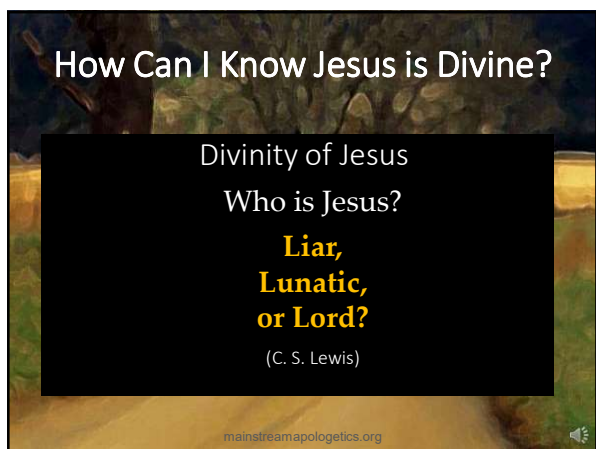
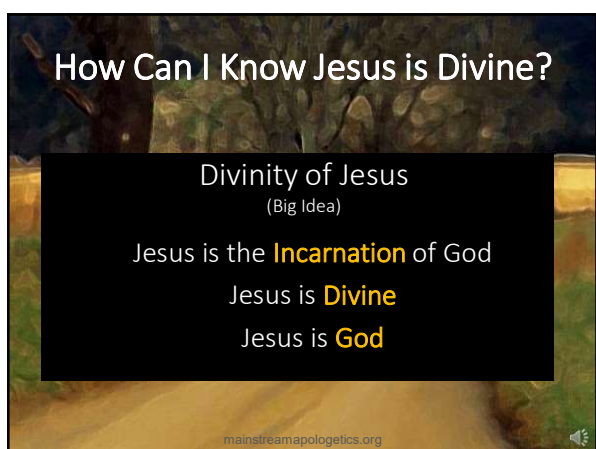


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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Divinity of Jesus
(Lines of Evidence)

Extra-Biblical/Eyewitnesses **Testimony**
Jesus Authoritative **Teaching**
Thousands of **Miracles**
Fulfillment of 50+ Messianic **Prophecies**

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #1 - Testimony
(Human Testimony)

³³ "You sent investigators to listen to John the Baptist, and **his testimony about me was true.**
³⁴ Of course, I have no need of human witnesses, but I say these things so you might be saved."
John 5:36 NLT

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #1 - Testimony
(Extra-Biblical Testimony - Historians)

"a most **mischievous superstition**" (*Tacitus*)
"a **mischievous** religious **belief**" (*Suetonius*)
"**excessive superstition**" (*Pliny the Younger*)
"Christ as to a **god**" (*Pliny the Younger*)
"**worship** the **crucified sage**" (*Lucian of Samosata*)
"he was perhaps the **Messiah** concerning whom the prophets have recounted **wonders**" (*Josephus*)
"he had **appeared** to them three days after his **crucifixion** and that he was **alive**" (*Josephus*)
"fearful **darkness**" (*Thallus*)
"earth rent by an **earthquake**" (*Thallus*)

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #1 - Testimony

(Eyewitness Testimony – Gospel Accounts)

Gospel	Source	Est. Dating (AD)
Mark	Peter	50-70
Matthew	Matthew	55-80
Luke	Paul+	59-62
John	John	85-90

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #1 - Testimony

(Eyewitness Testimony – Apostle John)

¹ In the beginning, the **Word** already existed.
 The **Word** was with God,
 and the **Word** was God.

² He existed in the beginning with God.

¹⁴ So the **Word** became **human**
 and made his home among us.

John 1:1-16

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #1 - Testimony

(Eyewitness Testimony – Apostle Peter)

Jesus asked them, "Who do you say I am?"
 Simon Peter answered,
 "You are the **Messiah**,
 the **Son** of the living **God**."

Matthew 16:15-16

"We are eyewitnesses of his **majesty**."

2 Peter 1:16

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #1 - Testimony
(Eyewitness Testimony – Apostle Paul)

“In Jesus lives all the **fullness of God**
in a human body.”
Colossians 2:9

“Jesus is the **visible image**
of the invisible God”
Colossians 1:15-19

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #1 - Testimony
(Eyewitness Testimony – John the Baptist)

“Look! The **Lamb of God** who
takes away the sin of the world!”
John 1:29

I testify that he is the **Chosen One of God.**”
John 1:34

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #1 - Testimony
(Eyewitness Testimony - Demon)

“You (Jesus) are the **Son of God!**” ...
They knew that he was the **Christ.**
Luke 4:41

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #2 - Authority
(Divine Authority)

"I have a **greater witness** than John the Baptist —**my teachings** and my miracles."

John 5:36 NLT

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #2 - Authority
(Response of People)

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were **amazed** at his **teaching**. He taught with **real authority**— quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

Matthew 7:28-29
(Mark 1:22, Mark 11:18, Luke 2:47)

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #2 - Authority
(Response of People)

He began **teaching** in the synagogue, and many who heard him were **amazed**. They asked, "Where did he get all this **wisdom** and power? Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter."

Mark 6:2-3

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #2 - Authority
(Realms of Authority)

- Authority to **Forgive Sins**
- Authority Over **Peoples' Destiny**
- Authority of **Sickness**
- Authority Over **Life & Death**
- Authority Over **Nature**

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #2 - Authority
(Realms of Authority)

- Authority Over **Old Testament Law**
- Origin of **Divine Truth**

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #2 - Authority
(Divine Titles)

- Son of Man**
- Son of God**
- I AM**
- Other Messianic Titles ...

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Evidence #2 - Authority

(Jesus' State of Mind)

Schizophrenia
Delusions of grandeur, sensory hallucinations
Life driven by sensory/delusional impairments

Bipolar Disorder
Manic periods of great excitement, euphoria
and grandiosity, followed by periods of depression

Delusional Disorder
Erroneous beliefs with strong convictions
despite evidence disproving the beliefs

Sociopathy
Manipulative, scheming, self-centered, self-promotional

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How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

Reflection

Q1: Have you ever **doubted** Jesus' claims of being divine?

Q2: What **amazes** you about Jesus being the **incarnation of God**?

Q3: Why do you think it is so difficult for people to believe the **2,000-year-old testimony** of the apostles?

Q4: How does Jesus' teaching **amaze** you? Do you **submit** to its authority?

Q5: 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?

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