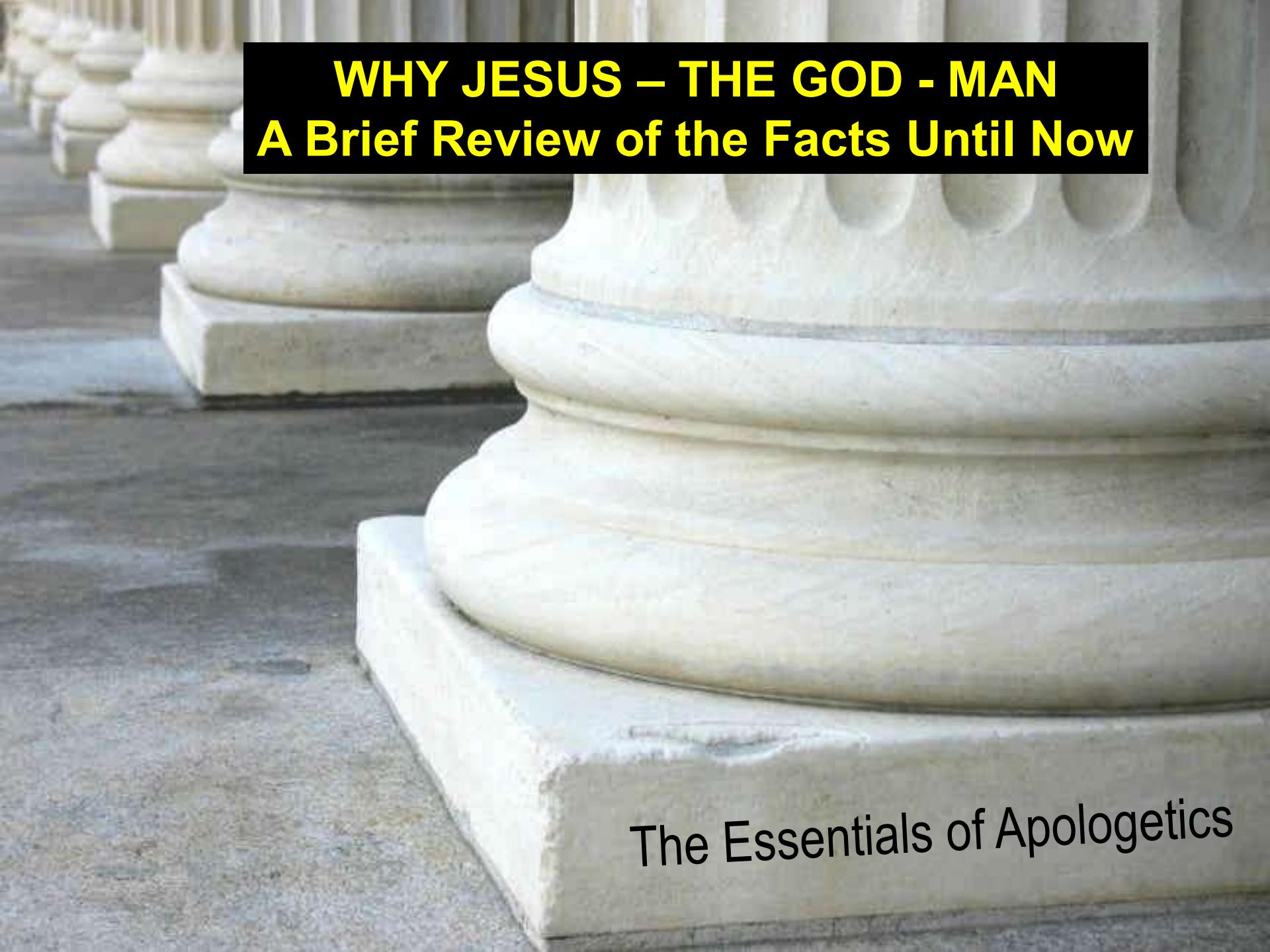


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# **WHY JESUS – THE GOD - MAN**

## **A Brief Review of the Facts Until Now**

The Essentials of Apologetics

# What We've Learned Thus Far

The New Testament documents are historically reliable, can be trusted, and were written too early for legend to have polluted the accounts.

The fact that Jesus of Nazareth existed is confirmed by literally every reputable historian/scholar.



The core facts of Jesus' missing body are also agreed to by the majority of historical scholars today.

When all possibilities for Jesus missing body are examined, the RESURRECTION as A FACT emerges as the most credible.

## Next Major Question. How Does the Bible Portray Jesus?

- A good moral teacher...?
- A political revolutionary...?
- The Messiah...?
- God Himself...?

The Old Testament contains information that foretells the coming of one called “Messiah” (“Anointed One”) and provides details about how and when He would arrive.



The New Testament proclaims that  
**Jesus is the Messiah.**

The New Testament also proclaims that  
**Jesus is the Son of God; God Himself in the flesh.**

# **Jesus the Messiah? What about the Christ's coming?**

**“The last three decades have erased the Messiah from the Old Testament.”**

**-J. G. Eichorn,  
-father of higher Criticism**

**“One might say ... the death of the Messiah – his torture, his crucifixion – is predicted in the Old Testament.**

**Well, in fact, it's not.”**

**- Amy-Jill Levine, Vanderbilt Divinity School**

**“Everything Christians claim for Jesus as the Jewish Messiah is false.”**

**Rabbi Pinchas Stolper**



# **Jesus a Fulfillment of Prophecy.**



**JESUS IS MORE THAN A HISTORICAL FIGURE.  
HE IS A FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY.**

**The coming of the Messiah was predicted in great detail.  
In fact His coming was planned before the world was created.**

**Jesus said of himself that He was  
a fulfillment of prophecy and the law.**

# **Prophecies Are Fulfilled!**

**Jesus Fulfilled Prophecies  
And Predictions made  
hundreds of years  
in advance.**

**He Fulfilled 60  
Major Prophecies In  
The Old Testament and  
270 Details of those  
prophecies.**



# When Does The Bible Say the Messiah Would Come?

“The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet,  
**until Shiloh comes.**” - Genesis 49:10;.

