

Where does the Bible Indicate that Jesus is God?

Bible Passage:

My Translation: The New American Bible

What did Jesus claim?

Mark 14: 61-64 “Once again the high priest interrogated him: ‘Are you the messiah, the **Son of the Blessed One?**’ Then Jesus answered: ‘**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.’ At that the high priest **tore his robes** and said: ‘What further need do we have of witnesses? You have heard the **blasphemy....**’”

John 8:58

“Jesus answered them: ‘I solemnly declare it: before Abraham came to be, **I AM.**’”

[This was the name God gave himself when he first communicated with Moses, Exodus 3:14

“God replied, ‘I am who am.’ Then he added, ‘This is what you shall tell the Israelites: **I AM** sent me to you.’”]

John 10: 30 “The Father and I are **one.**”

John 14:8-11 “‘Philip,’ Jesus replied, ‘after I have been with you all this time, you still do not know me? Whoever has seen **me** has seen the **Father.** How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?... Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe because of the works I do.’”

Matt. 11: 27 “Everything has been given over to me by my Father. No one knows the **Son** but the Father, and no one **knows the Father** but the Son – and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

Matthew 9: 5-7 “Which is less trouble to say, ‘**Your sins are forgiven**’ or ‘**Stand up and walk?**’ To help you realize that the Son of Man **has authority** on earth to **forgive sins**” – he then said to the paralyzed man – ‘Stand up! Roll up your mat and go home.’ The man stood up and went toward his home.”

John 10:37 + 38 “If I do not perform my Father’s works, put no faith in me. But if I do perform them, even though you put no faith in me, **put faith in these works**, so as to realize what it means that the **Father is in me and I in him.**”

Jesus always distinguished between his relationship with the Father and our relationship with the Father. For example: John 20: 17

Suppose someone says to you, “Jesus was a good teacher but nothing more.” What could you say to that person to refute the “nothing more”? _____

What did Jesus' followers think/say?

John 1:1, 3, 14, 17, 18 “In the beginning was the Word; the Word was in God’s presence and the **Word was God**.... Through him all things came into being, and **apart** from him **nothing came to be**.... The Word **became flesh** and made his dwelling among us, and we have seen his glory: the glory of an **only Son** coming **from the Father**, filled with enduring love.... For while the law was given through Moses, this enduring love came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God **the only Son, ever at the Father’s side**, who has **revealed** him.”

John 20:28 “Thomas said in response, ‘My **Lord** and my **God!**’”

John 21:17 [Peter said,] “Lord, you **know everything**....”

Colossians 2:9 “In Christ the **fullness of deity** resides in bodily form.”

Colossians 1:15+16 “He is the **image of the invisible God**, the first born of all creatures. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominations, principalities or powers; all were created through him and for him....”

Philippians 2:6, 10-11 “Though **he was in the form of God**, he did not deem **equality** with God something to be grasped at.... Because of this, God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name, so that at Jesus’ name **every knee must bend** in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father ‘**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**’”

Hebrews 1:3 “This Son is the reflection of the Father’s glory, the **exact representation of the Father’s being**, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven, as **far superior to the angels** as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.”

Romans 1:3 “... the Gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh but was designated **Son of God in power** according to the Spirit of holiness by his **resurrection** from the dead.”

2 Cor. 4:4 “Their unbelieving minds have been blinded by the god of the present age so that they do not see the splendor of the gospel showing forth the glory of Christ, the **image of God**.”

1 Cor: 15:3-8 “...I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you:... ...that he was seen by Cephas, then by the Twelve. After that he was seen by 500 brothers at once, most of whom are still alive, although some have fallen asleep. Next he was seen by James; then by all the apostles. Last of all he was seen by me....”

Revelation 5:12-14 “...and they all cried out: ‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, **honor and glory and praise!**’ Then I heard the voices of every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea; everything in the universe cried aloud: To the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, be **praise and honor, glory** and might, forever and ever!’ The four living creatures answered, ‘Amen,’ and the elders fell down and **worshiped.**”

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Matt. 1:18-23 Virgin birth

If someone says that early Christians did not believe “Jesus is God” but instead manufactured the idea in the last several hundred years, how could you respond?

Some Examples of Miracles Worked by Jesus:

John 11:43 “Having said this he called loudly, ‘**Lazarus**, come out!’ The **dead man came out**, bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth.”

John 8:19-20 “Do you remember when I **broke the five loaves** for the five thousand, how many baskets of **fragments** you gathered up? They answered, “Twelve.” When I **broke the seven loaves** for the four thousand, how many full hampers of **fragments** did you collect?’ They answered, “**Seven.**”

John 2: 1-11 “The waiter in charge tasted the **water made wine**, without knowing where it had come from....”

Mark 4:39 “He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ The wind fell off and **everything grew calm....** They kept saying to one another, ‘Who can this be that the wind and the sea obey him?’”

Luke 8: 26-38 “...The **demons** then came **out of the man** and entered the swine, and the herd charged down the bluff into the lake, where **they drowned.**”

Luke 7: 22-23 “Jesus gave this response: ‘Go and report to John what you have seen and heard. The **blind** recover their sight, **cripples** walk, **lepers** are cured, the **deaf** hear, **dead** men are raised to life and the **poor** have the good news preached to them. Blest is that man who finds no stumbling block in me.’”

Jesus even fulfilled prophecies

Isaiah (Example Chap. 53)

Psalm 22 (Example 17-19)

What was Jesus like? (Notice attitudes like compassion, acceptance, gentleness....)

John 4: 17-18 “**You are right** in saying you have no husband!’ Jesus exclaimed. ‘The fact is, you have had five, and the man you are living with now is not your husband. What you said is true.’”

Matt 8: 1-4 “Suddenly, a **leper** came forward and did him homage, saying to him, ‘Sir, if you will to do so, you can cure me.’ Jesus stretched out his hand and **touched him**. ‘I do will it. Be cured.’” [As a general rule, no one would touch a leper for fear of contracting the disease and also because that act would render him ritually “unclean.”]

Luke 7:11-16 “The Lord was moved with **pity** upon seeing her.... He said, ‘Young man, I bid you get up.’ The **dead** man sat up and began to speak....”

Luke 15: 10-31 “I tell you there will be the same kind of **joy** before the angels of God over one repentant sinner....” The Parable of the Prodigal Son follows this statement and reflects the merciful Father’s heart over the return of the Prodigal.

Share one of your favorite passages which reveals Jesus’ love. _____

How has God revealed his personality in your own life? _____

WHY is it IMPORTANT to believe that Jesus is God?

