



*The contrary of a truth can never be demonstrated - Thomas Aquinas*

# Confident Christians

## Is Jesus God?

Proof that Jesus Christ is God from prophecy, miracles, biblical testimony, and His resurrection

### Proof from Prophecy

- There are 300 prophecies that speak about Jesus' first coming.
- Those 300 prophecies boil down to 108 individual prophecies.
- All were fulfilled in the life of Jesus of Nazareth

Peter Stoner in his book *Science Speaks* calculates the odds of just eight prophecies being accidentally fulfilled in the life of one man to be 1 in  $10^{17}$ . Statisticians say anything past 1 to  $10^{50}$  is no chance. This is exceeded once 20 fulfilled prophecies is considered (and Jesus fulfilled 108).

These prophecies speak to the fact that the Messiah would be God Himself: "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6, 600-700 B.C.

### The Proof of Miracles

Jesus miracles testified as to who He was: Luke 7:19, 22 – "Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, 'Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?' At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind. And He answered and said to them, 'Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them.'"

### Proof from Testimony

Both Jesus and the New Testament writers state He is God in the flesh. A few examples from Jesus include:

- "I tell you, before Abraham was born, I AM", John 8:58
- "Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father", John 14:9
- "I and the Father are one", John 10:30
- "Father glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began", John 17:5. (c.f. "I am the Lord that is My name! I will not give My glory to another", Isaiah 42:8)

Jesus also acted like God in the following ways:

- Jesus accepted worship nine times in the gospels.
- Jesus forgave sins (Mark 2).
- Jesus said to pray in His name (John 16:23-24).
- Jesus never said "Thus says the Lord", but rather "I say".
- Jesus said to baptize in His name (Matthew 28).

The New Testament writers and disciples said Jesus was God:

- "My Lord and my God!" (Thomas in John 20:28)
- "And the Word became flesh.." John 1:14
- "... is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised!", Romans 9:5

### Proof from His Resurrection

Who raised Jesus from the dead?

- "You killed the author of life, but God raised Him from the dead.", Peter in Acts 3:15
- "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.", Jesus in John 2:19

Evidence for His resurrection:

- Burial recorded in all gospels
- Joseph of Arimathea petitioned Pilate for body
- Joseph put Jesus in his own tomb
- Burial witnessed by close friends
- Tomb guarded by soldiers
- Jews never denied that Jesus was dead and buried
- Empty tomb viewed by Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James, Peter and John
- Jewish leaders devised lie to cover up the resurrection; never refuted claim that the body was gone
- Non-Christian historians record Christian's claims of Jesus being alive
- Appeared to Mary Magdalene; Gospel writers would not make up women being the first witnesses
- Appeared to disciples; was touched; demonstrated He was no spirit (ate food, etc.)
- Appeared to his brother James
- Appeared to 500 witnesses (recorded by Paul)
- Total of 12 appearances recorded in Scripture

Prophecy, miracles, Biblical testimony, and His resurrection are proof that Jesus is God.