

# The Deity of Jesus Christ<sup>1</sup>

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These studies are designed for believers in Jesus Christ only. If you have exercised faith in Christ, then you are in the right place. If you have not, then you need to heed the words of our Lord, Who said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten [or, uniquely-born] Son, so that every [one] believing [or, trusting] in Him shall not perish, but shall have eternal life! For God did not send His Son into the world so that He should judge the world, but so that the world shall be saved through Him. The one believing [or, trusting] in Him is not judged, but the one not believing has already been judged, because he has not believed in the Name of the only-begotten [or, uniquely-born] Son of God." (John 3:16–18). "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life! No one comes to the Father except through [or, by means of] Me!" (John 14:6).

Every study of the Word of God ought to be preceded by a naming of your sins to God. This restores you to fellowship with God (1John 1:8–10). If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1John 1:9). If there are people around, you would name these sins silently. If there is no one around, then it does not matter if you name them silently or whether you speak aloud.

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### Preface: The

1. The Deity of Jesus Christ proclaimed in the gospels by the gospel writers:
  - a. Jesus fulfills the prophecy **Behold, the virgin will be with child and she will bear a Son and they will call His name Immanuel, which translated means God with us** (Matt. 1:23 Isa. 7:14).
  - b. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and of truth (John 1:1–3, 14).
2. God proclaims the Deity of Jesus Christ:
  - a. Matt. 3:16–17: After Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on Him. And there came a voice from heaven: "This is My beloved Son. I take delight in Him!"
  - b. Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John: After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. He was transformed in front of them, and His face shone like the sun. Even His clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it's good for us to be here! If You want, I will make three tabernacles here: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said: This is My beloved Son. I take delight in Him. Listen to Him! (Matt. 17:1–5; see also Luke 9:28–35).
3. The Deity of Jesus Christ as proclaimed by others:

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- a. By an angel speaking to Mary in Luke 1:35: The angel replied to her: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.
  - b. By demons: When He had come to the other side, to the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met Him as they came out of the tombs. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, "What do You have to do with us, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" (Matt. 8:28–29). See also Mark 3:11–12 Luke 8:27–28.
  - c. After Jesus walked on the water and then calmed the winds, those in the boat said, "You are certainly God's Son!" (Matt. 14:22–33).
4. The Deity of Jesus Christ as proclaimed by Himself in the gospels:
- a. When confronted by the pharisees for breaking the Sabbath, Jesus gave them several examples in Scripture which excuse Him, but concluded by saying, "The Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath." (Matt. 12:8). We may not grasp what He is saying, but He is saying that the Sabbath is under His control. His personal authority extends over the Sabbath.
  - b. 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.**" Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him (John 8:57–59a). Jesus is proclaiming Himself deity by using the words *I am*. We may not grasp that or want to argue that point, but the Jews to whom He spoke understood exactly what He was saying.
  - c. [Jesus is speaking]: And I give to them eternal life, and they shall never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. **I and the Father are one.**" Therefore the Jews took up stones again to stone Him (John 10:28–31). Again, the Jews fully understood what Jesus was saying: Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" The Jews answered Him, saying, "**For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.**" (John 10:32–33).
  - d. Then Jesus cried out, "The one who believes in Me believes not in Me, but in Him who sent Me. And the one who sees Me sees Him who sent Me." (John 12:44–45).
  - e. "If you know Me, you have also known My Father. From now on you do know Him and you have seen Him." "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us." Jesus said to him, "**Have I been among you all this time without your knowing Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?**" (John 14:7–9).
  - f. When Jesus called Nathaniel, and Nathaniel recognized that He is the Son of God, Jesus said, "Point of doctrine: I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending toward the Son of Man." (John 1:51). Jesus is describing what Jacob had observed in Gen. 28:12 *Then Jacob [lit., he] dreamed, and he saw [lit., behold] a staircase [ramp, ladder, elevator, escalator?] stationary on the earth; and its top reached [into] the heavens. And he saw [lit., behold] the angels of Elohim ascending and descending on it. And who is at the top of this staircase (ramp, elevator, escalator)? Gen. 28:13a And behold! Jehovah stood above it [the staircase, the ladder],...*
5. The Deity of Jesus Christ as found in the epistles:
- a. Jude speaks of Jesus Who delivered the Exodus generation out of Egypt. Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, **Who saved a people out of the land of Egypt**, afterward destroyed those who did not believe (Jude 1:5).
6. The Deity of Jesus Christ based upon having divine attributes:
- a. Pre-existence:
    - i. John bore witness of Him and proclaimed, "This was He of whom I spoke, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" (John 1:15).
    - ii. 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." Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him (John 8:57–59a).
  - b. Creator of all things:

- i. All things came into being by Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being (John 1:3).
- c. Forgives sin:
  - i. The next day John the Baptizer saw Jesus coming to him, and he said, "Look, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). See also Matt. 9:1–6
- d. Is the Son of God (which means having divine attributes):
  - i. John bore witness, saying, "And I have seen and I have testified that this is the Son of God." (John 1:34).
- e. Jesus could cure all types of illnesses and maladies (Matt. 8–9 John 4:46–53 5:5–9a).
  - i. Jesus could even raise men from the dead. [Jesus is speaking] "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes." (John 5:21).
  - ii. Mark gives us a number of healing miracles in Mark 1:29–3:12 5:1–43.
- f. Jesus is the ultimate judge of all things:
  - i. "For not even the Father judges any one, but He has given all judgment to the Son." (John 5:22).
  - ii. You do the works of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father--God." Therefore Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would have loved Me, for I came forth and have come from God; nor have I come from Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I say? Because you are unable to hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you desire to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar, and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear them, because you are not of God." (John 8:41–47).
- g. Jesus should be honored as is God the Father:
  - i. [Jesus is speaking]: "...in order that all my honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him." (John 5:23).
- h. Jesus did the miraculous:
  - i. Jesus controls the wind and elements affecting the seas (Luke 8:22–25).
  - ii. He healed those who could not walk (Matt. 9:1–8). Matt. 9–10 is filled with miracles which Jesus performed.
  - iii. Jesus fed the multitude of 5000 with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes (Matt. 14:14–21) and, later, 4000 are fed with 7 loaves and some small fishes.
  - iv. He walked on water (Matt. 14:22–31 John 6:16–20).
  - v. Healed a blindman who was blind from birth (John 9).
  - vi. He raised the dead (John 11:38–44).
- i. Jesus received worship. John 9:37–38
- j. Jesus bestows eternal life upon those who believe in Him:
  - i. There are dozens of Scriptures here, but let me offer John 10: 25–28: Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, these things testify about Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, just as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give to them eternal life, and they shall never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

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