

SIGNATURE SERIES

DID JESUS ACTUALLY CLAIM TO BE GOD?

Jesus did more than teach about God. He spoke and acted with the authority, identity, and honor that belong to God alone.



OVERVIEW

The Question Is Not Whether Jesus Used Modern Wording

The real question is whether Jesus claimed the identity, authority, works, names, and worship that Scripture reserves for God. The Gospel accounts repeatedly show that He did.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Before Abraham was, I am."

JOHN 8:58

His hearers understood the weight of the claim and picked up stones.

WHY IT MATTERS

If Jesus is merely a teacher, we may admire Him. If He is God the Son, we must trust, worship, and obey Him.

THE BIBLICAL PICTURE

Jesus claims divine identity, forgives sins, receives worship, commands creation, judges humanity, and promises eternal life.

THE BIG IDEA

Jesus did not leave us with the option of calling Him only a good moral teacher.

FOUR CLAIMS THAT POINT TO DEITY



1. DIVINE NAME

Jesus uses the words "I am," echoing God's self-revelation and claiming existence before Abraham.

John 8:58



2. DIVINE AUTHORITY

He forgives sins, speaks over the Law, and claims authority over the Sabbath.

Mark 2:5-12



3. DIVINE HONOR

He teaches that all people should honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

John 5:22-23

THE FOURTH CLAIM

He claimed unity with the Father.

"I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE"

His opponents understood this as making Himself equal with God.

John 10:30-33

HE RECEIVED WORSHIP

Jesus accepted worship from disciples instead of rejecting it.

Matthew 14:33

HE CLAIMED FINAL JUDGMENT

He described Himself as the Son of Man who will judge the nations.

Matthew 25:31-32

HE PROMISED ETERNAL LIFE

Jesus claimed the power to give eternal life and raise the dead.

John 10:27-28

KEY TRUTH: The claims of Jesus demand a response, not merely admiration.

REFLECT. PRAY. ACT.

Let the identity of Jesus shape your response.

REFLECTION

- 1 Have I treated Jesus as only a teacher rather than Lord?

- 2 What claim of Jesus most challenges or strengthens my faith?

- 3 What act of trust or obedience should follow from His identity?

A PRAYER OF FAITH

Jesus, open my eyes to see You as Scripture reveals You. You are not merely a teacher or example. You are Lord, Savior, and the eternal Son. Strengthen my faith, correct my assumptions, and help me honor You with my trust, worship, and obedience. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION

Read John 1, John 8, and John 10. Write down every claim Jesus makes about His identity and authority.



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JESUS DID NOT ONLY POINT TO GOD. HE CALLED US TO BELIEVE IN HIM.

The evidence in the Gospels is not a single isolated phrase. It is the consistent picture of Jesus speaking, acting, forgiving, judging, receiving worship, and giving life with divine authority.



YOUR CLOSING CHALLENGE

Will you merely study the claims of Jesus, or will you trust Him as Lord?

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