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# Christian Apologetics

Session 10:  
Divinity of Jesus (Part 2)  
How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Evidence #3 - Miracles (Jesus' Miracles)

“I have a **greater witness** than John the Baptist —my teachings and **my miracles**. The Father gave me these **works** to accomplish, and they **prove** that he sent me.”

John 5:36 NLT

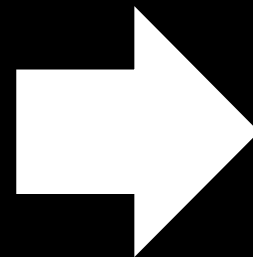


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## Evidence #3 - Miracles

(Jesus' Recorded Miracles)

**38 Miracle  
Stories  
Recorded in  
the Gospels**



Mainstream Apologetics

#	MIRACLE	LOCATION	DATE	DATE	DATE
1	Jesus Turns Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana				John 4:46-54
2	Jesus Heals an Official's Son at Capernaum in Galilee		Mark 5:21-27	John 4:46-54	
3	Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy		Mark 1:29-34	John 4:46-54	
4	Jesus Heals a Paralytic	Capernaum	Mark 1:23-28	John 4:46-54	
5	Jesus Heals a Blind Man	Jerusalem	Mark 8:1-10	John 9:1-11	
6	Jesus Heals a Deaf and Dumb Man	Capernaum	Mark 7:31-37	John 9:1-11	
7	Jesus Heals a Man with a Withered Hand	Capernaum	Mark 3:1-6	John 9:1-11	
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## Evidence #3 - Miracles

(Jesus' Recorded Miracles)

Jesus healed **every kind** of disease and illness.

People soon began bringing to him  
**all who were sick — he healed them all.**

Matthew 4:23-24

The disciples saw Jesus do **many other  
miraculous signs** in addition to  
the ones recorded in this book.

John 20:30



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## Evidence #3 - Miracles (Nature)

Without Extent / Limit  
Explosive / Immediate  
By His Word



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## Evidence #3 - Miracles (Plausibility of Miracles)

Materialism denies the **supernatural**.  
Because **miracles** cannot be observed  
empirically, they are neither  
real nor plausible.



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## Evidence #3 - Miracles

(Supernatural Events)

**Creation demonstrates**  
the supernatural power of a  
transcendent Creator-God.

Therefore, belief in the supernatural  
power of God is **plausible** and **rational**.





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## Evidence #3 - Miracles

(Thousands of Eyewitnesses)

Jesus performed **thousands** of miracles

Therefore, Jesus' miracles were  
witnessed by **thousands** of people





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## Evidence #4 - Prophecy (Prophetic Fulfillment)

“You search the **Scriptures** because you think they give you eternal life. But the **Scriptures point to me!**”

John 5:39 NLT



# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Evidence #4 - Prophecy

(Nature of Prophecy)

<sup>44</sup> Then Jesus said, “When I was with you before, I told you that **everything written about me** in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be **fulfilled.**” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said, “Yes, it was **written long ago** that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.

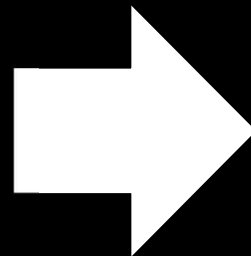
Luke 24:44-46 NLT



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## Evidence #4 - Prophecy (Prophecies)

