



# Christian Apologetics

Session 9:  
Divinity of Jesus (Part 1)  
How Can I Know Jesus is Divine?

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Divinity of Jesus

Who is Jesus?

**Liar,  
Lunatic,  
or Lord?**

(C. S. Lewis)



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## Divinity of Jesus

(Big Idea)

Jesus is the **Incarnation** of God

Jesus is **Divine**

Jesus is **God**



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## 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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## Evidence #1 - Testimony (Human Testimony)

<sup>33</sup> “You sent investigators to listen to John the Baptist, and **his testimony about me was true.**

<sup>34</sup> 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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## 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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## 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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## Evidence #1 - Testimony

(Eyewitness Testimony – Apostle John)

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, the **Word** already existed.

The **Word** was with God,  
and the **Word** was God.

<sup>2</sup> He existed in the beginning with God.

<sup>14</sup> So the **Word** became **human**  
and made his home among us.

John 1:1-16



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## 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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## 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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## 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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## 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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## 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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## 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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## 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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## 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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## Evidence #2 - Authority

(Realms of Authority)

Authority Over **Old Testament Law**

Origin of **Divine Truth**



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## Evidence #2 - Authority

(Divine Titles)

Son of Man

Son of God

I AM

Other Messianic Titles ...



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## 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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## 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 is it 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?