“I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the  
wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house  
with glory,’ says the Lord of hosts

**The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,**  
says the Lord of hosts, ‘and in this place I will give peace,’  
declares the Lord of hosts. . . .

Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear  
the way before Me. **And the Lord, whom you seek, will**  
**suddenly come to His temple;** and the messenger of the  
covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,”  
says the Lord of hosts.” - Haggai 2:7,9; Mal 3:1.

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**The Bible says that the Messiah would come from  
the line of Judah before the ruler ship of Judah/  
the Jews would cease. That rule ended in A. D. 70.**

**The prophets also said that the second temple  
would have greater glory than the first because the  
Lord Himself would physically come to that temple.  
The second temple was destroyed in A. D. 70.**

# When Does The Bible Say the Messiah Would Come?

“Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.” - Daniel 9:25-26



- In 445 B.C. Artaxerxes commissioned Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem.
    - 483 ( $69 \times 7$ ) years later, Jesus made His entry into Jerusalem
      - Jesus was ‘cut off’ and crucified immediately afterwards.
- In A.D. 70, Titus and the Roman army destroyed Jerusalem & the temple.

## **What Would the Messiah Be Like?**

“Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— so shall he sprinkle many nations; Kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

## **What Would the Messiah Be Like?**

**Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.**

**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.**

**By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors” -Isaiah 52:13–53:12.

# **What Would the Messiah Be Like?**

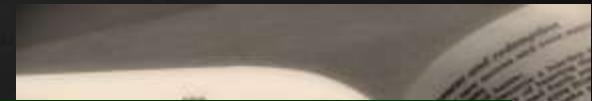
## **SUM of ISAIAH 53**

**His appearance would be marred more than any other. 52:14;.**

**He would be despised, forsaken, and grieved. 53:3;.**

**He would carry the people's griefs and sorrows. (53:4).**

**He would be pierced and crushed for other's sins and would heal others. (53:5, 11;).**



**The sins of others would fall upon Him. (53:6,10;).**

**He would be identified with sinners. (53:12;).**

**He would be silent before His abusers. (53:7;).**

**He would be killed. (53:8;).**

**He would have a rich man's grave. (53:9;).**

**He would return to life. (53:10;).**

# What Would the Messiah Be Like?

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers, it is to him you shall listen” - Deuteronomy 18:15

“For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption” - Psalm 16:10

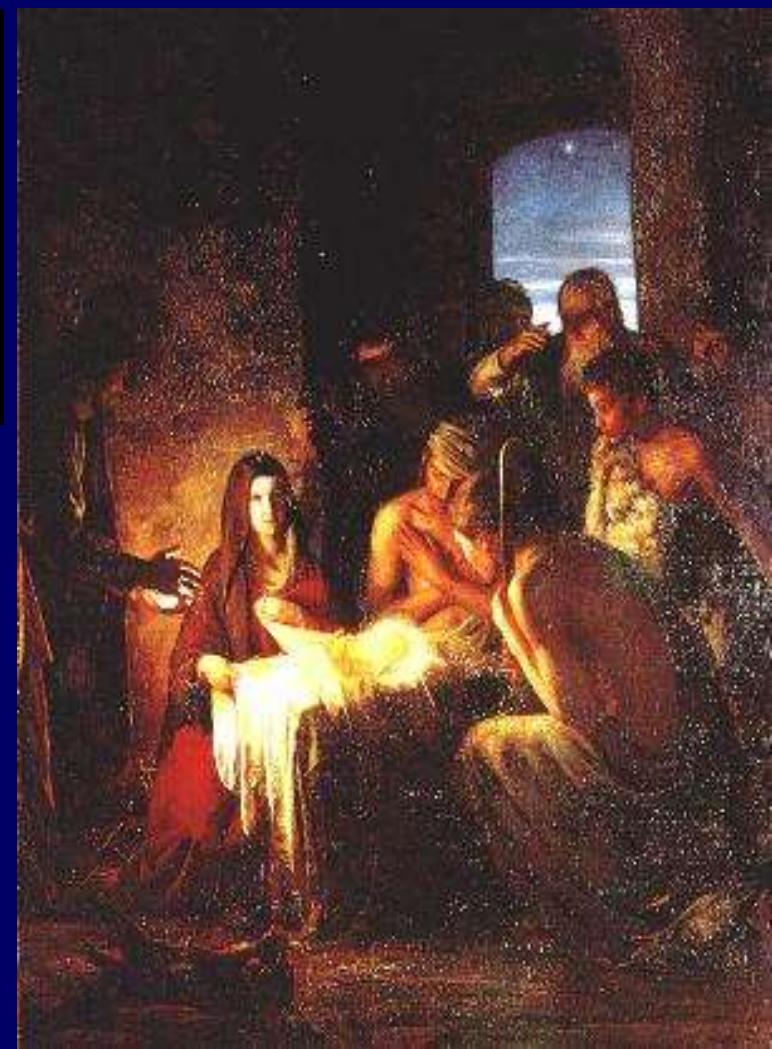
“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey” - Zechariah 9:9.

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he (John) will prepare the way before me” - Malachi 3:1

# The Messiah be Born?

God Told Abraham, (About 2000 BC,) that Jesus would be born into his family.

