Is Jesus Really God?
Colossians 2:9
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Colossians 2:9, *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form…*

Jesus' Humanity Is Not Debatable

He had a human birth (Matthew 1:23; Galatians 4:4), showed human growth (Luke 2:52), experienced human emotions and needs (Matthew 4:1-11, 26:38; Mark 1:41, 10:21, 14:33; Luke 22:44, 23:46; John 11:35, 19:28), attested to by every legitimate historian.

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- **Fulfilled PROPHECY Says He's God!**
  Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23), born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-7), performed miracles and preach the Good News (Isaiah 35:5-6, 61:1; Matthew 9:35; Luke 4:14-21), betrayed by a friend, sold for 30 pieces of silver, mocked, beaten, spat upon (Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12; Psalm 22:7-8; Isaiah 50:6, 52:14; Matthew 26-27; John 19), crucifixion with thieves (Psalm 22:16; Isaiah 53:12; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 26-27; John 19), raised from the dead and ascend into heaven (Psalm 16:10, 68:18; Mark 16:6; Acts 1:9, 2:31) and many more!

- **His MIRACLES Say He Is God!**
  The blind received sight (Matthew 9:27-31), the lame walked (Matthew 9:2-7), the lepers were healed (Matthew 8:2-3; Luke 17:11-19), the deaf could hear (Mark 7:31-37), the dead were raised (Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25; John 11:1-44).

- **His CONTEMPORARIES Said He Was God!**
  A healed leper (Matthew 8:2), women (Matthew 15:25), the mother of James and John (Matthew 20:20), a Gerasenes demon (Mark 5:6), a blind man (John 9:38), and many other eyewitnesses worshipped Him as God!

- **JESUS Said He Was God!**
  (John 5:18)
  John 10:30, *"I and the Father are one." [31]Again the Jews picked up stones to stone Him, [32]but Jesus said to them, 'I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone Me?' [33]'We are not stoning you for any of these,'… 'but because you claim to be God.'"*

- **The BIBLE Says He Is God!**
  (Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3)
  John 1:1, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God… [14]The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace…"*

- **His RESURRECTION Said He Was God!**
  (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
  John 20:27, *Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe." [28]Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"*

What About You?

<u>The Great Trilemma</u>: You can only choose one!

- ➢ Jesus says He is God, but He knows that's not true -
  He Is A <u>LIAR</u>
- ➢ Jesus really thinks He is God, but He isn't -
  He Is A <u>LUNATIC</u>
- ➢ Jesus Claims to be God because He really is God -
  He is <u>LORD</u>

<u>Matthew 16:13</u>, *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" [14]They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15]"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?" [16]Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." [17]Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven.*

<u>What Next</u>?

1. Come back next week as we tackle the topic, "Is The Bible Reliable?"
2. Follow the pastor at www.johnmarkcaton.com or @johnmarkcaton every day this week for other proofs of Jesus' deity.
3. Get plugged into a Life Group at Church or Explore God Discussion Group at www.cottonwoodcreek.org.