

12 Proofs That Jesus Is God

Adult Sunday School Class

Lesson 1: Jesus is Declared to be God and Claims to be God

Reasons to Study the Deity of Christ

1. The Deity of Christ is a Primary Doctrine that Affects Other Major Doctrines
2. The Deity of Christ is Heavily Attacked by Those Inside and Outside Christianity
3. The Deity of Christ Should be Defended Using Biblical Arguments

Jesus is Declared to be God

John 1:1 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. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- The "Word" in the text is Jesus Christ

- One of Christ's names in Scripture is the Word of God
 - **Revelation 19:13** He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.
- The world was made through the "Word" (v. 3, 10)
 - **Colossians 1:15** The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.
- The Word is life and light (v. 4-5, 9-13)
- John the Baptist testified about the Word (v. 6-8)
- The Word became flesh (v. 14)
- Jesus is clearly called God in verse 18

- The "Word" was God, not a god
 - The absence of a definite article in greek does not mean there are multiple gods

- 1b καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν Θεόν,

- And the word was with God

- 1c καὶ Θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.

- And the Word was God

- 18 Θεὸν οὐδεὶς ἑώρακεν πώποτε·

- No one has ever seen God

John 20:28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

- Lord and God are terms of deity
- Thomas was clearly speaking to Jesus when he called him Lord and God

Titus 2:13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, NIV

- Jesus is our God and Savior
 - Anti-Trinitarians Often Argue that God Refers to the Father and Savior Refers to Jesus
 - 13 looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; ASV
 - "Nowhere in the New Testament is the term 'appearing' or epiphany, used with reference to God the Father nor is He portrayed as coming with the Lord Jesus at the time of Christ's return."
 - The Greek Text Argues for God and Savior to Modify Jesus Christ
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Colossians 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

- This passage speaks to Jesus being fully God and fully man

Jesus Claims to Be God

John 8:57-59 57 "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" 58 "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am [Ego Eimi]!" 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

- "I AM" Was a Deity Statement
 - **Exodus 3:13-15** Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" 14 God said to Moses, "**I am** [Ego Eimi] **who I am**. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '**I am** has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, '**The Lord**, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name

forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

- **Deuteronomy 32:39** "See now that I myself am he! [Ego Eimi]. There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.
- **Isaiah 43:10** "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he [Ego Eimi]. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.
- I am the bread of life (John 6:35), the light of the world (8:12), the gate (10:7), the good shepherd (10:11, 14), the resurrection and the life (11:25), the way and the truth and the life (14:6), and the true vine (15:1).
- The Jews Tried to Stone Jesus for Blasphemy

John 10:28-33 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 **I and the Father are one.**" 31 Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, 32 but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" 33 "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

- The Son and Father are One in Essence