

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