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In Matthew 27, Jesus Christ stood on trial before Pilate. In this account, we come face-to-face with the most present, pressing, and pertinent question ever asked: Is Jesus God, as He claimed to be?

If He is not, He is a fraud, imposter, and deceiver. What we decide—or not decide—about Jesus will dictate our eternity.

Scripture gives us four reasons why we believe that Jesus is God.

First, all the attributes of God the Father are found in Jesus.

All throughout the Gospels, we find that Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament. He is described as God is described in Psalms and Isaiah: the King of Glory, the first and the last, the Lord of Hosts.

He is also shown to be God by the adoration He received.

Scripture says God alone is to be worshiped (Luke 4:8). Knowing this, Jesus allowed Himself to be worshiped (Matthew 28:9). For Him to allow this, Jesus was either guilty of ultimate arrogance and the sin of idolatry, or He is God.

Third, Jesus is shown to be God by His own admission.

In John 8:58, Jesus says, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” By quoting Exodus 3:14, Jesus is admitting He is God.

Adrian Rogers says, “The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New Testament.”

Finally, Jesus is shown to be God by His mighty abilities.

- Because He is God, He is able to save (Hebrews 7:25); anyone who wants to be saved can be saved through Him.
- He is able to subdue (Philippians 3:21); all things—every speck of dust, every mountain and celestial body must obey Him.
- He is able to secure (2 Timothy 1:12); those who are saved are kept saved. He is able to supply every need we may have.

Each of us has the opportunity, like Pilate, to decide what we do with Jesus. We can either accept Him or reject Him, love or despise Him—but we cannot be neutral.

Life Application

What do you believe about Jesus Christ—will you crown Him or crucify Him?

Adrian Rogers says, “I love Him with all of my heart. To explain Him is impossible. To ignore Him is disastrous. To reject Him is fatal.”



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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Jesus was on trial before Pilate.
 - i) He stood before Pilate.
 - (1) One of these days, Pilate will stand before Jesus.
 - ii) Pilate had Jesus on his hands.
 - (1) Should he allow Jesus to be exonerated or executed, commended or crucified?
 - iii) Pilate asked a question.
 - (1) "What shall I do with Jesus, which is called Christ?"
 - (a) Matthew 27:22
- b) We are asked the same question.
 - i) Just as Jesus Christ was before Pilate, Jesus Christ is before you today.
 - ii) What are you going to do with Jesus?
 - (1) It is a personal question.
 - (a) It is not asking what somebody else will do with Jesus.
 - (2) It is a present question.
 - (a) It is not asking what you will do later on or what you may have done, but presently, what will you do with Jesus.
 - (3) It is a pressing question.
 - (a) You will do something with Him.
 - (i) You will accept Him or reject Him.
 - (ii) You will crown Him or crucify Him.
 - (iii) You will hear Him or ignore Him.
 - 1. But you will do something with Jesus Christ.
 - (4) It is a pertinent question.
 - (a) This is not asking what you are going to do with some social event, some political personality, or some idea.
 - (i) But what will you do with Jesus who is called Christ?
- c) Who is this Jesus?
 - i) The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is God.
 - (1) If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is an imposter.
 - (2) If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is an impersonator.
 - (3) If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is an imitator.
 - (4) If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is a pretender.
 - ii) Jesus Christ Himself claimed to be God the Son and the Son of God.
- d) You cannot just tip your hat to Jesus and say that He was a good man or that He was a prophet.
- e) If Jesus Christ is not God, then He is a fake, He is an imposter, He has deceived countless millions, blasphemed the Almighty, desecrated all that is sacred, falsely represented God the Father, scandalized the truth of God, and invalidated the writings of the prophets.



- f) Either you accept Him and bow the knee, or you reject Him.
 - i) What will you do with Jesus?
- g) Jesus Christ is one of three things:
 - i) Lord
 - ii) Liar
 - iii) Lunatic
 - (1) He is either deity, deceiver, or demented.
 - (2) You will have to take your pick of those three.
 - (a) What will you do with Jesus Christ?
- h) In today's message, we will look at four lines of evidence that show the deity of Jesus Christ.
 - i) This is not incidental.
 - ii) It is the fundamental doctrine of our faith.
 - (1) The deity, the Godhood of Jesus Christ.

