



What Did Jesus Say About Himself? - The Gospel According to Jesus - by Karen Sue Nyquist

Many people around the world for more than 2,000 years have had a lot to say about Jesus. Bahá'u'lláh, the Persian founder of the **Baha'i** religion, said - "As to the position of Christianity, let it be stated without any hesitation or equivocation that its divine origin is unconditionally acknowledged, that the Sonship and Divinity of Jesus Christ are fearlessly asserted, that the divine inspiration of the Gospel is fully recognized..." (1). "... the Quran (the central **religious text of Islam**) describes Jesus as al-Masīḥ (Arabic for messiah), born of a virgin, performing miracles, accompanied by disciples, rejected by the Jewish establishment, and being raised to heaven." (2). "For **Hindus**, Christ is an acharya. His example is a light to any of us in this world who want to take up the serious practice of spiritual life." (3)

Those are all good statements, but, what did Jesus say about Himself? **Jesus had a lot to say about Who He is and His mission. Let's look at some of what He said:**

1. **My Words Will Not Pass Away** - "Heaven and earth will pass away, **but My words will by no means pass away**" (Matthew 24:35). Jesus' words are true and will be "**preserved forever**" (Psalm 12:6-7), **so they were not corrupted nor abrogated.**
2. **One With the Father** - "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30). "**He who has seen Me has seen the Father;**" (John 14:9). "I say to you, **before Abraham was, I AM.**" (John 8:58). - I AM is the name of God that He revealed to Moses (Exodus 3:14).
3. **Came from Heaven** - Jesus said, "**For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me**" (John 6:38).
4. **The Son of God** - They accused Jesus, "...because You, being a Man, make Yourself God" ... Jesus answered them, 'do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, '**I am the Son of God?**' " (John 10:33, 35, 36).
5. **The Messiah, the Christ** - "The woman said to Him (*Jesus*), 'I know that **Messiah (Hebrew)** is coming' (who is called **Christ - Greek**). 'When He comes, He will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, '**I who speak to you am He**' " (John 4:25-26).
6. **The Son of Man** - "He asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do men say that **I, the Son of Man, am?**'" (Matthew 16:13). "But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, 'Are You **the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?**' Jesus said, '**I am.** And you will see **the Son of Man** sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven' " (Mark 14:61-62).
7. **Must Suffer, Be Rejected, and Killed** - "And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must **suffer** many things, and **be rejected ... and be killed**, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31 and fulfillment of prophecy - Isaiah 52:13-53:12).
8. **Power to Forgive Sins** - "He said to the paralytic, 'Son, be of good cheer; your **sins are forgiven** you...that you may know that the Son of Man **has power on earth to forgive sins**' " (Matthew 9:2,6).
9. **Power to Raise Himself from the Dead** - Jesus said, "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. **I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again**" (John 10:17-18). For 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead, more than 500 people saw Him, some even touched and ate with Him (Acts 1:1-3, 1 Corinthians 15:6, John 20:27, Acts 10:40-41).
10. **Casts Out Demons and Heals People** - "Jesus answered and said to them, 'Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that *the* blind see, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, *the* poor have the gospel preached to them'" (Luke 7:22). "Behold, **I cast out demons**" (Luke 13:32).
11. **The Way to God the Father** - Jesus declared, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

12. **All Authority** - After rising from the dead, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth’” (Matthew 28:18).
13. **Ascended to the Father, Preparing a Place for Us, Coming Back** - “**I am ascending to My Father** and your Father, and **to My God and your God**” (John 20:17). “In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if **I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again** and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also” (John 14 2-3). “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see **the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory**” (Matthew 24:30). - Forty days after His resurrection, “while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9).
14. **Will Confess or Deny Us Before His Father** - “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, **him I will also confess before My Father** who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, **him I will also deny before My Father** who is in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32-33).
15. **Executes Judgment** - Jesus said that the Father “has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is **the Son of Man**” (John 5:27). “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then **He will sit on the throne of His glory**. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:31-32).
16. **Jesus’ Death and Blood** - “Then He took the cup (*of wine*), and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which **is shed for many for the remission (*forgiveness*) of sins**” (Matthew 26:28).
17. **Jesus is the Good Shepherd** - “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep” (John 10:11). If we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, His blood will pay for our sins. He’s the only spiritual leader who paid for our sins and can forgive us.

Wow! What other spiritual leader could say and do such things! Would you like Jesus Christ to be Your Good Shepherd and accept His payment for your sins? Are you ready to accept Him as Your Lord and Savior? Suggested Prayer: Dear Jesus, I believe what You said and want to follow You. I want to have my sins forgiven and have everlasting life with You. I know I am a sinner, that You died to pay for my sins, then rose again. I know that You are calling me and I want to obey You and follow You. Please, continue to teach me Your way. I accept You as my Lord and Savior.

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- (1) “Baha’i Faith and Christianity - Baha’is of the United States,” <https://www.bahai.s > christianity>
- (2) “Jesus In Hinduism”- https://www.bbc.co.uk > hinduism > beliefs > jesus_1
- (3) “Jesus in Islam”, https://en.wikipedia.org > wiki > Jesus_in_Islam

Now that you have asked Jesus into your life, He will start revealing Himself to you. But to steadily improve your relationship with Jesus, spend time with Him. Start talking (praying) to Him. Read the Bible, where He reveals Himself even more clearly so you can get to know God. Go to a good church where you feel God’s presence, they preach and teach the Bible, and you can fellowship with other believers. We learn much about God from each other.



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