

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT JESUS IS GOD?

Definition of God:

- Omnipotent – God has all power: Job 42:2; Is. 43:13; Mt. 19:26
- Omnipresent – God is present everywhere at all times: Ps. 139:7-10; Pr. 15:3; Jer. 23:24
- Omniscient – God knows everything: Ps. 147:5; Heb. 4:13; 1 Jn. 3:20
- Uncaused – God has no maker – nothing or no-one was before Him: Is. 43:10; Is. 44:6

We have established the Bible as the Word of God, and it speaks clearly about the coming of the Christ, the anointed one, the Son of Man, the Son of God, the King of Israel, Savior, etc.

When Jesus came, He fulfilled these Old Testament prophecies – (see attached sheet). Was this all just by chance?

Apart from every other major religious leader, Jesus actually claimed to be God, the human, physical fulfillment of Old Testament statements about God!

- Priest like Melchisidek: Ps. 110:4 – Heb. 6:20
- God is the King of Israel. Jesus is the King of Israel: Is. 44:6 – Jn. 12:13-14
- Redeemer, Lord of Hosts, Holy One: Is. 47:4 – Jn. 5:17-18; Jn. 10:27-33
- Forgiver of sins: Is. 43:25, Is. 44:22 – Mk. 2:5-7
- God is the Savior. Jesus is the Savior: Is. 43:10-11; Is. 59:15b-16,20; Is. 60:16 – Mt. 1-21; Jn. 8:24
- God is the I AM! Jesus is the I AM!: Is.41:4 – Jn. 8:58-59
- Jesus is the bread of life who gives eternal life: Jn. 6:47-58
- Jesus is God manifested in flesh: 1 Tim. 3:16

Options:

- Jesus was deceived about who He was and insane
- He was deliberately lying
- The “Godness” of Jesus was a legend that arose after His death
- Jesus was who He said He was

Conclusion: He was who He said He was! He *is* who He says He is!

Proofs:

- Miracles
 - o Power over nature: Mk. 4:35-41
 - o Power over sickness: Mk. 2:9-12

- Power over death: Jn. 11:11-14, 32-34, 43-44
- Prophecies
 - Death and resurrection: Mt. 16:21; Mk. 10:32-34
 - Last days: Mt. 24 (entire chapter)

The most powerful miraculous proof of Jesus being God is His physical, bodily resurrection from the dead, as He prophesied.

Options:

- The disciples stole Jesus' body
- The Romans or the Jews removed His body
- Jesus 'swooned', recovered, pushed away the stone and walked away
- People who said they saw Him were hallucinating

Proofs:

- The disciples had to be convinced against their will: Lu. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:24-29
- Over 500 people met with Him at one time: 1 Cor. 15:6
- The day of worship was changed to celebrate the resurrection: Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10
- All the disciples except John suffered martyrdom – no one would die for a lie
- The might of the Roman army and the Jewish authorities would certainly have found the body if it had simply been moved

Suggested Reading:

The Case For Christ, Lee Strobel, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 1998