

Week 4: Divinity of Jesus

Jesus as Incarnate God

6-Week Outline

Week 1 – Truth of God

God as Giver of Absolute Truth

Week 2 – Existence of God

God as All-Powerful, Transcendent Creator

Week 3 – Creation of God

God as Intelligent Designer & Giver of Life

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God as Divine Revealer

 Week 5 – Divinity of Jesus

Jesus as God Incarnate

Week 6 – Resurrection of Jesus

Jesus as Victorious Savior

Introduction

Who is Jesus?

“Liar,
Lunatic,
or Lord?”

(C. S. Lewis)

Introduction

(Pharisees' Accusations)

“So, the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules. But Jesus replied, “My Father is always working, and so am I.” So, the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him.

For he not only **broke the Sabbath,**
he called God his Father,
thereby **making himself equal with God.”**

John 5:16-18 (NLT)

Introduction

(Jesus' Four Witnesses Presented in John 5)

John the Baptist's Authoritative **Testimony**

(vv. 32-35)

Jesus' Authoritative **Teaching**

(v. 36)

Jesus' **Miracles**

(v. 36)

Jesus' Fulfillment of Messianic **Prophecy**

(vv. 37-46)

Authoritative Testimony

(Jesus' Defense)

“But someone else is also **testifying** about me,
and I assure you that everything
he says about me is true.
In fact, you sent investigators to listen to
John the Baptist,
and his **testimony** about me was true.”

John 5:32-33 (NLT)

Authoritative Testimony

(John the Baptist's Testimony)

²⁹ “Look! The
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

³² “Then John testified, “I saw the Holy Spirit descending
like a dove from heaven and resting upon him.

³³ I didn't know he was the one,
but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me,
'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest
is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

³⁴ “I saw this happen to Jesus, so
I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.”

John 5:29, 32-34 (NLT)

Extra-Biblical Testimony

(Historian Testimony)

“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*)

Biblical Testimony

(Others' Testimony)

Disciples

Peter: "We saw his **majestic splendor** with our own eyes."

"You are the **Messiah**, the Son of the living God."

2 Peter 1:16, Matthew 16:15-16 (NLT)

John: "Jesus, the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God."

John 1:1-16 (NLT)

Paul: "Jesus is the **visible image** of the invisible God"

"In Jesus lives all the **fullness of God** in a human body"

Colossians 1:15-19 , 2:9 (NLT)

Zechariah, Simeon, Anna, the Magi, the Roman Centurion
God the Father/Holy Spirit, the Angel Gabriel, Demons

... and the **thousands of people** who witnessed
Jesus' teachings, miracles, death, and resurrection

Authoritative Teachings

(Jesus' Defense)

"But I have a greater witness than John—
my teachings."

John 5:36 (NLT)

Authoritative Teachings

(Realms of Jesus' Authority)

Authority to **Forgive Sins**

Authority Over **Peoples' Destiny**

Authority of **Sickness**

Authority Over **Life & Death**

Authority Over **Nature**

Authority Over **Old Testament Law**

Origin of **Divine Truth**

Authoritative Teachings

(People's Response)

“He began teaching in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were **amazed**.
They asked, ‘Where did he get all this
wisdom and **power**?’”

Mark 6:2 (NLT)

Authoritative Teachings

(People's Response)

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 (NLT)
(Mark 1:22, Mark 11:18, Luke 2:47)

Authoritative Teachings

(Examples from Sermon of the Mount)

Authority Over Old Testament Law

“You have heard it said ... but **I say**”

(Matthew 5:21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43)

Origin of Divine Truth

“Truly, **I say** to you” (Amen)

(Matthew 5:17, 6:2,5,16)

Authoritative Teachings

(Jesus' Divine Titles)

Son of Man (x85)

Divine Figure in the Likeness of Man (Daniel 7:13-14)

Son of God (x42)

Intimacy with God His Father

I Am – Messianic Metaphors (x7)

I am the bread of life, light of the world, door of the sheep, true vine, ...

