

Christian Doctrine

Jesus Christ (Part 1)

The Deity of Jesus Christ

Biblical Support for Jesus Christ's Deity

The main question concerning Jesus Christ is a question that will lay the foundation for our entire study. Was Jesus really God? There is little debate concerning His humanity, but the question of Jesus' divinity has drawn much discussion. Let us see what the evidence shows:

- Jesus had qualities that belong only to God.
 - His divine attributes: Eternality - always existed ([John 17:5](#); [Rev. 22:13](#)); Omnipresence - present everywhere ([Matt. 18:20](#); [28:20](#)); Omniscience - all knowing ([Matt. 9:4](#); [John 4:29](#); [16:30](#)); Omnipotence - all powerful ([Matt. 8:26-27](#); [John 2:1-11](#)).
 - His works: He had the ability to forgive sins ([Mark 2:5-12](#)), give life ([John 5:21](#)), perform miracles ([John 20:30-31](#)), create the world ([John 1:3](#); [Col. 1:16](#)), judge mankind ([John 5:22, 27](#)), etc.
- Jesus claimed to be God.
 - [John 10:30](#) - "I and the Father are one" ("one" = perfect unity in nature and actions. Note [v. 33](#), [Phil. 2:6](#)).
 - [John 14:9](#) - "He who has seen me has seen the Father."
 - [John 8:58](#) - "before Abraham was, I AM" (note [Ex. 3:14](#)).
- People recognized Jesus to be God.
 - Called Him God - [John 20:28](#); [Titus 2:13](#); [I John 5:20](#)
 - Worshiped Him - [Matt. 2:2](#); [14:33](#); note [Phil. 2:9-10](#); compare [Rev. 22:8-9](#) with [Heb. 1:6](#) and [Rev. 4:10-11](#)
- Other key Scriptures:
 - [Isaiah 9:6](#) - the coming Messiah = the "Mighty God."
 - [John 1:1](#) - "the Word was God."
 - [Colossians 1:15](#) - "He is the image of the invisible God."
 - [Colossians 2:9](#) - "in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (note [Heb. 1:3](#)).

We can see that Scripture does in fact show the divinity of Christ. As we will see through this study, the other aspects of the life of Christ only confirm this. Just as people in Jesus' day viewed Him, we too can be confident that Jesus was in fact the Immanuel, "God with us" ([Matt. 1:23](#)).