

IS JESUS THE SON OF GOD!

Having proved that God exists
and that the Bible is a revelation
from God to man, we begin our
examination of the question, Is
Jesus of Nazareth the Christ, the
Son of God?

Matt 22:42 "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him `Lord'? For he says, 44 "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." ' 45 If then David calls him `Lord,' how can he be his son?" 46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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Jesus” - A common name
worn by many then and now –
inscription above - Yeshua bar
Yehosef on 1st century
ossuary

Col 4:11 and also Jesus who
is called Justus;



“Christ” - Hebrew “the Messiah”,
the one prophesied about in all of
the Old Testament.

Literal Greek “anointed”,
signifying His being chosen of
God to be: Prophet, Priest, and
King.

“The Son of God” – Jn 1.1– Not just “a” Son of God, as men and angels are called in the scriptures.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

This status was declared publicly by God - at His baptism (Mt 3.17) and His transfiguration (Mt 17.5).

Matt. 3:17 And a voice from heaven "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Mat 17:5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

His status was declared by angels to
Mary

Lk. 1:35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God;

His status was declared by angels to
Joseph

Mt 1:20 But when he had considered
this, behold, an angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream, saying,
"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to
take Mary as your wife; for that which
has been conceived in her is of the Holy
Spirit.

That Jesus is the Son of God is the theme of New Testament preaching!

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

That Jesus is the Son of God is the foundation of the Church and Jesus, Paul, and Peter all apply the passages concerning a foundation to Jesus, not to Peter.

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1 Cor 3:11

For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:6 For this is contained in Scripture:
"Behold I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, And he who believes in Him shall not be disappointed." 7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe. But for those who disbelieve, "The stone which the builders rejected,
This became the very corner stone,"

A belief in Jesus as the Son of God is the reason for the New Testament Scriptures.

In 20:30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

You must believe and confess it in order
to be saved.

Rom. 10:9 That if you confess with your
mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in
your heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is
with your heart that you believe and are
justified, and it is with your mouth that
you confess and are saved.

Certain facts concerning Jesus admitted by everyone

Jesus lived. – mentioned by Jewish, Roman, Greek, writers of that era that Jesus was an historical character.

He lived in Palestine.

He lived at the beginning of the 1st century.

He was a religious teacher.

Book 15 of the Annals (written c. 116) by the Roman historian Tacitus mentions Christus as a person convicted by Pontius Pilate during Tiberius' reign:

*auctor nominis eius Christus
Tiberio imperitante per
procuratorem Pontium Pilatum
supplicio adfectus erat*

Josephus *Antiquities*, first paragraph, book 20, chapter 9 (written about AD 94) - “Festus was now dead, and Albinus was but upon the road; so he assembled the sanhedrin of judges, and brought before them the brother of Jesus, who was called Christ, whose name was James, and some others; and when he had formed an accusation against them as breakers of the law, he delivered them to be stoned:”

**There Are Only Two
Alternatives**

Either – 1) Jesus is the Son of God as He claimed, born of a virgin; fulfilled Old Testament prophecy; had actions and attitudes contrary to those of ordinary men; performed miracles; and was raised from the dead.

Or — 2) If He is not what He claimed, then he was just an ordinary man, a Jewish imposter, limited in knowledge, filled with all of the prejudices and hatreds so common to the Jews of that day, filled with worldly ambition, and a conscious and deliberate liar and fraud.

A third alternative, imagined by many, is that He was neither the Son of God nor a conscious liar and imposter, but that he was a great philosopher, a genius in his day, a great and good man. **This is absolutely ridiculous.** He made the most stupendous and grandiose claims of any man that ever lived. If He was not what He claimed to be, He knew that such claims were untrue when He made them and He would be an unmitigated liar and not a good man in any sense of the term.

Evidences That He is The Son of God

He claimed to be sinlessly
perfect.

Jn 8:46 Can any of you prove me
guilty of sin? If I am telling the
truth, why don't you believe me?

His disciples said He was sinless.

I Pet. 2:22 "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his
mouth."

His enemies used every means, legal and illegal, to convict Him of a sin or crime yet even the Roman authority who sentenced Him to die (as a political expedient) admitted His innocence.

Matt. 27:24 When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

He claimed to be equal with God.

In 5:17 Jesus said to them, "My Father always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working" 18 For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father making himself equal with God

Jesus lived as the Son of God. He had the attributes and prerogatives of God. He came from the Father. He would return to Him. He claimed that He would rise from the dead.

Luke 9:22 And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

What would an imposter, seeking to establish a false religion and further his own ends, possibly hope to accomplish by such a claim? He would know that within three days after his death he would be proven to be a liar.

He claimed that all men
everywhere should love and obey
Him.

Matt. 10:37 “Anyone who loves
his father or mother more than me
is not worthy of me; anyone who
loves his son or daughter more
than me is not worthy of me”

The Virgin Birth.

Isa. 7:14 - “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

Most Protestant Pastors today reject the virgin birth. Harry Emerson Fosdick, a famous Baptist/Presbyterian minister(died 1969), stated, “Of course I do not believe in the virgin birth or in that old-fashioned doctrine of the atonement and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does”.

Time magazine cover story on October 6, 1930. In it, *Time* said that Fosdick "proposes to give this educated community a place of greatest beauty for worship. He also proposes to serve the social needs of the somewhat lonely metropolite. Hence on a vast scale he has built all the accessories of a community church — gymnasium, assembly room for theatricals, dining rooms, etc...In ten stories of the 22-story belltower are classrooms for the religious and social training of the young.

You have a choice – will you
believe that Jesus is the Christ?

Or – will you believe that Jesus
was just a man?

Jesus claimed to be the Son of
God.

John 8:58 Jesus said to them,
"Truly, truly, I say to you, before
Abraham was born, I am."