The **Genealogies Of Jesus** recorded In Matthew And Luke show that to be true.  
(Matthew 1:1-16; Luke 3:23-38;).



# **The Messiah be Born?**

**In Genesis 49:8-12; God revealed that the Messiah would be born into The Tribe Of Judah.**

**Revelation 5:5; Refers to Jesus As The Lion of The Tribe Of Judah.**

**In Micah 5:2, The Prophet says The Promised one would be born in Bethlehem.**

**Mathew's And Luke's Historical Records State that Bethlehem was His Birthplace (Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-7;).**



## Where Would the Messiah be Born?

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.” - Micah 5:2;

“When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ” - Matt 2:3–6;

# **The Old Testament Says the Messiah Would...**

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- ...be of the line of Abraham, Judah, and David.**
- ...come before the rulership of Judah ceased (which it did in A. D. 70).**
- ...come 483 years after a decree was given to rebuild Jerusalem.**
- ...be born in Bethlehem.**
- ...be the last great prophet of Israel.**
- ...be proceeded by a great messenger.**
  
- ...come to His people riding on a donkey.**
- ...personally visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple before it would be destroyed.**
- ...be physically abused, stay silent before His accusers, and take away sins.**
- ...make atonement for sin and be killed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple was destroyed.**
- ...be buried in a rich man's tomb.**
- ...return to life.**



# Who Might That Be...?

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# God With Us!

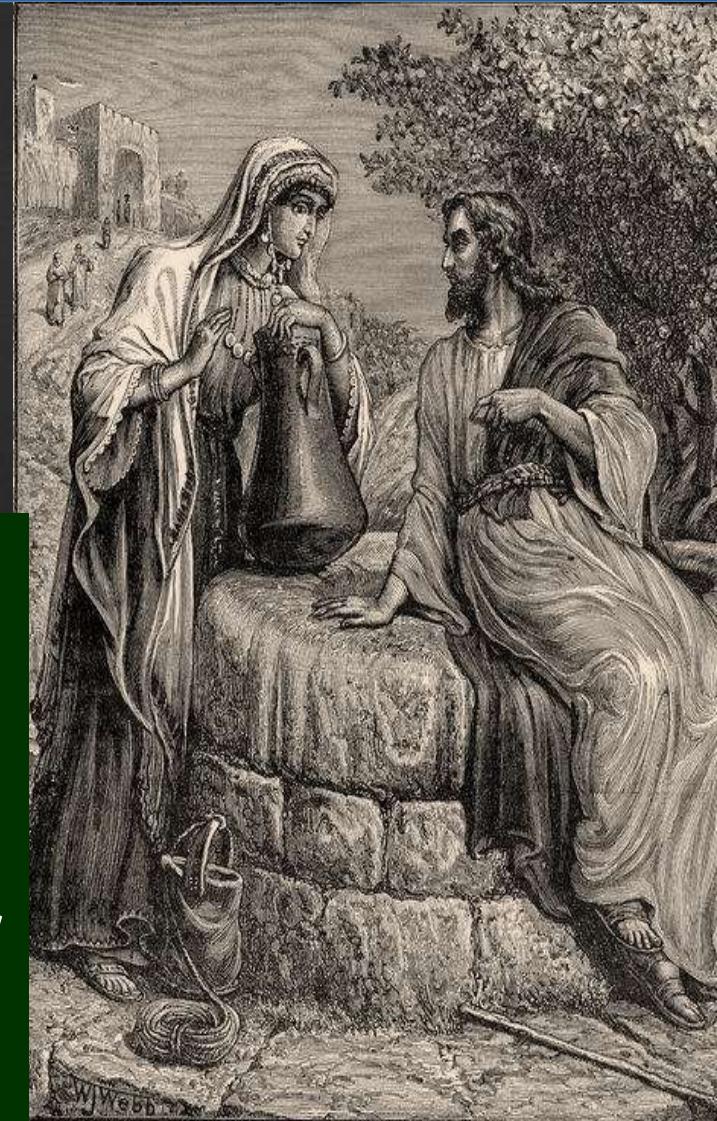
Let's look at some passages that say Jesus was God in the flesh.



# Did Jesus Claim to be the Messiah?

The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” - John 4:25–26

“He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.” - Matthew 16:15–17;



## Did Jesus Claim to be the Messiah?

“The high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’ ” - Mark 14:61–62

“The Lord says to my lord, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.” - Psa 110:1

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.” - Daniel 7:13–14

# **Did Jesus Claim to be the Messiah?**

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**Jesus made direct Messianic claims to two key Old Testament passages during His trial that portray the Messiah. Jesus' execution was a direct result of His Messianic claims.**

## **Prophecies Concerning the Messiah.**

**The Old Testament contains 108 distinct prophecies that speak about the Messiah's first coming.**

**Every one was fulfilled in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. In his book *Science Speaks*, Peter Stoner calculates the odds of just eight prophecies being accidentally fulfilled in the life of one man over the course of hundreds of years.**

**Stoner calculated those odds to be:-  $10^{17}$  = 1 in 100,000,000,000,000 (one hundred quadrillion): Statisticians say anything past 1 to  $10^{50}$  power is no chance. This limit is exceeded when just 20 fulfilled prophecies are considered (and Jesus fulfilled 108).**

# **Prophecies Concerning the Messiah.**

**If we were to take one hundred quadrillion  
Silver Dollars and lay them on the map of Texas.  
They will cover all of the State two feet deep.**

