

# Christian Witnesses

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Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 (ESV)

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This month we return to Columbo and Sam who is one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

**Columbo:** Hello Sam. It has been several months since we last talked.

**Sam:** Hello Lt. Columbo. Yes, it has been. Have you been studying your Bible lately?

**Columbo:** Yes. We have been studying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians in our Sunday school class.

**Sam:** Great! Did you know that Jesus is called Michael the archangel in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:16.

**Columbo:** I read that in the "What the Bible Really Teaches" on page 219.

**Sam:** Yes.

**Columbo:** On page 219 of this book, we find the following statement. "God's Word refers to Michael 'the archangel.' (Jude 9) This term means 'chief angel.' Notice that Michael is called the archangel. This suggests that there is only one such angel. In fact, the term 'archangel' occurs in the Bible only in the singular, never in the plural."

**Sam:** That is a great quote. It is true.

**Columbo:** There is something that bothers me.

**Sam:** Again! Do you have another question?

**Columbo:** Yes. [I can't help myself. It is a habit.](#) In The New World Translation (NWT) of Daniel 9:13, it has this to say about Michael.

"Mi'cha•el, one of the foremost princes, came to help me;" How can Michael be the only one if he is one of the foremost? There must be others.

**Sam:** Jude 9 calls him the archangel.

**Columbo:** So, Sam, are you going to ignore what Daniel 9:13 says? If the Watchtower (WT)

is correct, do you find it strange that Jehovah would create Michael or Jesus to be one of the foremost princes and not the only one?

**Sam:** We need to compare scripture to scripture. Please read Jude 9.

**Columbo:** While Jesus was on earth, he rebuked Satan and his demons directly. Is this true Sam?

**Sam:** Yes

**Columbo:** If Jesus is Michael, why did Michael say to Satan "May Jehovah rebuke you."? Why did Michael not rebuke Satan directly?

**Sam:** The (WT) organization has the answers.

**Columbo:** Oh! I just remembered something about 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:16. The footnotes of the 1969 and 1985 editions of The Kingdom interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures (KIT) and the 1984 (NWT) with references say verse 16 is a reference to Jehovah. Why did the (WT) refer to verse 16 as Jehovah?

**Sam:** The (WT) refers to verse 16 as Jehovah because of the Greek manuscripts.

**Columbo:** Based on the Biblical descriptions and behavior of Michael along with the Greek manuscripts, I find it difficult to believe that Jesus is Michael the Archangel.

In our Sunday School Class, the topic of justification was discussed in passing. I have provided some information regarding sanctification and justification.

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