

## Essay from the bald pastor

### #156 - RE2PECT -

What a lavish TV commercial. Can this be a commercial on ESPN? Or is it an ad for MLB or Yankees? In the "100-second story," everyone takes off his/her hat to one man. We see firefighters, police officers, business people, students, chefs, children, even the fans of Red Sox, the man's rival team, as well as NY Mets players. In addition to that, a number of celebrities including Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, Jay-Z, and the former NY City Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, make appearance in the commercial.

The man is Derek Jeter of NY Yankees. He has retired at last and his uniform number "2" has been retired, leaving no more single digit number in Yankees. "RE2PECT" is a word coined by replacing "s" in "respect" with Jeter's number "2." If you flip over "s," you get "2." He stayed with Yankees his entire career of 20 years, during which he accomplished 3,465 career hits, the best in the history of the organization, and won 5 World Series. He is also one of the few US-born super star in MLB and an American role model everyone loves. Seeing him in the center of acclaim and honor, I couldn't help but think of Jesus Christ, who is coincidentally the "2<sup>nd</sup>" person of the Trinity, and smirk.

**Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.**

**In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"**

**Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!"**

**Revelation 5-11-13**

This is a prophecy that John, one of the disciples who witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, put in writing in his last days and is found at the end of the Bible consisting of 66 books. Jesus Christ is a super star who has been respected for over 2,000 years on earth, a savior who will rescue us at a critical moment, and an immortal who will never retire. Someday, we will witness him return to big welcome. That is when a new era begins and the whole world obeys him. 10-31-2014

