

Jesus is God

Main Question: Who do you say Jesus is?

The world tries to put Jesus in one of three boxes:

Box 1: Jesus is _____

Box 2: Jesus is _____

Box 3: Jesus is _____

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

5 Reasons Jesus is God

1. Jesus claimed _____ with God.

He claimed to be the Son of God.	John 10:36-38
He claimed to be Yahweh, the eternal LORD.	John 8:58
He claimed to be one with the Father.	John 10:30
He claimed to be the object of Abraham's faith and the subject of Moses writing.	John 5:45-46; 8:56
He eternally shared the Father's glory.	John 17:5
He came from Heaven.	John 8:23, 42
He claimed to be working with God the Father.	John 5:17-18
He claimed to possess God's power to raise the dead and give life.	John 5:21, 26
He claimed the right to judge all things.	John 5:22-23
He called for people to believe in and follow him for eternal life.	John 6:35; 8:12; 11:25-26; 14:6

*The most striking feature of the teaching of Jesus is that he was constantly talking about himself. It is true that he spoke much about the fatherhood of God and the kingdom of God. But then he added that he was the Father's "Son", and that he had come to inaugurate the kingdom. Entry into the kingdom depended on men's response to him. He even did not hesitate to call the kingdom of God "my kingdom." - John R.W. Stott, *Basic Christianity*, p. 23*

2. Jesus was _____ and _____ to be God by others.

Affirmed by God the Father	Matt 3:17; 17:5
Peter's Confession	Matt 16:16
Thomas' Confession	John 20:28
Demon's Confession	Luke 4:41

3. Jesus displayed the _____ of God.

Eternally Existent	Revelation 1:17-18
Unchanging	Hebrews 13:8
Omnipresent	Ephesians 1:22-23
Omnipotent	Philippians 3:20-21
Omniscience	John 2:25; 4:29
Self-existence	John 1:4; 5:26

4. Jesus performed the _____ of God.

He created all things	John 1:3; Col 1:16
He sustains all things	Hebrews 1:3; Col 1:17
He commands all things	Mark 1:5-7
He has power over all things	Luke 7:14-15; John 10:17-18

5. Jesus received the _____ of God.

He is worthy of the same honor as the Father	John 5:23
He accepts the worship of men	John 9:37-38
He is worshipped and praised in Heaven	Revelation 5:12-14
He will be worshipped by all Heaven and earth	Philippians 2:9-11
Christians have worshipped Jesus from the beginning	Luke 24:50-53

Application for the believer: What you believe determines how you will respond.

Luke 1:38 (ESV) - "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled..."

Application for the unbeliever: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Acts 4:12 (ESV) - And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."



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