**46 Messianic Prophecies** in the  
Old Testament  
Fulfilled by Jesus



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#	Prophecy	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
1	Messiah born of a woman	Genesis 3:15	Matthew 1:20
2	Messiah born in Bethlehem	Jeremiah 31:22	Matthew 2:1
3	Messiah born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
4	Messiah comes from the line of Abraham	Genesis 12:3	Matthew 1:1
5	Messiah descendant of David	Jeremiah 23:5	Romans 1:3
6	Messiah descendant of Joseph	Jeremiah 31:9	Matthew 1:2
7	Messiah comes from the tribe of Judah	Jeremiah 23:5	Matthew 1:2
8	Messiah born in King David's house	2 Samuel 7:12-13	Matthew 1:2
9	Messiah's throne secured and eternal	Isaiah 9:7	Matthew 1:2
10	Messiah called Emmanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
11	Messiah born in Egypt	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 2:1-12
12	Messiah called a Nazarene	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 2:23
13	Messiah prophesied to be rejected by his people	Isaiah 53:3	Matthew 23:37
14	Messiah rejected by his own	Isaiah 53:3	Matthew 23:37
15	Messiah called a carpenter	Isaiah 53:3	Matthew 13:55
16	Messiah preceded by John	Isaiah 40:3	Matthew 3:1-12
17	Messiah declared the Son of God	Isaiah 9:6	Matthew 3:17
18	Messiah called a Nazarene	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 2:23
19	Messiah brings light to darkness	Isaiah 9:1	Matthew 4:12-13
20	Messiah would walk in darkness	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:1-46
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## Evidence #4 - Prophecy

(Prophecies)

### **Psalm 22:** Accurate Depiction of Crucifixion

Forsaken by God (22:1)

Mocked & Ridiculed (22:7-8)

Side Pierced (22:14)

Bones Out-of-Joint (22:14)

Dehydrated & Exhausted (22:15)

Hands & Feet Pierced (22:16)

Bones Exposed (22:17)

Soldiers Gamble for Garments (22:18)

Mocked by Onlookers (22:6,7,8,12,13,17)



# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Evidence #4 - Prophecy (Prophecies)

Odds of Jesus Fulfilling  
All 46 Messianic Prophecies

1 in  $10^{157}$

Odds of Jesus Fulfilling Prophecies  
Completely Outside His Control

1 in  $10^{78}$

Peter Stoner, Science Speaks, 1969



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## Jesus the Divine Truth

(Big Idea)

Jesus is the **Incarnation** of **Divine Truth**



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## Jesus the Divine Truth

Jesus said,  
“I am the way, **the truth**, and the life.”

John 14:6 NLT





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Jesus the Divine Truth

The **Word** became **flesh**  
and made his dwelling among us.

John 1:14 NIV



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## Jesus the Divine Truth

(Objection)

"The **truth** is that there is  
no **objective truth** about reality."

John Caputo



# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Jesus the Divine Truth

TRUTHINESS

The quality of **seeming** to be **true**  
but not **actually true**  
according to the known facts

Stephen Colbert, Comedian



# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Jesus the Divine Truth

“They traded the **truth** about God  
for a **lie**.”

Romans 1:25 NLT



# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Jesus the Divine Truth

(Definition of Truth)

“Truth conforms to **fact** or **reality**.”

Noah Webster

Webster Dictionary of 1825



# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Jesus the Divine Truth

(Religious Pluralism)

### Religious Pluralism

All religions are equally valid



# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Jesus the Divine Truth

(Moral Relativism)

### Moral Relativism

Morality is not based  
on an **absolute** standard,  
but rather believe in a **personal**  
truth and morality





# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Jesus the Divine Truth

(Refuting Pluralism/Relativism)

The Law of **Non-Contradiction** states that competing belief systems are **inconsistent** and **cannot coexist** in space and time.



# How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

## Jesus the Divine Truth

(Nature of Divine Truth)

### Transcendent

preexisted creation, separate from creation

### Eternal

rooted in the eternal nature of God, timeless

### Absolute

free from restrictions, exceptions and conditions,  
singular, stands alone

### Inerrant

free from error, free from conflict or contradiction, self-consistent

### Infallible

cannot fail, always truth



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## Reflection

Q1: What is the most convincing evidence for you that Jesus is **divine**?

Q2: What **quality** of Jesus most reminds you of the nature of God?

Q3: What are things that **obscure** God's truth in your life?

Q4: How do you **discern** God's truth?

Q5: What are ways you struggle **living** by God's truth? How do you **overcome** them?

Q6: What was your biggest **takeaway** from today's teaching?

BONUS: **What** do you believe to be true about God based on today's teaching? **Why** do you believe it to be true?

