

The True Jesus of Scripture: Continued  
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One of the essential truths of Christianity is the fact that Jesus Christ is God. This truth has been taught throughout the history of the Christian church. This truth was also taught by the Apostles of the Lord as we have previously seen in our last articles. The unfortunate thing for the cults is the fact that this truth is also found in the Scriptures. That is, the Old and New Testament.

Failing to believe in the true Jesus of Scripture goes against all truth that is taught in the Word of God. It also goes against the Father Himself because He has given us all truth through His one and only Son Jesus. He has also given us His One and True Son which is God Himself. Jesus is the second person of the Godhead. In no way will He allow us to fabricate another Jesus and call him His son as many cults have done.

If the Father has called the Son God in Hebrews 1 why should we not believe Him? If Thomas confessed Jesus Lord and God in John 20:28 saying; "...*My Lord and my God,*" why should we not believe Thomas, and in this case John the Apostle himself who wrote the statement?

Jesus is, has been, and will always be the most unique person throughout history. He proved to be so through the many works and miracles He did in front of thousands. He also proved it through the authority He had. The demons were subjected to His authority time and time again as it is stated in the Bible. The winds and the sea also obeyed His Word when He spoke it.

The other thing that has shown His uniqueness has been His fulfillment of prophecy as we have previously seen. No one can orchestrate where he is going to be born, or what family he is going to come from, or the time he is going to be born. No one can even orchestrate what kind of death he is going to die like Jesus did thousands of years prior to His birth. This is something that only God can do. And that is the whole point. Jesus is God. He claimed to be God. He proved to be God. Regardless of what the enemies of the cross of Christ might say or do. Jesus is God.

Another thing that shows that Jesus is God are His attributes. He is eternal (John 1:1, 8:58), He is omnipresent (Matt. 18:20, 28:20). He is omniscient (John 16:30, 21:17). He is omnipotent (John 5:19). And He is immutable (Heb. 1:12, 13:8).

He holds the office of deity. He is creator (John 1:1-3, Col. 1:15-16, Heb. 1:8-12). He upholds all things (Col. 1:17, Heb. 1:3). He forgives sins (Matt. (9:2, 6, Luke 7:47). He will raise the dead in the resurrection (John 5:25-39; 6:39, 54, 11:25). He brought the dead back to life again (Luke 7:12-16, Mark 5:35-43, 11:38-44). He will execute judgment (John 5:22, Rom. 14:10, 2 Cor. 5:10).

The Scriptures identify Jesus with Jehovah God of the Old Testament. God is creator (Psalms 102:24-27, Heb. 1:10-12). His glory was seen by Isaiah the prophet (Isa. 6:1-4, John 12:41). He was preceded by a forerunner (Isaiah 40:3, Malachi 3:3, Matt. 3:3).

Through the various statements He said, He implied to be deity. *“I am the bread that came down from heaven”* (John 6:41). *“I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved”* (John 10:9). *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, but through Me”* (John 14:6). *“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing”* (John 15:5).

No one can do works and miracles as Jesus has done. Anyone can say the things that Jesus said. But to prove to be deity is an entirely different story indeed. Anyone can say that your sins are forgiven. But Jesus not only said it, He also proved to have power to forgive sins by the miracle that followed His statement.

Regardless of their influence on world history, or their riches and fame, man cannot even come close to the smallest miracle that Jesus did. There is no one like Jesus. There will never be anyone like Jesus because Jesus Christ is God in the flesh.