

# **The Distinctness of Jesus**

## **Introduction**

- 1. No one can successfully deny that Jesus Christ lived upon this earth.**
  - A. The Bible teaches of His birth and life – and history gives accounts of it also.**
- 2. Of all the multiplied millions of human beings that have inhabited the earth, Jesus is distinct**
  - A. He is different from any other human being.**
  - B. That difference has caused countless numbers of people to accept Jesus as the Divine Son of God – the Savior.**
- 3. Before we reject or accept Jesus as the Messiah, we should make an honest and sincere investigation of His claims.**
- 4. We must be sure of this:**
  - A. If it could have been successfully proven that Jesus was NOT what He claimed, the Jews and Gentiles who despised Him would have proved it two thousand years ago.**
- 5. This morning, let us consider some things that made Jesus distinct.**

## Jesus is Deity

### 1. Jesus was Divine.

A. He was God! He existed prior to His coming to this earth.

1) Jesus was either a great imposter or He was the Messiah, the Son of God. He cannot be both.

B. I truly believe that Jesus was the Son of God as He claimed.

A. The Bible teaches that Jesus existed from the beginning.

1) If Jesus is not Divine, then Christianity is false and man is hopelessly lost in sin and dies without hope.

**John 1:1-4**

**1 John 1:1-3**

John 1:14 And the **Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**B. Jesus was in existence before Abraham**

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

**C. Jesus was with God before the world was.**

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

## **2. Jesus Existed from Eternity.**

### **A. When the heavens and earth were created and all creatures were brought into existence, “the Word” already existed.**

#### **1) It was before the foundation of the world.**

John 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

#### **2) Jesus co-existed with God (Gen 1:26).**

- a. The word “God” is from the Hebrew; it is in the plural: “Let us,” and “our.”**
- b. Jesus was in the beginning; He never began. He was with God before the heavens and earth were created. The world was made through Jesus.**

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was **made through Him**, and the world did not know Him.

Colossians 1:16-17 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were **created through Him** and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

## **3. God sent Jesus to this earth.**

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

## **Jesus Was Born of a Virgin**

### **1. It was Prophesied.**

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

### **Matthew 1:18-23**

**A. The child was of the Holy Spirit.**

**B. The angel announced that this was a fulfillment of Isa 7:14.  
Luke 1:26-38**

### **2. Jesus' Birth was Different.**

**A. We came into the world by God's law of procreation (we have earthly fathers and mothers).**

**B. Jesus was planted in the womb of a virgin. He was called Immanuel, "God With Us."**

- 1) He was born of a woman (Gal 4:4), but He was not begotten of a man (John 1:14; John 3:16).**
- 2) Jesus is the Son of God in a way that no other is or ever was. Jesus said that God was His own father.**

John 5:17-18 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.

## **Jesus Is the Son of God**

### **1. God was the Father of Jesus — not a man.**

#### **A. The Devil recognized Jesus as the Son of God**

Matthew 4:3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

#### **B. The Demons knew Jesus was the Son of God**

Matthew 8:29 And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

#### **C. Jesus' disciples knew that He was the Son of God.**

Matthew 14:33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

#### **D. The Roman guard knew that Jesus was the Son of God.**

Matthew 27:54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

#### **E. John the Baptist said Jesus was the Son of God.**

John 1:34 And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

#### **F. Jesus said that He was the Son of God.**

Matthew 27:43 He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

## **G. God said that Jesus was His Son.**

Matthew 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

### **2. The Miracles Jesus performed prove Him to be God's Son.**

#### **A. He raised the dead; He made the blind see, the deaf to hear, and the maimed to be whole.**

John 20:30-31 That You May Believe And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

## **Jesus Lived A Perfect Life**

### **1. He never sinned (Heb 7:26; 1 Pet 2:22).**

**Hebrews 4:15**

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

## **Conclusion**

- 1. Jesus truly was different! He was perfect! No other man was like Him.**
- 2. Jesus died to take away our sins.**
- 3. The perfect, for the sinful. The Son of God, for the ungodly.**
- 4. He gave His life that we might be forgiven of our sins IF we believe and obey Him.**

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