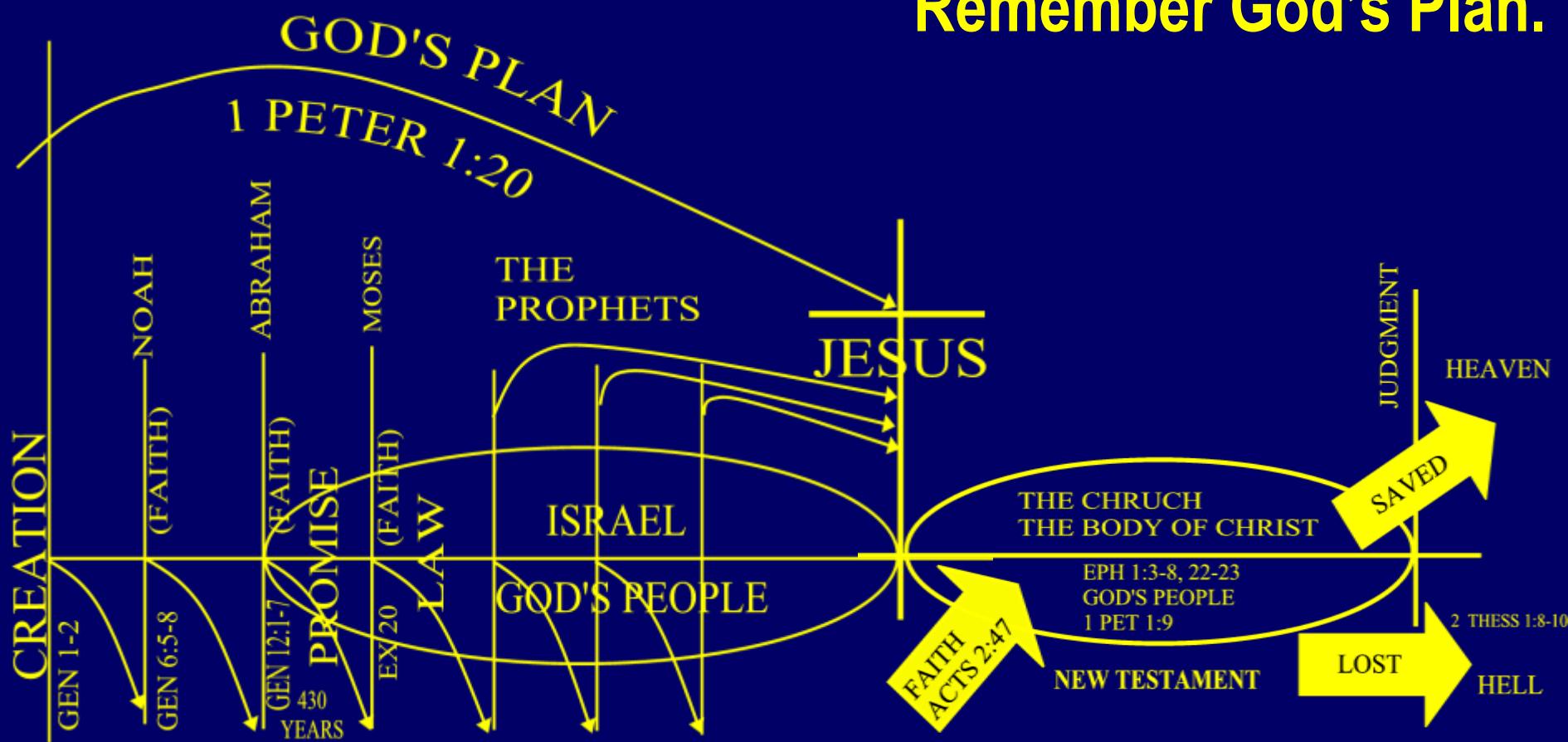
**Now mark one of those silver dollars and stir the whole mass  
thoroughly, all over the state.**

**Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far  
as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and  
say that this is the right one.**

**What chance would he have of getting the right one?  
Just the same chance that the prophets would have had  
of writing eight prophecies and having them  
all come true in any one man,  
providing they wrote in their own wisdom.**

**They All Came True In Christ! The Old Testament Gives Us  
Plenty Of Evidence To Prove That He Is The Messiah.**

# Remember God's Plan.



## Old Testament.

History.

Law.

Poetry.

Prophecy.

39 Books.

## New Testament.

4 Gospels.

Acts.

Letters.

Prophecy.

27

Books.

# **Jesus Or No One.**



**Only Jesus fits the personage of anyone  
within the timeline specified by  
the Old Testament for the Messiah.**

**Only Jesus fulfilled the characteristics of the  
Messiah as described in the Old Testament.**

**If Jesus is not the Messiah, then  
no one will ever be and the Bible is wrong.**

# Is Jesus God?

“Among these Jews there suddenly turns up a man who goes about talking as if He was God.

He claims to forgive sins. He says He has always existed. He says:-

He is coming to judge the world at the end of time.

Now let us get this clear.

Among Pantheists, like the Indians, anyone might say that he was a part of God, or one with God:-

there would be nothing very odd about it.



– C. S. Lewis

# Is Jesus God?

But this man, since He was a Jew, could not mean, that kind of God.

God, in their language, meant the Being outside the world Who had made it and was infinitely different from

And when you have grasped that, you will see that what this man said was, quite simply, the most shocking thing that has ever been uttered by human lips.”

