

Specific Claims That Jesus Is God

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This is not to argue that Jesus, incarnationally, is equivalent to the Father. For example, he was neither omnipresent, nor omniscient (Matt 24:36), and was probably not even omnipotent (cf. Matt 26:53). Nor is it to clearly articulate the relationship between Jesus and God. It is to argue that God in the flesh would, in fact, look like Jesus.

1. Several specific statements that equate Jesus with Jehovah God: John 1:18; 12:41; Rom. 9:5; 2 Thess. 1:12; Titus 2:13; Heb 1:8; 2 Pet. 1:1; 1 John 5:20. Furthermore, it was predicted in the O.T.: Psa 2; Isa 9:6-7.
2. The Testimony of His Friends:
 - a. Disciples—Matt 14:33, Worship—"You are the Son of God."
 - b. Peter—Matt 16:16-19, "Christ, Son of the living God." And John 6:68, "You have the words of eternal life."
 - c. John—John 1:1-5, Word, w/ God, Creator, Light, Life. John 1:9-18, Creator, Word from God; God.
 - d. Thomas—John 20:28, "My Lord and my God"
 - e. Crowds—Luke 7:13-16, Great prophet from God.
 - f. Thief on Calvary—Luke 23:39-43, God, Sinless.
3. The Testimony of His Enemies:
 - a. Pharisees—John 3:1-2, Teacher from God.
 - b. Demons—Luke 4:41; Matt 3:11, Son of God.
 - c. Centurion at Crucifixion—Mark 15:39, Son of (a) God.
 - d. Centurion at the grave—Matt 27:54, Son of (a) God.
4. Jesus' Own Claims Deity:
 - a. All authority is mine, Matt 28:18. And he taught with independent authority, Matt 7:29 (cf. "But I say . . .").
 - b. I can forgive sins on earth, Mark 2:10.
 - c. I am the Son of God, Mark 14:62 (cf. John 9:37; 10:36).
 - d. Sermon on deity, John 5:30-40.
 - e. Believe in me or die in your sins, Matt 7:21-27; 10:32-33; John 8:23-24.
 - f. I and the Father are one, John 8:19; 10:30; 12:44-45; 14:9.
 - g. Jesus, the one sent from God, John 17:1-3.
5. The "I AM" statements, John 8:58
 - a. Bread, John 6:35, 41, 48, 51.
 - b. Light of the World, John 8:12 and 9:5.
 - c. Door of the sheep, John 10:7,9.
 - d. Good Shepherd, John 10:11,14.
 - e. Son of God, Mark 14:62; John 9:37; 10:36.
 - f. Resurrection and the Life, John 11:25.
 - g. Way, Truth and Life, John 14:6.
 - h. True Vine, John 15:1, 5
 - i. Alpha and Omega, Rev. 1:8, 17.
 - j. Root of the Tribe of David, Rev. 22:16.
6. Jesus Freely Accepted Worship (cf. Heb 1:6):
 - a. Good confession, Matt 16:16, 17
 - b. Anointing by Mary, Matt 26:6-13
 - c. Catch of fish, Luke 5:8-9
 - d. Anointing by Sinful woman, Luke 7:36-50
 - e. Triumphal Entry, Luke 19:35-40
 - f. Thomas, Post-Resurrection, John 20:27-29
7. The Unique Work of Jesus:
 - a. Creation of all things, Col. 1:16.
 - b. Holding together the universe, Col. 1:17, Heb. 1:3.
 - c. Raising the dead, 1 Cor. 15:16-19.
 - d. Eternal Judgment of all men, Matt 7:22-23; 16:27; 25:34-41; John 5:24-30.
 - e. Forgiveness of sins, Luke 5:17-26; 7:48.
 - f. Regeneration or renewal of those who were dead in sin, Rom. 3:21-26; 5:5-17.
 - g. Grants the gift of eternal life, John 14:6.
 - h. Transformation of the bodies of the redeemed, Phil 3:21; 1 Cor 15:35-58.
 - i. All authority, Matt 28:18.
 - j. All wisdom, Col. 2:3.
8. Substantiation of These Claims
 - a. His divine birth, Luke 1:30-35
 - b. Fulfilled prophecies, John 5:39; Luke 24:44
 - c. His sinless life, John 8:34; Heb 4:15
 - d. Plethora of miracles
 - e. Resurrection