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IS JESUS REALLY GOD?

We Christians are accused of being narrow-minded because we assert there is no other way to get to God than through Jesus Christ. Narrow-minded? No, we simply believe people who say Jesus is not the Christ are liars, plain and simple. The Bible says so in 1 John 2:22 (LBCEV), “And a liar is anyone who says that Jesus isn’t truly Christ.” This is a hard stance to take these days when everyone around you says “can’t we just all get along?” Every religion is the same; we all need to be together...one community. Again, way should I water-down my faith to include false teachings just so someone who is already “off track” will like me? Jesus said, “If the people of this world hate you, just remember that they hated Me first. If you belonged to the world, its people would love you. But you don’t belong to the world. I have chosen you to leave the world behind, and that is why its people hate you.” (John 17:18+19 LBCEV). We Christians are also ridiculed for extending our belief in Jesus Christ to include the fact that Jesus is really fully God in the Trinity.

To look at this question: Is Jesus really God?, let’s look into the Scriptures for some help. These Scriptures have stood the test of intellectual microscopes and scrutiny; they have withstood many





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difficult but solid translations, and they have withstood the test of time over five thousand years to become solid Christian Orthodoxy, written by the Holy Spirit, part of the Godhead in the Trinity.

He [Jesus] existed before Abraham (John 8:58)

He [Jesus] was equal with the Father (John 5:17, 18)

Jesus claimed the ability to forgive sins (Mark 2:5–7), which the Bible teaches was something that God alone could do (Isaiah 43:25)

The New Testament equated Jesus as the creator of the universe (John 1:3)

He [Jesus] is the one who holds everything together (Colossians 1:17)

The apostle Paul says that God was manifest in the flesh (I Timothy 3:16, KJV)

John the Evangelist says, “the Word was God” (John 1:1)

Not only did His friends notice that He claimed to be God, but so did His enemies as well. There may be some doubt today among the skeptics who refuse to examine the evidence, but there was no doubt on the part of the Jewish authorities when Jesus walked this earth.

When Jesus asked them why they wanted to stone Him, they replied, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God” (John 10:33, NASB). The religious leaders talked to Him face to face, looked into His eyes, saw His manner and the way He handled Himself...a lot more intimate and direct of an encounter than you or I have had...and they believed that He believed His claim that He was indeed God incarnate...so much that it scared them to death. They felt threatened that they would lose position in society. As a self indulged religious leader thinking more of your own position than actually seeing the longed for Messiah standing before you, you



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simply cannot allow a transient minister to gain a foothold in “your city”.

Yes, Jesus claimed to be God. Why should anyone believe it? After all, merely claiming to be something does not make it true. Where’s the evidence that Jesus is God?

The Bible gives various reasons, including miracles and fulfilled prophecy, that are intended to convince us that Jesus is the one whom He said He was (John 20:30, 31). The main reason, or the sign which Jesus Himself said would demonstrate that He was the Son of God, was His resurrection from the dead.

Anyone wishing to refute the case for Christianity must explain away the story of the resurrection. Therefore, according to the Bible, Jesus proves to be the Son of God by coming back from the dead (Romans 1:4). The evidence is overwhelming that Jesus did rise from the grave, and it is this fact that proves Jesus to be God.

Roughly 500 people saw Jesus resurrected...they were eyewitnesses! What else do you need? **Come to Jesus as a child believing in Him, for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!**

Amen and Blessings to you!

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