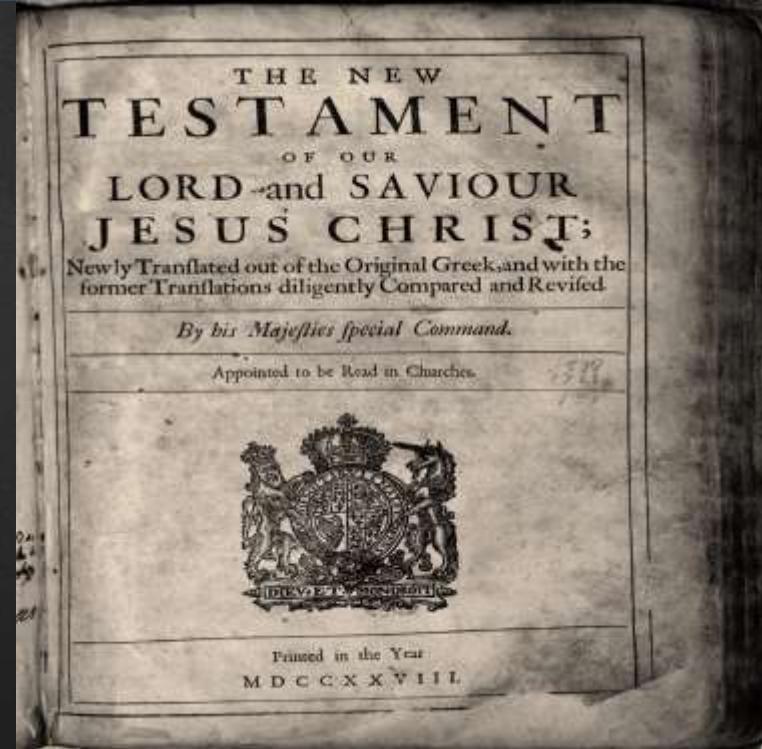


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# Does the New Testament Claim Jesus is God?

Let's examine...

1. Jesus' words.
2. Jesus' miracles.
3. Jesus' actions.
4. The testimony of the New Testament writers.



# Did Jesus Claim to be God?

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who does Jesus claim to be?

“Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. **It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’** But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. **Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”**

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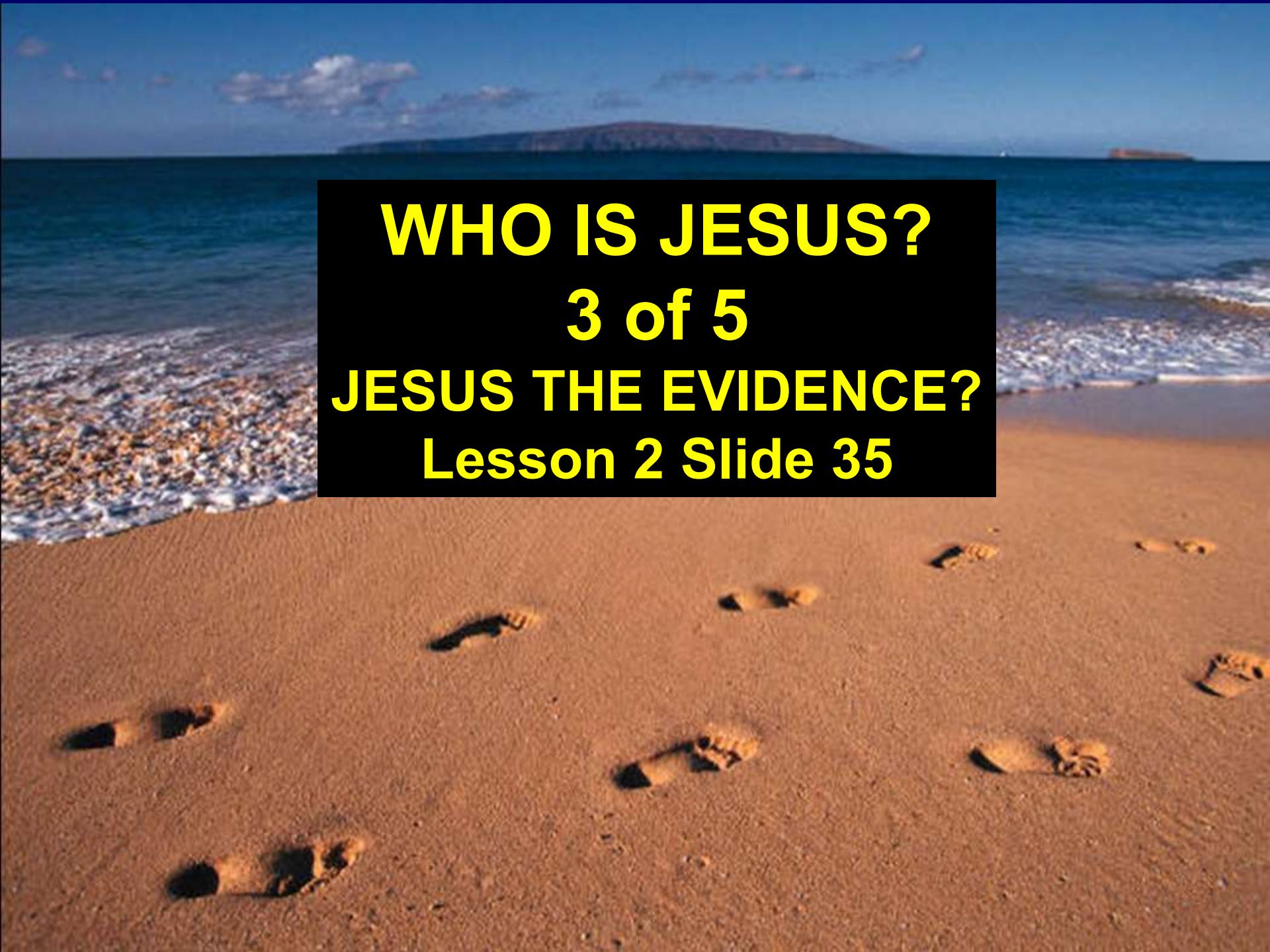
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# Did Jesus Claim to be God?