I AM – ego eimi (x5)

I AM the Self-Existent, Eternal God (Exodus 3:14)

One with God (x1)

Same Essence/Being as God (John 10:22-30)

Authoritative Teachings

(Jesus' Mental Wellness)

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

Sociopathic Personality Disorder

Manipulative, scheming, self-centered, self-promotional

Extraordinary Miracles

(Jesus' Defense)

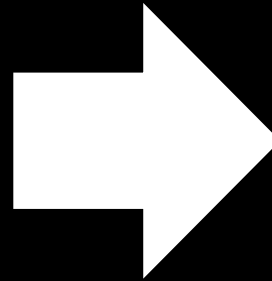
“But I have a greater witness than John—
my teachings and my **miracles**.
The Father gave me these **works** to accomplish,
and they **prove** that he sent me.”

John 5:36 (NLT)

Extraordinary Miracles

(Jesus' Recorded Miracles)

38 Miracle
Stories
Recorded in
the Gospels



Mainstream Apologetics

#	Miracle	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1	Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding in Cana				John 2:1-11
2	Jesus heals an official's son at Capernaum				John 4:46-54
3	Jesus drives out an evil spirit from a man in Capernaum		Mark 1:23-27	Luke 4:33-38	
4	Jesus heals a man's withered arm who had been lame for 38 years	Matthew 9:14-15	Mark 1:29-31	Luke 4:38-39	
5	Jesus heals many sick and oppressed at evening	Matthew 8:16-17	Mark 1:32-34	Luke 4:40-41	
6	First miraculous catch of fish on the Lake of Galilee		Mark 1:35-45	Luke 5:1-11	
7	Jesus cleanses a man with leprosy	Matthew 8:1-4		Luke 5:12-14	
8	Jesus heals a Centurion's paralyzed servant in Capernaum		8:5-13	Luke 7:1-10	
9	Jesus heals a Paralytic who was Lame from birth		Mark 2:1-12	Luke 5:17-26	
10	Jesus heals a man's withered hand on the Sabbath	Matthew 12:9-14	Mark 3:1-6	Luke 6:6-11	
11	Jesus raises a widow's son from the dead in Nain			Luke 7:11-17	
12	Jesus calms a storm on the Sea	Matthew 8:23-27	Mark 4:35-41	Luke 8:22-25	
13	Jesus casts demons into a herd of pigs	Matthew 8:28-34	Mark 5:1-20	Luke 8:26-30	
14	Jesus heals a woman in the crowd with an issue of blood		Mark 5:25-34	Luke 8:42-48	
15	Jesus raises a man's daughter back to life	Matthew 9:18-26	Mark 5:21-43	Luke 8:49-56	
16	Jesus heals two blind men		9:27-31		
17	Jesus heals a man who was unable to speak		9:32-34		
18	Jesus heals an invalid at Bethsaida				Luke 9:1-10
19	Jesus feeds 5000 plus women and children	Matthew 14:13-21	Mark 6:30-44	Luke 9:10-17	John 6:1-15
20	Jesus walks on water	Matthew 14:22-33	Mark 6:45-52		John 6:16-21
21	Jesus heals many sick in Capernaum as they touch his garment	Matthew 14:34-36	Mark 6:53-56		
22	Jesus heals a Gentile woman's daughter possessed by an evil spirit		Mark 7:24-30		
23	Jesus heals a deaf and dumb man	Mark 7:31-37			
24	Jesus feeds 4000 plus women and children	Matthew 15:32-39	Mark 8:1-10		
25	Jesus heals a blind man at Bethsaida		Mark 8:22-26		
26	Jesus heals a man born blind by spitting on his eyes			Luke 9:27-41	Luke 9:10-12
27	Jesus heals a boy with an evil spirit	Matthew 17:14-20	Mark 9:14-29		
28	Miraculous temple tax on a fish's mouth	Matthew 17:24-27			
29	Jesus heals a blind & mute man	Matthew 18:23-28		Luke 11:14-16	
30	Jesus heals a woman who had been crippled for 18 years			Luke 13:10-17	
31	Jesus heals a man with drops on the back of his head			Luke 14:1-6	
32	Jesus cleanses the temple on the day of his ascension			Luke 19:45-46	
33	Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead in Bethany			Luke 11:11-12	John 11:1-44
34	Jesus restores sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho	Matthew 20:29-34	Mark 10:46-52	Luke 18:35-43	
35	Jesus withers the fig tree on the Road from Bethany		Mark 11:12-14		
36	Jesus heals a servant's severed ear while he is being arrested	Matthew 23:34-35		Luke 22:50-51	
37	Resurrection of the saints	Matthew 27:52-53			
38	Second miraculous catch of fish on the Sea of Galilee				John 21:1-11

Extraordinary Miracles

(Scope of Jesus' Miracles)

Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee.
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 (NLT)

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

John 20:30 (NLT)

Extraordinary Miracles

(Nature of Jesus' Miracles)

Jesus' Authority is **Without Extent / Limit**

Healing Illnesses, Deformities, Diseases (x20)

Physical Laws of Nature (x9)

Exorcising Demonic Spirits (x5)

Raising the Dead to Life (x4)

There were **no domains** over which
Jesus did not exercise **absolute authority**.

