

THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

What do you think about the Christ?

Matthew 22:42

The Uniqueness Of Christ

- ☐ His birth was unique.
 - Born of a virgin (**Matthew 1:23**)
- ☐ His claims were unique.
 - The only way to God (**John 14:6**)
- ☐ His character was unique.
 - Humble & obedient (**Philippians 2:8**)
- ☐ His death was unique.
 - The Lamb of God (**John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-19**)
- ☐ His resurrection was unique.
 - Jesus lives forever. (**Romans 6:9; Hebrews 7:24-25**)

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- ☐ Jesus most commonly referred to Himself as "*the Son of Man.*"

- The term emphasizes the humanity of Jesus, but implies His Deity.

"I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him." (**Daniel 7:13**)

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (**Mark 10:45**)

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His enemies recognized that He claimed to be the Son of God, and called it blasphemy.

1. He identified Himself as the Son of God. (**Luke 22:66-70**).
2. He called God His Father, (**John 5:18**). He further stated that *"He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."* (**John 5:23b**)
3. Jesus said, *"I and the Father are one."* (**John 10:30**)
The Jews took up stones again to stone Him, *"for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God."* (**John 10:33b**)

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His references to Himself indicated He was aware of His uniqueness.

- Personal pronouns He uses. (**John 6:35; 8:12; 11:25-26; 14:6**)
- He saw Himself as the object of prophecy. (**Luke 4:16-21, quoting Isaiah 61:1-2**)
- He said that Moses had written about Him. (**John 5:46-47**)
- He claimed that the scriptures testify about Him. (**John 5:39-40; Luke 24:25-27, 44**)
- He used the divine title, *"I Am."* (**Exodus 3:14; John 8:56-58**)

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He invited men to come to Him, promising:

- a. To lift the burden of the weary. (**Matthew 11:28-30**)
- b. To satisfy the hungry. (**John 6:35**)
- c. To quench the thirst of the thirsty. (**John 6:35; 7:37**) (cf. **Matthew 5:6**)
- d. To save the world. (**John 3:16-17; 12:47-48**)

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His disciples recognized Jesus as their Master, and are called "bond-servants."

- Paul (Romans 1:1)
- Timothy (Philippians 1:1)
- James (James 1:1)
- Peter (2 Peter 1:1)
- Jude (Jude 1:1)
- John (Revelation 1:1)
- Tychicus (Colossians 4:7)
- Epaphras (Colossians 1:7)

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- a. "Therefore they said to Him, 'What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.'" (John 6:28-29)
- b. "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:36)

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- c. "And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (John 8:23-24)
- d. "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." (Matthew 10:37)

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Jesus exercised power that no ordinary human being possesses.

1. He rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. (Matthew 8:23-27)
2. He walked on water. (Matthew 14:22-33)
3. He commanded even the unclean spirits, and they obeyed Him. (Mark 1:23-27)
4. He fed over 5,000 people with five loaves and two fishes. (Matthew 14:15-21)

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5. He cleansed lepers. (Matthew 8:2-3)
6. He gave sight to the blind. (John 9:1-7)
7. He made the deaf hear. (Mark 7:32-35)
8. He raised the dead. (John 11:38-45)
9. He forgave sins. (Mark 2:1-12)

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The moral conduct of Jesus is evidence that He is unique.

1. Jesus "... Who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth ..." (1 Peter 2:22)
2. We are informed that He is "One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15b)
3. He challenged His enemies to convict Him of sin (John 8:46), but they could not. Even though they "watched Him" and tried to "catch Him" in something he might say (Luke 20:20), they had to hire false witnesses to testify against Him (Mark 14:55-59).

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4. Pilate sentenced Him to death, publicly washing his hands and claiming himself *"innocent of this Man's blood."* (**Matthew 27:24**)
5. Neither Pilate nor Herod could find fault with Him. (**Luke 23:13-15**)
6. The centurion in charge of the execution said, *"Certainly this man was innocent!"* (**Luke 23:47b**)

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1. Paul wrote,
*"... concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was **declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead**, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord ..."*
(**Romans 1:3-4**)

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2. Paul wrote,
*"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, **having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.**"*
(**Acts 17:30-31**)

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3. Peter preached that His resurrection fulfilled the prophesy in Psalm 16:8; (**Acts 2:25-28**), that the apostles were eye-witnesses to it (**Acts 2:32**), as also was the miraculous outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:33-35**), and then called upon His betrayers to know who He is and what they had done ...
"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ - this Jesus whom you crucified." (**Acts 2:36**)

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4. The resurrection of Christ was a central theme in the preaching of the apostles.
"But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses." (**Acts 3:14-15**)

(See also Acts 10:36-43; 13:26-39)

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5. The resurrection of Christ is a central theme in understanding "the new birth."
"Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection ..."
(**Romans 6:3-5**)

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"... knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:6-11)

Conclusion

What do you think about the Christ?

1. Thomas, viewing the risen Lord, cried, "My Lord and my God!"
(John 20:28b)
2. Peter asked, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life."
(John 6:68b)

Conclusion

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God?

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

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

HEAR THE TRUTH

Romans 10:14-17

BELIEVE IN JESUS

Hebrews 11:6; Ephesians 2:8-10

REPENT OF SINS

Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31

CONFESS HIS NAME

Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33

BE BAPTIZED

Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38

REMAIN OBEDIENT

Hebrews 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

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