God in the Old Testament	Jesus Comparison to Himself
I AM. (Exodus 3:14-15; Isaiah 48:12)	I AM. (John 8:58; John 8:18, 24)
The Shepherd. (Psalm 23:1)	The Shepherd. (John 10:11)
The Light. (Psalm 27:1)	The Light. (John 8:12)
Ruler of all. (Isaiah 9:6)	Ruler of all. (Matthew 28:18)
Judge of all nations. (Joel 3:12)	Judge of all. (John 5:12)
The Bridegroom. (Isaiah 62:5; Hosea 2:16)	The Bridegroom. (Matthew 25:1)
God's Word never pass away. (Isaiah 40:8)	Jesus' words never pass away. (Mk. 13:31)
First and the Last. (Isaiah 48:12)	First and the Last. (Revelat 1:17-18)

# Did Jesus Claim to be God?

In 20 of Jesus' 52 parables, he identifies Himself as God.  
Some Examples

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The Shepherd (Gen 49:24; Psalm 23:1)	The Shepherd (John 10:11)
The Rock (Psalm 18:2)	The Rock (Matthew 7:24)
The Bridegroom (Isa 54:5, Hosea 2:16)	The Bridegroom (Matthew 25:1)

# Did Jesus Claim to be God?

“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; **for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.**” John 8:24;

“Anyone who has **seen Me has seen the Father.**” - John 14:9;

“**I and the Father are one.**” - John 10:30;



“Father glorify Me in Your presence **with the glory I had with You before the world began.**” - John 17:5;  
(cf. “I am the Lord that is My name! I will not give My glory to another.” - Isaiah 42:8;)

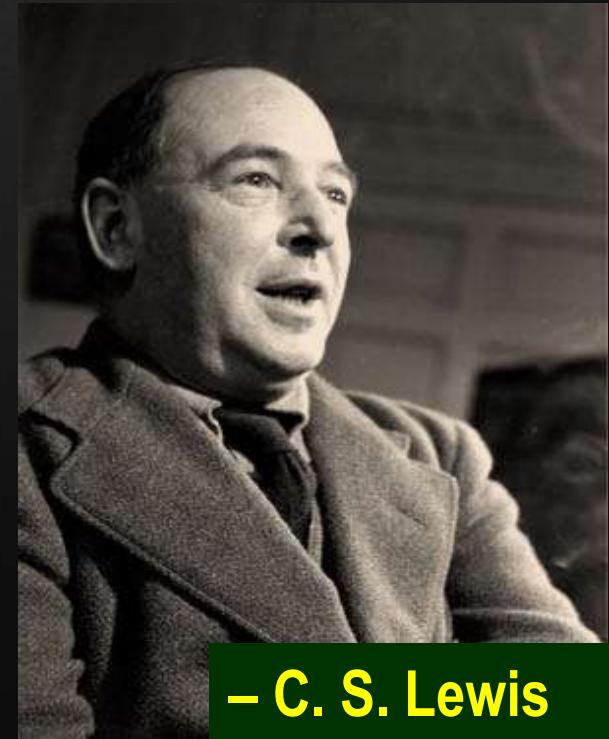
“**My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too, am working.**” - John 5:17;

**“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him:- I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God.**

**That is the one thing we must not say.**

**A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher.**

**He would either be a lunatic, on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg, or else he would be the Devil of Hell.**



