

The Deity of Jesus Series

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Scripture: John 10:30-33

30 I and *my* Father are one.

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Summary: Is Jesus really God?

A GOOD MAN OR THE GOD-MAN?

No one is more loved and hated than Jesus Christ.

- “Jesus” (Greek) is equivalent to “JOSHUA” (Hebrew) and means “the LORD SAVES.”

“You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

- “Christ” (Greek) is equivalent to “MESSIAH” (Hebrew) and means “the ANOINTED One.”

It seems everyone has an opinion about Jesus:

- John Lennon: “We’re more popular than Jesus now; I don’t know which will go first—rock and roll or Christianity.”

- Mikhail Gorbachev: “Jesus was the first socialist, the first to seek a better life for mankind.”

- Oprah Winfrey: “Jesus cannot be the only way to God.”

- Liberal “Christians”: Jesus was a good man, but he was not the God-man.

- **Islam:** Jesus was merely a man and a prophet and was inferior to Muhammad.
- **Judaism:** Jesus was a false messiah.
- **Mormonism:** Jesus was only a man who became one of many gods.
- **Jehovah's Witnesses:** Before Jesus lived on earth, he was Michael the archangel.
- **Jesus' enemies:** "...you, a mere man, claim to be God" (John 10:33).
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- **The Apostle John:** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).
- **The Apostle Paul:** "...Christ, who is God over all, forever praised!" (Romans 9:5).
- **The Apostle Thomas:** "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

How the Bible presents Jesus Christ:

- **Jesus is fully GOD and fully MAN in one person.**
- **Jesus is God the SON.**

There is only one God, and this one God exists as three distinct Persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

- **Jesus was always GOD.**
- **Jesus was not always HUMAN.**

Back in 1995, Joan Osborne won a Grammy Award for her song "One of Us." The chorus goes:

What if God was one of us

Just a slob like one of us

Just a stranger on the bus

Trying to make his way home

Obviously, I don't believe Jesus was a "slob." But God the Son did become "one of us." About two thousand years ago, He was born as a human baby in Bethlehem.

Jesus declared, "I have come down from heaven" (John 6:38).

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

"But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Galatians 4:4).

"In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (Colossians 2:9).

Two amazing facts: (1) God became human and (2) God died for us.

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT HIMSELF

Everyone seems to have an opinion about Jesus, but what did Jesus say about Himself?

Jesus repeatedly claimed to be God. His enemies, of course, didn't believe Him and accused Him of blasphemy.

Jesus was not killed for His good deeds or pithy parables, but for claiming to be God.

1. Jesus said He is ETERNAL.

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was, I am!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds (John 8:58-59).

By naming Himself “I am,” Jesus was declaring Himself to be the same God who revealed Himself by the name “I am” some fourteen hundred years earlier when He spoke to Moses through the burning bush (Exodus 3:14).

2. Jesus said He is SINLESS.

The old saying goes, “Nobody is perfect.” But Jesus claimed to be perfect.

“Can any of you prove me guilty of sin?” (John 8:46a).

Even Jesus’ followers believed He was sinless. They lived with Him for three years and never sin (How many wives would say their husbands are sinless? None.)

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves” (1 John 1:8). “In [Jesus] is no sin” (1 John 3:5).

3. Jesus said He can FORGIVE sin.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (Mark 2:5-7).

4. Jesus said He has power over DEATH.

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple [body], and I will raise it again in three days” (John 2:19, cf. vv. 21-22).

5. Jesus said He is the SON OF MAN.

In the Gospels, Jesus refers to Himself as “the Son of Man” over eighty times. This title was taken from the book of Daniel.

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed” (Daniel 7:13-14).

Daniel is referring to the same Person whom David speaks of in Psalm 110. “The LORD says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet’” (Psalm 110:1).

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. “But I say unto you. In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy!” (Matthew 26:63b-65a).

6. Jesus said He is EQUAL with God the Father.

“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” (John 10:30-33).

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9).

Why did Jesus say, “The Father is greater than I” (John 14:28)? He is equal to the Father, but when He came to earth, He came as a servant to do the Father’s will (Philippians 2:6-7).

7. Jesus said He is the ONLY way to heaven.

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).