

This We Believe – Jesus is God

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Jesus claimed to be God

Jesus said, “Your father Abraham rejoiced as he looked forward to My coming. He saw it and was glad.” The people said, “You aren’t even fifty years old. How can You say You have seen Abraham?” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!” At that point they picked up stones to throw at Him. John chapter 8 verses 56 - 59 (818)

Jesus’ audience understood His claim

Jesus replied, “My Father is always working, and so am I.” So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill Him. For He not only broke the Sabbath, He called God His Father, thereby making Himself equal with God. John chapter 5 verses 17 & 18 (813)

Jesus never corrected those who thought He was God

Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because My Father in heaven has revealed this to you.”

Matthew chapter 16 verses 15 - 17 (747)

Jesus accepted worship knowing that only God is to be worshiped

- *When the Wise Men entered the house and saw the child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Matthew chapter 2 verse 11 (734)*
- *When Peter saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him.... When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped Him. “You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.*

Matthew chapter 14 verses 30 - 33 (746)

Jesus claimed to be eternal

Jesus said, “I brought glory to You here on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do. Now, Father, bring Me into the glory We shared before the world began.”

John chapter 17 verses 4 - 5 (825)

Jesus forgave sin

Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My child, your sins are forgiven.” But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, “What is He saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!” Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so He asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk?’

So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!” And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers.”

Mark chapter 2 verses 5 - 12 (762)

Jesus was OK with being called “God”

They told Thomas, “We have seen the Lord!” But Thomas replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in His hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in His side.” Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” He said.

Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at My hands. Put your hand into the wound in My side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!” “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Me.” John chapter 20 verses 25 - 29 (828)

Because Jesus is God...

I know what God is really like

Jesus said, “Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. So why are you asking Me to show Him to you?” John chapter 14 verse 9 (823)

- Jesus loved all people, had compassion on sinners, preferred spending His time with ordinary people, had a passion for saving the lost, came to serve all, not to be served, forgave & never held grudges, didn’t laugh or ridicule sin, it brought Him to tears, sacrificed Himself willingly for us

I go to Him directly to forgive my sin

If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John chapter 1 verse 9 (941)

My sin debt has been paid

Jesus gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. 1 Timothy chapter 2 verse 6 (910)

I can be a friend of God

*Jesus said, “Now you are My friends, since I have told you everything the Father told Me.”
John chapter 15 verse 15 (824)*

He is worthy of my worship

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews chapter 13 verse 8 (928)

Next Week: The Holy Spirit is God