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Thomas expressed Jesus, my Lord, and my God.

They said Thomas expressed Jesus as God. We explained the reasons why Thomas told his statements.

In John 13, before the Passover Festival, Jesus washed his disciples' feet. Jesus was preparing his leaving to the Father (John 13:1). The event continued to John 14. Jesus answered Thomas' questions. If Thomas knew Jesus, then he knew and saw the Father (John 14:6-7). Jesus gave the same answer to Philip (John 14:8-9).

John 14:4-7 (NIV). (4) You know the way to the place where I am going." (5) Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (6) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (7) If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:8-9 (NIV). (8) Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." (9) Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Jesus declared his relationship with the Father, and disciples had to believe him or by the evidence (John 14:10-11).

John 14:10-11 (NIV). (10) Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. (11) Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

We pointed out that Thomas did not believe God resurrected Jesus before he saw the wounds. Days later, Jesus showed himself and his wounds to Thomas to believe (John 20:27-29). Thomas called Jesus both the Lord and God (John 20:28).

John 20:27-29 (NIV). (27) Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

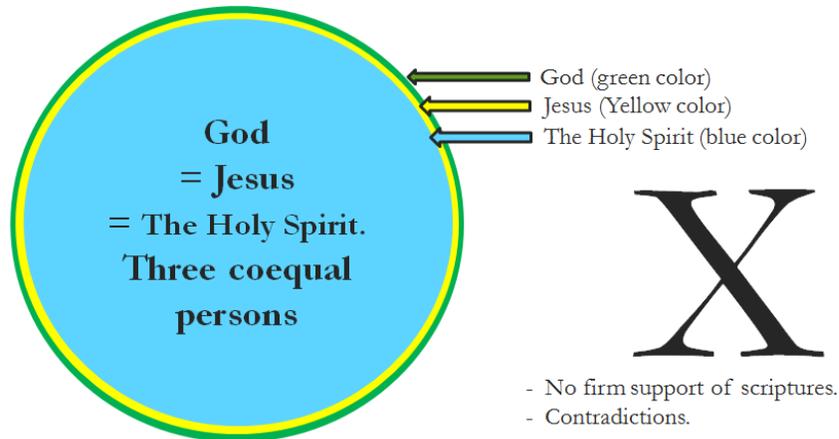
John 20:28-29 (NIV). (28) Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" (29) Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

We believed Jesus was not God concerning Thomas' statements, of the following reasons:

We showed with ease that Jesus could not coequal with God.

See the first drawing below. Using the set theory, if we believe that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit were three coequal persons in one substance (Jesus coequal with the Father), we have to draw three equal circles representing three persons (God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit).

God, Jesus, and the the Holy Spirit as three coequal persons (incorrect).



Note:

We supposed to make three circles, and none was larger or smaller than others, three identical circles. Here we drew those three circles that one larger than the others or visibility, to saw those three lines.

The above drawing of three similar circles was incorrect; it confused us because it contradicted these verses below:

Jesus declared the Father was greater than him; then, Jesus could not be coequal with God (John 14:28).

John 14:28 (NIV). “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

The Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father (John 15:26). God gave the Holy Spirit to the disciples in the name of Jesus; then, the Holy Spirit may not be coequal with the Father (John 14:26).

John 15:26 (NKJV). “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

John 4:11-12 (Translation from *Bahasa*). (11) The woman said to Him, “**God**, You don’t have a bucket, and this well is very deep; where did you get the living water? (12) Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and who drank himself from it, he and his sons and herds?”

Below was the correct translation.

John 4:11-12 (NKJV). (11) The woman said to Him, “**Sir**, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? (12) Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”

The Samaritan woman did not know Jesus; he was a stranger to her, but the verse wrote that she called Jesus as *Tuban* (God). If she called Jesus as God, then she should not question the power of Jesus.

Preachers answered their members the Samaritan woman did not know Jesus, but we know him as written. They insisted we have to take it as faith. Should they see it, they interpreted as ‘sir’, correct.

Here is the second example. Since *TUHAN* (GOD) could not talk to *Tuban* (God), then they change *Tuban* (God but referred to Jesus) to *tuan* (sir); then they changed the meaning: Jesus talked to somebody else; incorrect (Acts 2:34). The English translators wrote the Lord (referred to God) talked to my Lord (referred to unborn Jesus), but Indonesian translators could not make God spoke to God.

Below was an inaccurate translation.

Acts 2:34 (Translation from *Bahasa*). “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: **The Lord (Jesus) said to my master (somebody was not Jesus)**, “Sit at My right hand,

Below was the correct translation.

Acts 2:34 (NKJV). “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand,

We knew it was a prophecy, the Lord (God) said to my Lord (unborn Jesus). We could read Psalm 110:1 quoted by Peter (Acts 2:30-34). Their improper translations confused laypeople Christians and led into a different meaning. The original intention was that God talked to unborn Jesus. They misled the readers to interpret Jesus spoke to somebody called sir, incorrect.

The third example was worse than the second. It was fatal because of God made God. We saw the strange in meaning because of the doctrine driven translation (Acts 2:36).

Below was an incorrect translation.