

## Proofs of Jesus' Divinity

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The three major proofs of the Divinity of Jesus are (1) Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in Jesus; (2) Jesus' miracles which He performed; (3) Jesus' own claims to Deity.

It is amazing to me that anyone could read much of the Old Testament or the New Testament with **understanding** and not see these points! Still there are those today who have been mistaught about Jesus Christ. He is affirmed by some to be "a god," but not "God." He is affirmed by others to be a "Good Man" but not Deity. Ironically, the Jews with whom Jesus contended in the Gospels felt the same way. They wanted to put Him to death because He claimed to be the "Son of God" (Deity).

For example, in the Gospel of John, when Jesus said "*I and my Father are one*" (10:30) the Jews picked up stones to stone Him for blasphemy! Jesus challenged them by declaring that He had worked "*many good works*" (miracles) from the Father (10:32). If He were not from God, and if He were not One with the Father, then none of those miracles would have been possible (see John 3:1-2). But they blindly, foolishly ignored the evidence, and doggedly stuck to their biased convictions.

Jesus again told them, "*If I do not do the **works** of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the **works**, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him*" (10:37-38). The works declared Jesus to be a true Messenger of heaven. And His message was "I am the only begotten Son of God" (John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18). **Dear reader, do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts 8:37)?** If you do, then you can be saved by Him. If you do not, then what evidence do you need to convince you?

Study the Gospel of Matthew and see how many times he points out fulfilled prophecy in Jesus' life. Matthew begins with the virgin birth of Jesus (1:22-23 — Isaiah 7:14). His Name "Jesus" means "Savior" (1:21 — see Jer. 23:6). He points out the fact that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, Judea (2:2-6 — Micah 5:2). God warned Joseph in a dream to flee with baby Jesus to Egypt (2:13-15), fulfilling the prophecy of Hosea 11:1. As a young man, Jesus grew up in Nazareth, Galilee (2:23) which fulfilled another prophecy that "*He shall be called a Nazarene.*"

Fulfilled prophecy is a crowning proof of Jesus' Deity and Messiahship. Isaiah 41:21-24 challenges others who claim to be God or to know God to present their case — foretell the future (v. 22), or recount the past (v. 22), or "*do good or do evil, that we may be dismayed and see it together*" (v. 23). But none of the would be gods of the nations could do anything like this. So God declares that He alone is God and there is none other. The three hundred prophecies fulfilled in Jesus Christ is more than enough to persuade the honest heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Check it out for yourself.

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