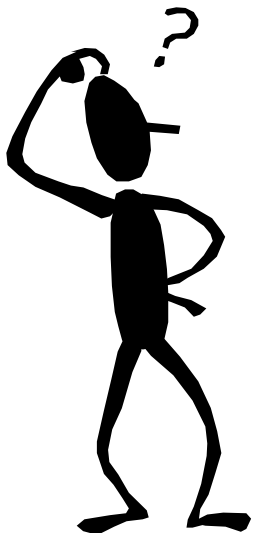
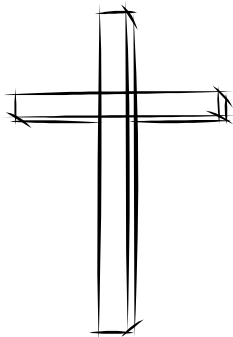


# How do we know Jesus is GOD ?



## How do we know Jesus is God and not just a nice person, great teacher, or prophet?

Jesus' teachings pointed to himself. A teacher or prophet would point to God. Who did Jesus say he was?

### Direct claims (just a few of many..)

I am the living bread – John 6:51

I am the light of the world – John 8:12, John 12:46

I am the way and truth and the life – John 14:6

Come to me – Matt 11:28, John 5:40, 6:37, 6:44, 6:65, 7:37, 17:10

Follow me – Matt 10:38, 11:28, 16:24, Mark 8:34, Luke 9:23, 14:27, John 10:27, 12:26 – Also, Matt 4:19, 8:22, 9:9, 19:21, Mark 1:17, 10:21, Luke 5:27 and others..

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father – John 14:9

No one comes to the Father except through me – John 14:6

I am in the Father and the Father is in me – John 14:11

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved – John 10:9

I and the Father are one – John 10:30

I am God – John 8:58

Claimed to be God the son – Matt 26:64, Luke 22:70, John 5:25, John 10:36, John 7:29, John 8:16

Specifically, the Christ – John 4:25-26

### Indirect claims:

Jesus was there in the beginning -

Gen 1:26 (note “us” and “our”)

John 1:1-2 (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.)

John 1:14 (The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us...)

Claimed to be able to forgive sins

“Friend, your sins are forgiven” – Luke 5:20

Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven” – Luke 7:48

Claimed to be the one who would judge the world – John 5:22, John 5:27

Claimed to be God the son – Matt 6:16 (he did not correct Peter), Thomas said, “my Lord and my God.” Jesus did not correct him...

Was Jesus an evil imposter, liar, lunatic, legend - or Lord and God?

***If he is not God, he was a liar and should not be revered or even mentioned by any religion..***

### How did Jesus prove he was God:

Miracles (35 documented in the Bible)

Love (especially, John 3:16)

His death (supreme sacrifice) – (see John 19:34 – separation of clot & serum occurs after death.)

Forgiveness – even while on the cross

Resurrection (witnessed by over 500 people)

Fulfillment of over 300 prophecies , 29 on the day of his death. Even a great con artist could not arrange to fulfill many of the prophecies such as:

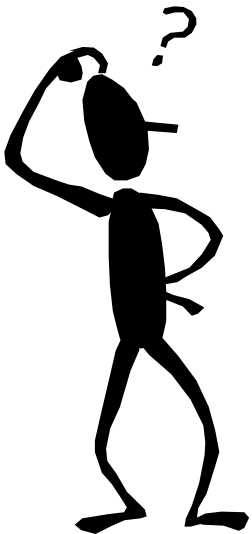
Where he was born, how he died, clothes divided by cast lots, birth trigger a massacre of infant boys, betrayed for 30 pieces of silver – and that they would be used for potters field, burial place, borrowed tomb, **resurrection, etc. etc.**

Jesus' resurrection is the cornerstone of Christianity – no other prophets have risen from the dead.

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How do **you** receive salvation? – Just ask!

**Dear God, Thank you for loving me enough to send your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. I accept your gift. I am sorry for my sins. I now turn away from everything I know to be wrong. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit to guide me for the rest of my life that I may work for you and glorify your kingdom. Amen.**

# How do we know the Bible is TRUE ?



## How do we know the Bible has not been changed over the centuries?

The science of Textual Criticism: A scrutiny of textual content based on measurements of how soon after the date the document was written that copies were found; how many copies were found, etc. Based on textual criticism, we have more proof of what went on in the life of Jesus Christ than we do that Caesar even existed! If the Bible had been changed, it would be obvious to scholars since we have hundreds of original manuscripts... It has been proven that the Bible has been handed down substantially unchanged. If the Bible is not true, everything would have to be the result of an astronomical number of coincidences.

No one has produced any writings from the time directly after the resurrection of Jesus that refute the resurrection. During the time when hundreds of eye witnesses were alive, it was not in debate.

Proof that Jesus existed from writings outside the Bible:

Tacitus – (Roman historian – who wrote about Jesus directly)

Suetonius – (Roman historian – wrote about Jesus indirectly)

Josephus – Jewish Historian

The Bible itself is a historical document.

## Interesting Science from the Bible

### Eclipse?

Read Luke 23:44-45

“It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining.....”

Science would tell us that was an eclipse. However, Christ was killed the day after Passover which is always held in conjunction with a full

moon. It takes about 28 days for the moon to go around the earth – it would have taken 14 days after Passover for an eclipse to have occurred.

### Dinosaur?

Read Job 40:15-17 (written about 4,000 years ago)

**Look at the behemoth** which I made along with you and which **feeds on grass like an ox**. What **strength he has in his loins**, what **power in the muscles of his belly!** **His tail sways like a cedar;** the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His **bones are tubes of bronze**, his **limbs like rods of iron**.

What could this animal be?

Hippo – tiny tail

Elephant – tiny tail

Buffalo – tiny tail

Alligator – does NOT eat grass and does not have limbs like rods of iron.

A dinosaur fits the description - but, was not discovered by man until 1841.

### Sea-floor canyon – and hot sea springs?

Job 38:16

Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?

1857 – Man discovered the first known sea-floor canyon

1977 – Man discovered hot sea springs at a depth of 2.5km of the coast of Ecuador

**Please look up the verses in this tract so you can read them in context.**

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