

### 1. Who is Jesus?

JW: Jesus is the first created being (Michael the Archangel).

Bible: John 1:1; Hebrews 1:5–8 — Jesus is eternal and not an angel.

### 2. Who is the Holy Spirit?

JW: A force, not a Person.

Bible: John 14:26; Acts 5:3–4; Ephesians 4:30 — The Spirit teaches, speaks, can be lied to, and can be grieved.

### 3. How Are We Saved?

JW: Salvation for 144,000 plus faithful works plus Watchtower obedience.

Bible: Romans 10:9–13; Ephesians 2:8–10 — Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ.

Related JW Claims Reviewed:

- Soul sleep / non-existence after death
- Only 144,000 go to heaven
- Faithful JWs live on a perfected Earth after Armageddon
- No Hell; annihilation instead
- Second-chance probation after resurrection

Key Bible Passages:

Luke 16:19–31; Luke 23:43; Phil 1:23; 2 Cor 5:8

Rev 7 & 14; Rev 21:1–4; 2 Peter 3:10–13; Phil 3:20; Col 3:1–4

Matt 25:46; Matt 10:28; Mark 9:43–48; Rev 14:9–11; Rev 20:10–15

Heb 9:27; John 5:28–29; 2 Cor 5:10

#### 4. Has Jesus Returned Invisibly?

JW: Jesus returned invisibly in 1914.

Bible: Matt 24:27; Acts 1:11 — His return will be visible to all.

#### 5. Is the Watchtower Necessary?

JW: Only the Governing Body can interpret the Bible.

Bible: Acts 17:11 — All believers test teaching by Scripture.

#### 6. What Bible Do They Use?

The NWT translation contains doctrinally-motivated changes (e.g., John 1:1).

#### 7. False Prophecies

Predictions for 1874 and 1914 did not occur as originally taught.

#### Summary:

JW teaching contradicts core biblical doctrines on Jesus, salvation, the Spirit, judgment, and Scripture itself.