2) ALL OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD THE FATHER ARE FOUND IN THE LORD JESUS (ISAIAH 40:3)

- a) Jesus is Jehovah.
- b) Jehovah is the name for God in the Old Testament.
 - i) It is used some seven thousand times.
 - ii) In the King James Version of the Scripture, the word "Jehovah" is translated "LORD."
 - iii) When devout Jews were transcribing the Scriptures, they would never pronounce that name audibly.
 - (1) When they came to that name, they would bow their head, shut their eyes, and worship.
 - (2) When they would write that name in the Scripture, they would lay aside the old pen and get a brand-new pen just to write the name "Jehovah."
 - iv) This was the personal name God used when He dealt with His people.
 - v) It speaks of a covenant-keeping God whose name is Jehovah.
- c) The Jehovah of the Old Testament and the Jesus of the New Testament are one and the same.
 - i) Isaiah 40:3
 - (1) This is a prophecy concerning our Lord.
 - (2) The word "LORD" is the word "Jehovah".
 - (3) This is speaking of Jehovah our God.
 - (4) This was fulfilled in the New Testament in Matthew 3:3.
 - (a) John the Baptist spoke of Jesus.
 - (b) Isaiah spoke of Jehovah.
 - (c) The Bible says that Jesus fulfilled this Scripture.
 - ii) Isaiah 43:11
 - (1) In this verse, God speaks of Himself.
 - (2) The word "LORD" is the word "Jehovah."
 - (3) There is no Savior other than Jehovah.
 - (4) This was fulfilled in the New Testament in Titus 2:13.
 - (a) In Isaiah, God said that He is Jehovah, and there is no other Savior.
 - (b) Then, we read in Titus that we are to be looking for the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ.
 - (i) The Jesus of the New Testament is the Jehovah of the Old Testament.



- iii) Isaiah 44:6
 - (1) Jehovah the King of Israel says that He is the first and the last.
 - (2) Revelation 1:17
 - (a) The apostle John had a vision of Jesus.
 - (3) In the Old Testament, Jehovah says, "I am the first and the last."
 - (4) In the New Testament, Jesus says, "I am the first and the last."
- iv) David, under divine inspiration, wrote Psalm 23:1, where he used the word "Jehovah".
 - (1) "Jehovah is my shepherd."
 - (2) Jesus said that He is the Good Shepherd.
 - (a) John 10:11
 - (b) Jesus is the Jehovah of the Old Testament.
 - (3) The Shepherd God of the Old Testament is the Shepherd Savior of the New Testament.
- v) Psalm 24:10
 - (1) The Jehovah of Hosts is the King of Glory.
 - (2) 1 Corinthians 2:8
 - (a) The apostle Paul speaks of the deity of our Lord.
 - (b) Jesus is the Lord of Glory.
- vi) Exodus 20:10-11
 - (1) This passage speaks of the Sabbath.
 - (a) It is the Sabbath of Jehovah.
 - (2) Matthew 12:8 says that the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath day.
- vii) The Jehovah of the Old Testament and the Jesus of the New Testament are one.
- d) We need to understand the pre-existence of Jesus.
 - i) Jesus did not have His beginning at Bethlehem.
 - (1) There never was a time when the Lord Jesus was not.
 - (2) John 1:1
 - (a) Jesus is called "the Word of God".
 - (3) When He was born at Bethlehem, He was as old as His Father and older than His mother.
 - ii) Jesus has always been.
 - iii) We may not understand this, but we cannot understand God.
 - (1) Can the finite understand the infinite?
 - (2) We cannot understand the pre-existence of Jesus, but we believe it.
- e) The absolute holiness of Jesus Christ is taught; and there is only one who is absolutely holy, and that is God Himself.
 - i) Hosea 11:9
 - (1) There is no man who is inherently holy.
 - (a) Only God, Jesus Christ.
 - ii) John 8:46
 - iii) Acts 3:14
 - iv) His absolute, pristine holiness set Him apart from all other individuals.
 - v) Jesus never once prayed for forgiveness.
 - (1) He taught us to pray for forgiveness.
 - (a) Matthew 6:12
 - (2) He was absolutely holy.

**3) THE ADORATION THAT HE RECEIVED SHOWS HIM TO BE GOD (MATTHEW 28:9)**

- a) Jesus received adoration.
- b) Jesus allowed Himself to be worshipped.
 - i) Idolatry is the ultimate sin; to worship any god other than Yahweh Jehovah.
 - (1) Yet, Jesus allowed Himself to be worshipped.
 - ii) Jesus knew that only God is to be worshipped.
 - (1) Satan tried to get Jesus to worship him.
 - (a) Luke 4:7
 - (2) Luke 4:8
 - (a) Jesus answered that worship is reserved for God Almighty only.
 - iii) Matthew 28:9
 - (1) The same one who said that God and only God is to be worshipped allowed His disciples to worship Him.
 - c) Revelation 22:8-9
 - i) John was on the island of Patmos and received a vision from an angel.
 - ii) John was overwhelmed and fell down to worship the angel.
 - (1) The angel stopped him and told him to worship God.
 - d) If Jesus allowed Himself to be worshipped when He said that God alone was to be worshiped, then either He is guilty of ultimate arrogance and inculcating the most despicable sin of idolatry or else He is God.
 - e) The adoration that Jesus has received shows Him to be God.

