

## Witnessing to a Jehovah's witness about Jesus

It all started with Charles T Russel in about 1870 and Joseph F Rutherford was the person that named this group 'Jehovah's witnesses' (JW's). A few millions are part of this group. So it is worthwhile to be informed and able to witness for Jesus to them.

### Points of disagreement with Christianity

- Jesus is created by God and therefore he is not God
- The Holy Spirit is a force rather than a person
- It is therefore a denial of the Trinity as understood by the Christian church for centuries

### Don't forget

- Some of the JW's know their Bibles well but have issues with correct interpretation
- Therefore prepare well and be informed. See some resources at the end.
- Also, they do believe that the Bible is the inspiration of the Bible by God. They do insist that their translation is correct of course.
- Don't let them move from one topic to another easily. Insist kindly to one or two areas.

### Be prepared

- Know some of the texts they use against the deity of Christ. [Click](#) here for an overview.
- Learn some important biblical texts that support the belief of the deity of Christ. [Click](#) here for an overview. A good resource is [this](#). For a more historical understanding see [this book](#).

### Practical advice

- Listening and asking good questions
  - Try to understand how they came to their faith and why it is important for them
  - Ask them if they have read other resources that are not related from within their group. Why? Why not? Are they open to read some of the resources you might suggest?
- Be gentle and respectful
  - Show them that you are interested in the person and not just in their beliefs
  - It is easy to get into arguments and forget to be gentle and kind. The apostle Peter reminds us, "Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ." 1 Peter 3:15-16.
- Remember that it is mostly the Watchtower and their resources that led them astray. Of course behind every deception there is the work of the devil. The apostle Paul reminds us that "Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God." 2 Cor 4:4.
- Be aware that there are strongholds that need to be brought down. This takes effort and the grace of God. "We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ." 2 Cor 10:3-5. Therefore, it might be also exhausting. So plan carefully the time you will meet again with them. Also, plan to be at least two Christians together, it is much more easier together than alone.
- Be wise in the use of your time. Some may be open. If they are open then give some more time to them to meet again. Others may be closed and rigid. Then try to focus on people that are more open. Ask God for wisdom.

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### Resource

- What to say to Jehovah's Witnesses by Mike Licona <https://www.bethinking.org/jehovahs-witnesses/what-to-say-to-jehovahs-witnesses/2-about-jws>