Extraordinary Miracles

(Nature of Jesus' Miracles)

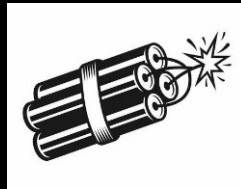
Jesus' Miracles Exhibit Explosive Power

Word for Miracle in New Testament

Dunamis → Dynamite

(Greek)

(English)



Jesus' miracles occurred so quickly,
they could not have been explained away
by natural process.

Extraordinary Miracles

(Nature of Jesus' Miracles)

Jesus' Himself **Possessed the Power**
to Perform Miracles by His **Word**

Not Accompanied by Incantations, Potions, Rituals
Did Not Depend on Proximity

Jesus' **Word** was enough.

Extraordinary Miracles

(Eyewitnesses to Jesus' Miracles)

“God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing **powerful miracles**, wonders, and signs through him, **as you well know**.”

Acts 2:22 (NLT)

³⁷ “**You know** what happened throughout Judea,
... ³⁸ **And you know** that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.”

Acts 10:37-38 (NLT)

Fulfillment of Prophecy

(Jesus' Defense)

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

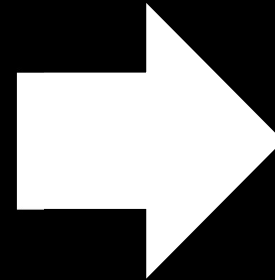
“If you really believed Moses,
you would believe me,
because he **wrote about me.**”

John 5:39, 46 (NLT)

Fulfillment of Prophecy

(Jesus' Recorded Messianic Prophecies)

46 Messianic Prophecies in the
Old Testament
Fulfilled by Jesus



Mainstream Apologetics

#	Prophecy	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Messiah born of a woman	Genesis 3:15	Matthew 1:20
2	Messiah born in Bethlehem	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 2:1
3	Messiah born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 2:23
4	Messiah comes from the line of Abraham	Genesis 22:18	Matthew 23:35
5	Messiah descendant of Isaac	Genesis 27:28	Matthew 23:35
6	Messiah descendant of Jacob	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 23:35
7	Messiah comes from the tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 23:35
8	Messiah born to King David's throne	2 Samuel 7:12-13	Matthew 23:35
9	Messiah's throne everlasting and eternal	Isaiah 9:7	Matthew 23:35
10	Messiah called Immanuel	Isaiah 9:6	Matthew 23:35
11	Messiah born in Egypt	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
12	Children involved of Messiah's life	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
13	Messiah's people for him	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
14	Messiah rejected by his own	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
15	Messiah called a prophet	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
16	Messiah persecuted by Jews	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
17	Messiah declared the Son of God	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
18	Messiah called a Nazarene	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
19	Messiah's name, sign, and seal	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
20	Messiah would speak in parables	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
21	Messiah sent to heal the brokenhearted	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
22	Messiah called a great after the order of Melchizedek	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
23	Messiah called King of the Jews	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
24	Messiah's name, sign, and seal	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
25	Messiah's name, sign, and seal	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
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45	Messiah's name, sign, and seal	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35
46	Messiah's name, sign, and seal	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 23:35

Fulfillment of Prophecy

(Accurate Fulfillment of Psalm 22)

King David provides an accurate **prophetic** description of Jesus' **crucifixion** in 1,000 BC.

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)

Fulfillment of Prophecy

(Crucifixion)

Crucifixion was

first introduced by the Persians (6th century BC)

used by Alexander the Great (4th century BC)

used by the Roman Empire (3rd century BC)

Psalm 22 is a detailed description of the brutal crucifixion that **predates** the use of crucifixion used by the Persians, Macedonians, and Romans.

Fulfillment of Prophecy

(Messianic Fulfillment by Chance)

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