

Will The Real Jesus Stand Up?

Sermon Series: In Case Of Emergency Break Glass! Pt. 6

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Matthew 16:13-15, *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”¹⁴They 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?”*

Scripture Teaches:

“Jesus Is Fully God And Fully Man!”

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form...

(Colossians 2:9)

1) Jesus Is Fully MAN

- 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, etc.).

2) Jesus Is Fully GOD

- **What Did JESUS Say? I Am God!**

John 10:30, *I and the Father are one.”³¹Again His Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone Him,³²but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone Me?”³³“We are not stoning You for any good work... “but for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God.”*

John 5:18, *For this reason they tried all the more to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.*

- **What Does The BIBLE Say? He Is God!**

John 1:1, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...¹⁴The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace...*

Philippians 2:5, *...have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;⁷rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!*

Colossians 1:15, *The Son is the image of the invisible God...¹⁶For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.¹⁷He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

Hebrews 1:1, *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,²but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son...³The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being...*

- **What Does FULFILLED PROPHECY Say? He Is 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 preached 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); crucified with thieves (Psalm 22:16; Isaiah 53:12; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 26-27; John 19); rose from the dead and ascended into heaven (Psalm 16:10; 68:18; Mark 16:6; Acts 1:9; 2:31) and many more!

- **What Did The 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 hear (Mark 7:31-37); the dead were raised (Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25; John 11:1-44).

Matthew 16:15, “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.”

• **What Did The WORSHIPPERS Say? He Is God!**

A healed leper (Matthew 8:2); women (Matthew 15:25); the mother of James and John (Matthew 20:20); a Gerasenes demoniac (Mark 5:6); a blind man (John 9:38); and many other eyewitnesses worshipped Him as God!

• **What Did His RESURRECTION Say? He is God!**

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!”

1 Corinthians 15:3, For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.⁶ After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.⁷ Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles,⁸ and last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

3) **What Do You Say He Is?**

The Great Trilemma: You Can Only Choose One!

- *Jesus says He is God, but He knows that’s not true—He is a **LIAR***
- *Jesus really thinks He is God, but He isn’t—He is a **LUNATIC***
- *Jesus Claims to be God because He really is God—He is **LORD***