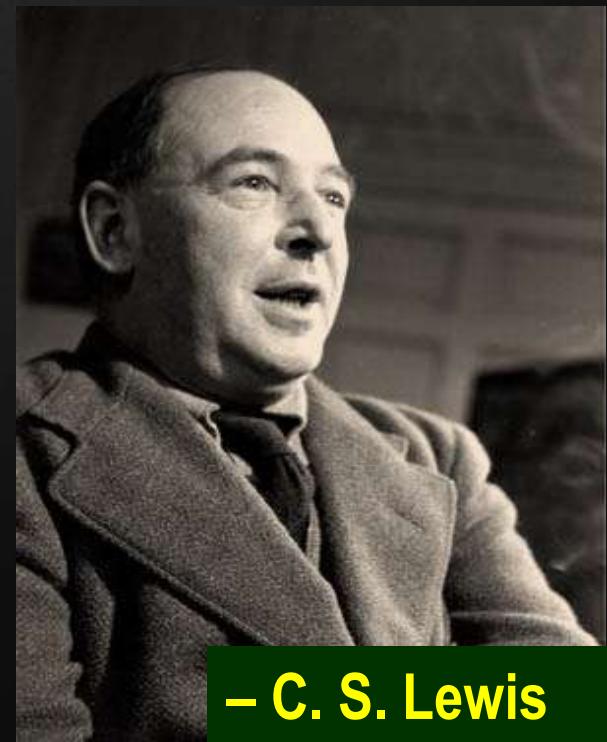
**– C. S. Lewis**

**You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God,**

**Let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being just a great human teacher.**

**He has not left that open to us.**

**He did not intend to.**

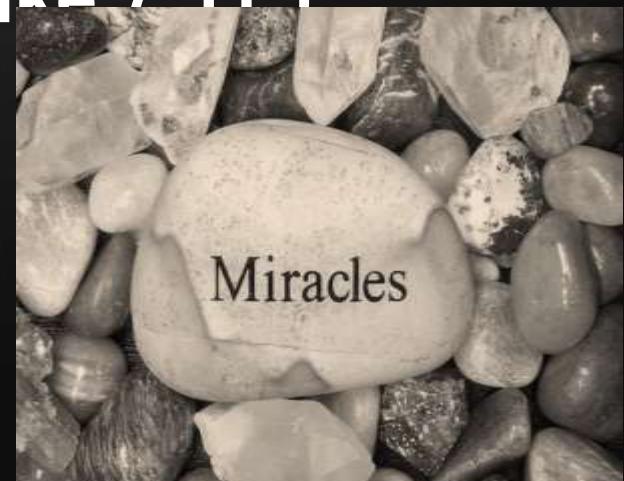


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# Jesus' Miracles

Jesus demonstrated sovereignty over:-

- Birth defects. (John 9:1;)
- Disease. (Matt. 8:2, Luke 7:1, Mark 3:1, Matt. 8:28; etc.)
- Nature. (Mark 4:35, Matt. 14:25; etc.)
- Poverty/Lack/Need. (John 2:1, Mark 6:30; etc.)
- Satan/demons. (Luke 8:26, 13:11; etc.)
- Space/time. (John 1:48;)
- Death. (John 11:43, Mark 5:22, Luke 7:11;)



# Did Jesus Act Like He was God?



- **Jesus accepted worship nine times in the gospels.**
- Jesus forgave sins. (Mark 2).
- Jesus said to pray in His name. (John 16:23-24).
- Jesus never said “Thus says the Lord.”, but rather “I say”.
- Jesus said He was Lord of the Sabbath.  
(which God created; Mark 2:28).
- Jesus said to baptize in His name. (Matthew 28).

# The Testimony of the New Testament Writers

Witness.	Verse.	Statement.
John	John 1:1-3,14	God became flesh.
Thomas	John 20:28	“My Lord and my God!”
Paul	Romans 9:5	Jesus is God over all.
Paul	Philippians 2:5-8	Jesus set aside His right as God.
Paul	Coloss 1:16-19, 2:9-10	Created all things including angels; all fullness of Deity dwells.
Paul	1 Tim 6:15, Deut 10:17	Jesus is King of kings, Lord of Lords.
Peter	2 Peter 1:1	Jesus is our God and Saviour.
Writer of Hebrews	Hebrews 1:8, 13:8	Has an everlasting throne and is immutable.

**JESUS WAS WITH GOD .  
JESUS WAS GOD.  
AND HE CAME TO LIVE WITH US.**

**Jesus Pre-existed with the Father  
and Became Flesh.**

**Matthew 1:23; quoted Isaiah 7:14;  
“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:-  
The virgin will be with child and will give birth  
to a son, and will call him Immanuel”.**

**In Matthew’s account, an Angel from  
heaven refers to Jesus as “God with us.”**

# **Eyewitnesses Were Convinced.**

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**Let's see the  
impression Jesus  
left on people  
when they Him and  
they heard him teach.**

**Who did they  
understand him to be?**



## The Testimony of John

**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”**

– John 1:1-3,14.

“dwell” = σκηνή - “Yahweh’s tabernacle”

“Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.” - Exodus 40:34

**Jesus ‘tabernacled’ or tented among us. –**

**When the glory filled the tabernacle, it was a sign that God was dwelling among His people.**

## **Eyewitnesses Were Convinced.**

Peter was one of the apostles who spent more time with Jesus than anyone else. Notice his conclusion about Jesus being the Christ.

**Matthew 16:13-17;**

"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

# **Eyewitnesses Were Convinced.**

**John 4:39-42;**

**“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony,**

**“He told me everything I ever did.”**

**So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.”**

**“And because of His words many more became believers. They said to the woman,”**

**“We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.”**

## The Testimony of Paul

“If you confess with your mouth Jesus as **LORD**, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, “**WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.**”

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same **LORD** is **LORD** of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for “**WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD (YAHWEH) WILL BE SAVED.**” – Romans 10:9-13;.

Same Greek word **LORD** – **KYRIOS** – is used.

## The Testimony of Paul

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

- Philippians 2:5-10

"By Myself I have sworn, My mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before Me every knee will bow; by Me every tongue will swear."

- Isaiah 45:23

## The Testimony of Paul.

"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—

all things have been created through Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him." Coloss 1:13-19;

# The Writer of Hebrews.

**"And He [Jesus] is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. . . . Of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever."**

- Hebrews 1:3,8

## *Paul's plea for Onesimus*

14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.

18 If he hath wronged thee, or owe<sup>t</sup>th<sup>e</sup>e<sup>t</sup>h<sup>e</sup>e<sup>t</sup>aught, put that on mine account:

19 I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owe<sup>t</sup>th<sup>e</sup>e<sup>t</sup>aught

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unto me even thine own self besides.

20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

21 Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

23 There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;

24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

<sup>¶</sup> Written from Rome to Philemon, by Onesimus a servant.

## THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE HEBREWS

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GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 Being made so much better than

the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands;

but thou

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**Jesus said He had given evidence of His claim,**

**He had told them he was The Son Of God.**

**Jesus also said that he and the Father were ONE.**

**John 10:24-33:**

**“The Jews gathered around him, saying,**

**“How long will you keep us in suspense?**

**If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered,**

**“I did tell you, but you do not believe.”**

**“The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all ; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.”**

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**"I and the Father are one." Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them,**

**"I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"**

**"We are not stoning you for any of these,"**

**replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy,  
because you, a mere man, claim to be God."**

# **Jesus claimed to be The Christ.**

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**John 5:17-18;**

**“Jesus said to them,  
"My Father is always at His work  
to this very day, and I, too, am working.”**

**For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to  
kill him; not only was he breaking the  
Sabbath, but He was even calling God His  
own Father, making Himself equal with God.**

**Jesus always referred to God as “My Father.”  
No Jew Had Ever Done That Before. They  
Understood His Claim Was To Be Equal With God.**

