

Biblical Evidence for the Deity of Christ

WAS JESUS EVER CALLED GOD? Yes

1. Jesus personally claimed to be God.
 - John 5:17-18
 - John 8:58-59
 - John 10:29-33
 - John 14:6
2. God the Father declared Jesus to be God.
 - Hebrews 1:8
3. The apostle John called Him God.
 - John 1:1, 14
4. The Apostle Paul called him God.
 - Romans 9:5
 - Colossians 1:15-19, 2:9-10
5. The apostle Thomas Called Him God.
 - John 20:28
6. He was worshipped as God.
 - Mark 5:2-6
 - Luke 24:51-53
 - Philippians 2:10-11

DOES JESUS POSSESS THE ATTRIBUTES OF DEITY? Yes

1. Jesus is **ETERNAL** - (John 1:1, 2, John 8:58; Hebrew 13:8)
2. Jesus is the **CREATOR** of all things - (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17)
3. Jesus is **OMNIPOTENT** (All powerful) - (Matthew 28:18; Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3)
4. Jesus is **OMNIPRESENT** (All present) - (Matthew 18:20, Matthew 28:19-20)
5. Jesus is **OMNISCIENT** (All knowing) - (John 16:30, John 21:17; Acts 1:24)
6. Jesus is **UNCHANGABLE** - (Hebrews 13:8)
7. Jesus is **HOLY and PERFECT** - (Acts 3:14, Acts 4:27-30)
8. Jesus is **RIGHTEOUS and JUST** - (Isaiah 53:11; Zechariah 9:9; Acts 3:14; Romans 3:26)
9. Jesus is **MERCIFUL and KIND** - (Matthew 11:29; Hebrews 2:17)
10. Jesus is **FAITHFUL** (He'll never let you down) - (2 Timothy 2:13; Revelation 1:5; Revelation 19:11)
11. Jesus is **TRUTH** - (John 14:6; 1 Peter 2:22)
12. Jesus is **SINLESS** - (Matthew 27:4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 1:19)

WHAT MAKES JESUS SO UNIQUE (Like no other)?

1. **Jesus is unique in His virgin *birth***
 - This was prophesied (Isaiah 7:14) and fulfilled (Matthew 1:18-25).
 - The Bible speaks of Jesus as being born of the seed of the woman (Galatians 4:4), of the seed of David (Matthew 22:41-46), and by the overshadowing of the Highest (Luke 1:35). Therefore, we see the miracle of the virgin birth in that the Word became flesh" (John 1:14).

- This incarnation (God taking on human flesh) was complete in that Jesus was both 100% God and 100% Man. As a man Jesus was hungry (**Matthew 4:2**), thirsty (**John 19:28**), troubled (**John 12:27**), sleepy (**Matthew 8:24**), wearied (**John 4:6**), angry without sin (**Matthew 21:13**), and He wept (**John 11:35**).

2. Jesus is unique in His *death*

- Jesus died as a substitution; He died in our place paying the price for sin that we could never pay [Substitutionary Atonement] (**1 Corinthians 15:3**; **1 Peter 3:18**). The sinless One bore the penalty for sin (**death - Romans 6:23**) and was separated from God for the first time (**Matthew 27:46**).

3. Jesus is unique in His *resurrection* (**1 Corinthians 15**)

- His resurrection (which is not a resuscitation or reincarnation) is accurately recorded in the Bible (**Matthew 28**; **Mark 16**; **Luke 24**; **John 20-20**).
- The Bible offers much tangible evidence:
 1. Empty tomb. His body was never found.
 2. Jesus gave the opportunity to touch and see His resurrected flesh and bones (**Luke 24:39**).
 3. He visibly showed His wounds (wrists, side, feet) and gave the opportunity to have them touched and felt (**John 20:27**).
 4. Jesus ate and drank after His resurrection (**Luke 24:30**; **Luke 24:43**; **John 21:13-15**).
 5. His disciples changed from cowards to bold and courageous messengers of Christ (**Mark 14:26-50**; **Acts 4:8-22, 31**).
 6. His disciples rejoiced in their persecutions (**Acts 5:40-42**).
 7. Paul was transformed from a persecutor to a believer (**Acts 9**).
- The Bible records at least 10 separate appearances of Jesus:
 1. Mary Magdelane - **John 20:14**
 2. Apostles w/o Thomas - **John 20:19**
 3. Other women - **Matthew 28:8-10**
 4. Over 500 - **1 Corinthians 15:6**
 5. Seven apostles - **John 21:1**
 6. Peter - **Luke 24:33-34**
 7. With Thomas - **John 20:26**
 8. Two on the road - **Luke 24:13-15**
 9. All of the book of Matthew and **1 Corinthians 15:7**

Plus many more not recorded.... **Acts 1:3**

HOW DOES JESUS DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS GOD?

1. He lived a sinless life (**John 8:46**; **2 Corinthians 5:21**; **1 Peter 2:21-22**)
2. He forgives sins (**Mark 2:10**)
3. He possesses the authority to judge (**Matthew 28:18**; **John 5:22**)
4. He raises the dead (**John 6:39-40, 54**, **John 10:17-28**, **John 11:25, 43**)
5. He gives eternal life (**Romans 6:23**)
6. He Divinely inspired the Bible (**Galatians 1:11-12**)
7. He receives all honor equal to the Father (**John 5:23**)

