

The Top Ten Reasons Why The Lord Jesus Christ is Both God and Man

Jesus Christ has always been God, the Lord of Lords

1. 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.' (Isaiah 9:6)

Speaking of Jesus, this old testament passage shows us that Jesus is to be called 'The Mighty God' and THE 'everlasting father.'

2. 'Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14) 'Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.' (Matthew 1:23)

3. 'And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh..' (1 Timothy 3:16)

4. 'In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' (Matthew 3:1-4) Interestingly the Old Testament reference uses capitals for the word LORD, which indicates the name of God; Jehovah. As this prophecy is applied to Jesus in the New Testament, we can only conclude that Jehovah and Jesus are the same person.

5. 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.' (John 1:1-2)

This is a clear sign that Jesus (The Word) was regarded as the creator of all things. Almost all Bible translations equate 'the word' with 'God.'

6. 'Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.' (Colossians 1:13-17)

7. 'When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?' (Mark 2:5-7) Crimes against God can only be forgiven by God.

8. 'Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.' (Acts 20:28)

In the context it is talking of God's people (church) and how they were purchased with 'his own blood'

9. 'I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.' (Revelation 1:8)

'And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.' (Revelation 22:12-13)

From the context you can see that both times this is Jesus Christ speaking. He is taking upon himself a name that is exclusively reserved for Jehovah (see Isaiah 44:6). The sacred name of God is 'I AM' in Exodus 3:14. This shows us that God was uncreated and is self-existent. God transcends all tenses; who 'was', who 'is' and who 'will be.' Jesus applies this holy name to himself in various places in the new Testament.

10. '...Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground.' (John 18:5-6)

This is one of those times that Jesus took the name 'I AM' upon himself. The A.V. has the word 'he' in italics that tells us that it was not in the original text, but was added to clarify the sentence. In this case I don't think it does. Jesus' reply should just be 'I am.' This powerful proclamation sent the soldiers flying backwards!

Jesus was born a man and lived as such

1. 'Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.' (Matthew 2:1-2)

We see here that Jesus was born of a woman, as a man child, and some wise men wanted to worship Him. As only God should be worshiped does this not show his deity?

2. 'And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.' (Luke 2:40)

3. 'And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.' (Luke 2:52)

We see here that Jesus grew up as a normal man.

4. 'Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.' (Matthew 3:13-15)

Jesus, though he was God manifest in the flesh, lived as a normal Jewish believer. As God he did not 'need' to get baptized, but Jesus showed us the pattern to live as His followers. John shows his need of being baptised of Jesus!

5. 'Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (Philippians 2:5-11)

6. 'For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;' (1 Timothy 2:5)

A mediator has to represent both sides. Jesus Christ is God and lived as a man, which qualifies him for the role as the only mediator between man and God (See John 14:6-11).

7. 'But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.' (Luke 24:37-43)

8. 'But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.' (John 20:24-29)

Again we see Jesus was a physical man after the resurrection. In this text we also see Thomas call Jesus 'my God.' He was then commended for his belief. Jesus then says that those who believe the same without seeing are blessed!

9. 'Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.' (Hebrews 13:8)

10. 'Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.' (Colossians 2:8-9)