**Jesus claimed to be The Christ. The “I AM.”**

**John 8:58-59;**

**“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered,  
“before Abraham was born, I AM!” At this,  
they picked up stones to stone Him.”**

**Jesus referred to himself in a timeless way  
by saying He was “I AM.”**

**In The Old Testament, that was a name  
God called Himself. (Exodus 3:13-14;).**

**These Jews knew that Jesus was claiming  
to be the divine nature of God in human flesh  
for this reason they opposed Him.**

# **Jesus claimed to be The Christ.**

**Mark 14:61-64;**

**"Again the high priest asked him,  
"Are you the Christ, the Son of  
the Blessed One?" "I AM," said Jesus."**

**At Jesus' own trial, Jesus made it clear  
That He is the Son Of God.**



## **Early External Testimony Referencing Jesus as God**

**“They were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang an anthem to Christ as God...”**

– Pliny the Younger, Letters, series 10

**“Now if the Christians worshipped only one God they might have reason on their side ... But as a matter of fact they worship a man who appeared only recently. And their worship of this Jesus is the more outrageous because they refuse to listen to any talk about God, the father of all, unless it includes some reference to Jesus ... And when they call him Son of God, they are not really paying homage to God, rather, they are attempting to exalt Jesus to the heights.”** – Celsus

**“I conjure you by the God of the Hebrews, Jesus ... who appears in fire, who is in the midst of land, snow, and fog”**  
**(lines 3007-3041)** – Exorcism formula from the Greek Magical Papyrus

# Early External Testimony Referencing Jesus as God



The earliest church building (currently) found is in Megiddo and dated to the early third century.

The prayer hall contains various mosaics and inscriptions with the one above reading: “**Akeptous (a woman), the God-loving, offered this table for (the) God Jesus Christ, as a remembrance.**”

# **Does the New Testament Claim Jesus is God?**

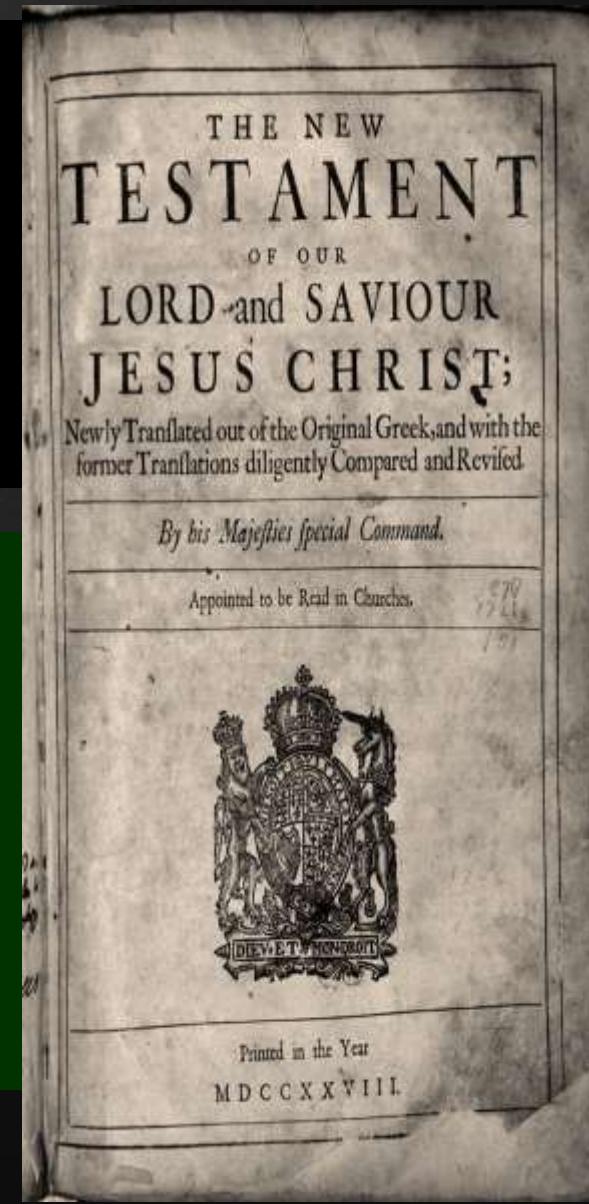
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**Jesus truly is an Historical Character. He Did Live.  
Even Sources Other Than The Bible Say So.  
Jesus Is A Fulfillment Of Prophecy.  
Everything Written About Jesus In The Old  
Testament Was Fulfilled In His Life.**

**The Samaritan Eyewitnesses  
said He Was The Saviour Of The World.  
Even His Opponents Knew He Claimed  
To Be Of A Divine Nature, Equal With God.**

# Does the New Testament Claim Jesus is God?

1. Jesus' words clearly demonstrate He believed He was God.
2. Jesus' miracles showed His sovereignty over all creation.
3. Jesus' actions of forgiving sins, accepting worship, etc., show He believed He was God.
4. The testimony of the New Testament writers point to Jesus being God.



# What Conclusions Are We Left With?

## Final Thoughts



Did Jesus of Nazareth exist...?	Yes
Did Jesus fulfill Messianic prophecies...?	Yes
Did anyone else appear in history like Jesus...?	No
Did Jesus claim to be God...?	Yes
Did Jesus prove His claim via miracles and His resurrection...?	Yes
Did the NT writers and others testify that Jesus is God?	Yes

# **What Is Our Answer?**



**“Who do you say that I am?” (Matt 16:15;)**

**“YOU ARE JESUS “THE CHRIST”  
THE GOD / MAN.**

# **WHO IS JESUS?**

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## **JESUS THE EVIDENCE?**

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