

# Did Jesus Ever Say that He is God?

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**1. Did Jesus say that He was God? Yes! He was talking to Jews, so He used the terminology that He knew they would understand very well.**

**a. Jesus said “I and My Father are one.”**... ‘For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, **make Yourself God**” (John 10:30-33).

**b. Jesus called Himself the “I AM,”** God’s name revealed to Moses (Exodus 3:14). “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.’ Then the Jews said to Him, ‘You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, **I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.**’ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple,” (John 8:56-59).

**c. Jesus said,** “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?” (John 14:9-10).

**d. Jesus called God “Father.”** “But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.’ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, **making Himself equal with God.**” (John 5:16-18).



**2. But if Jesus calls God “Father,” how can Jesus be God?** Jesus had two natures, He was both divine (God) and human (man). He is called both the Son of God and the Son of Man. He is God incarnate which means God in the flesh or in a human form.

**a. Paul explains Jesus’ dual nature.** “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God (**divine nature**), did not consider it robbery to be **equal with God**, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men (**human nature**)” (Philippians 2:5-8).

**b. Jesus is God.** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** He was in the beginning with God... **And the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us,” (John 1:1-3,14). **Jesus became God incarnate, God in human form.**

**c. Jesus is the Son of Man.** Jesus said, “**The Son of Man** must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day” (Luke 9:22). He did not call Himself the Son of God, because He “made Himself of no reputation.” **At Jesus’ trial, He admits that He is the Son of God.** “the high priest said to Him, ‘I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are **the Christ, the Son of God!**’ Jesus said to him, ‘**It is as you said**’” (Matthew 26:63-64).

**d. While on earth living in a human body, Jesus was in a lower position, but He was still fully God.** “in Him (*Jesus Christ*) dwells **all the fullness of the Godhead** bodily;” (Colossians 2:9). “But we see Jesus, who **was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death.**” (Hebrews 2:9) He died to atone for our sins. The Father was not confined to a human body. That is why Jesus said, “for My Father is greater than I” (John 14:28). Jesus mentioned only one thing that He did not know: “But of that (*judgment*) day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32).

**3. According to the Bible, there had to be 2 or 3 witnesses in court.** “By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established” (2 Corinthians 13:1). Jesus’ witness of Himself would not be enough. “If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true” (John 3:31).

**Look at the 4 witnesses that Jesus had:**

**a. John the Baptist** - “I have seen and testified that this is **the Son of God.**” (John 1:29)

**b. Jesus’ works** - “the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me” (John 5:36).

**c. The Scriptures (Bible)** - “You search the scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me” (John 5:39). “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me” (John 5:46). (**The Prophet:** Deuteronomy 18:15/ John 7:40; **Seen God:** Deuteronomy 34:10-12/John 1:1-4,14; John 6:6; **Speak God’s Words:** Deuteronomy 18:18/John 14:10; **Signs/Works:** Numbers 16:28/John 10:25)

**d. God’s voice** - “a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘**This is My beloved Son,** in

whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”(Matthew 17:5; Mark 1:11).

**4. If Jesus is God, why did He call God “My God”?** “Behold, I *am* the Lord, **the God of all flesh**” (Jeremiah 32:27). Jesus was in the flesh so God is His God. ““Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ Having said this, He breathed His last” (Luke 23:46). “I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God ” (John 20:17).

**5. If Jesus is God, why did He pray?** Choosing to live as a human, He needed to pray, just as we do. “O You who hear prayer, **To You all flesh will come**” (Psalm 65:2). As a human, He needed direction and strength. He loved the Father and spent time with Him. “So He Himself *often* withdrew into the wilderness and prayed” (Luke 5:16).

**6. If Jesus is good, then He is God.** “So Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God”” (Luke 18:19). Jesus was helping him see that He is God.

**7. If Jesus is God, why did Isaiah say that He would fear God?** “The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him (*the Messiah/Christ*), The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight *is* in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;” (Isaiah 11:2-3). While living as a man, Jesus feared the Lord in not wanting to make a mistake in judgment by depending only on what He could humanly see and hear. He delightfully choose to depend on what the Father showed Him.

**8. Jesus calls us.** “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6), “**Follow Me,**” (Mark 1:17). **Jesus is our perfect example as how to live. Just like Jesus, we are to:**

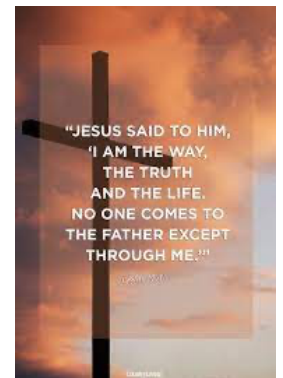
**a. Choose to pray to God often.** “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name” (Matthew 6:9).

**b. Choose God’s will over our own.** “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, **because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father** who sent Me” (John 5:30). Jesus prayed, “saying, ‘Father, if it is Your will, take this cup (*death on the cross*) away from Me; **nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done**” (Luke 22:42). As a human being, Jesus did not want to die a torturous death on the cross, but He had made a commitment to do His Father’s will at all times. So, He died to make atonement for our sins.

**c. Choose to do the works that God shows us to do.** “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does;” (John 5:19-20). Jesus choose to do only what the Father showed Him to do.

**9. Are you considering becoming a follower of Jesus? Here is a suggested prayer:** God of Heaven, the Creator of everything, please show me if what I am learning is true. Should I ask Jesus to be my Savior, my atonement for my sins? Should I become a follower of Him? I trust that You will show me the way. Thank you. Amen.

**10. If you have decided, then here is a suggested prayer:** Jesus, I know that You are God and that You died to make atonement for my sins, then rose again. I know that You are calling me and I want to become a follower of You. Please, continue to teach me Your way. I will obey You as You lead me. I now accept you as my Lord and Savior. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Now that you have asked Jesus into your heart, He will start revealing Himself to you. Spend time with Him. Start talking (praying) to Him. Read His book, the Bible, where He reveals Himself even more clearly. Go to a good church where you feel God’s presence, they preach the Bible, and you can fellowship with other believers.

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