4) JESUS IS SHOWN TO BE GOD BY HIS OWN ADMISSION (JOHN 8:56-59)

- a) The Pharisees could not accept the fact that Jesus was God in the flesh.
 - i) John 8:56-57
 - (1) Abraham had been dead for centuries, yet Jesus said that Abraham rejoiced to see His day.
 - ii) John 8:58
 - (1) When Jesus says, "Verily, verily," we need to pay attention.
 - (a) He says it for emphasis.
 - (2) Jesus did not say, "Before Abraham was, I was."
 - (a) He did not say that He got here first.
 - (3) Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM."
 - iii) John 8:59
 - (1) The Pharisees were ready to stone Jesus because He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM."
 - b) Why did the Pharisees want to stone Jesus?
 - i) Because Jesus said He was, "I AM."
 - ii) When God called Moses to lead the Jewish people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land, Moses asked whom he should say it was that sent him.
 - (1) The Egyptians worshipped many different gods, and Moses had to go and say who the true God is.
 - (2) Exodus 3:13-14
 - (a) The I AM sent him.



- (i) Not I was, not I will be, but I AM.
 - (ii) There never was a time when He was not; there never will be a time when He will not be.
 - (iii) He is the great, pre-existent, eternal God.
- iii) The sacred name for God is I AM.
- iv) Jesus said to the Pharisees that before Abraham ever got here, I AM.
- c) The Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New Testament.
 - i) He Himself claimed to be.
 - (1) John 14:8-9
 - (a) Jesus tells Philip, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."
 - (i) Not someone like the Father, but "You have seen the Father."

5) JESUS IS SHOWN TO BE GOD BY HIS ABILITIES (ISAIAH 43:11, HEBREWS 7:25)

- a) Because He is God, He is able to save.
 - i) Isaiah 43:11
 - ii) Hebrews 7:25
 - iii) He is able to save you.
 - (1) There is no one that He is not able to save.
 - (2) Anyone who wants to be saved can be saved.
 - iv) What about the unpardonable sin?
 - (1) If you want to be saved, you can be saved.
 - (2) Anyone who wants to be saved has not committed the unpardonable sin.
 - v) Who are the elect?
 - (1) The elect are the "whosoever wills."
 - (a) Whosoever will may come.
 - (b) Hebrews 7:25
 - (c) Romans 10:13
- b) Because He is God, He is able to subdue.
 - i) Philippians 3:21
 - (1) He is going to make us like Himself.
 - ii) He is able to subdue all things.
 - (1) Every speck of dust, every mountain, every celestial body must obey His will.
- c) Because He is God, He is able to secure.
 - i) He is able to keep us saved.
 - ii) 2 Timothy 1:12
 - (1) Paul had been beaten and put into prison when he said this.
 - iii) Every need that you have, He is able to supply.
 - iv) There never comes to the child of God a time where he does not have a Savior whom he can come to and cling to; He is able.

6) CONCLUSION

- a) What a mighty God we serve.
 - i) To explain Him is impossible.
 - ii) To ignore Him is disastrous.



- iii) To reject Him is fatal.
- iv) Human speech is too limited to describe Him.
- v) The human mind is too finite to comprehend Him.
- vi) The human heart is too small to contain Him.
- b) Jesus Christ is God!
- c) What will you do with Jesus?
 - i) You can crown Him or crucify Him.
 - (1) Matthew 27:22
 - ii) You can accept Him or reject Him.
 - iii) You can love Him or despise Him.
 - iv) You can believe Him or ignore Him.
 - v) But you cannot be neutral.
 - (1) Pilate tried, but he could not be neutral.
- d) Jesus is in your hands today.
 - i) You must do the right thing because you need Him in life.
 - (1) If there were no Heaven and no Hell, then you would still need Jesus.
 - (2) He is like blood to your body and air to your lungs.
 - ii) You need Him in death.
 - (1) You are going to die.
 - iii) You will need Him at the judgment.
 - (1) You will stand before God one day to be judged.
 - (a) What will you say then?
 - (i) Every excuse that you have will falter and fail.
 - (b) Right now, Jesus is in your hands; but at the judgment you will be in His hands.
- e) What will you do with Jesus?
 - i) Would you accept Him as your Lord and Savior?
 - (1) If you will, then He will forgive every sin.
 - (a) He will come into you to give you strength and power.
 - (b) He will use you as His instrument to live His life through you.
 - (c) When you die or when He comes, He will take you straight to Heaven.
- f) Acts 16:31
 - i) The word “believe” means “trust.”
- g) Romans 10:10
- h) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- i) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) John 3:16



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Take your Bibles, please, and turn to Matthew chapter 27, and look in one verse here in just a moment, verse 22. The background is this; Jesus is on trial before Pilate. He's standing before Pilate. One of these days, Pilate will stand before Jesus. Pilate has Jesus on his hands. Shall he allow Jesus to be exonerated or executed? Commended or crucified? And Pilate is a fence-straddling politician and whatever buttered his own bread would determine his conduct. But he asked a question, look at it in Matthew 27 verse 22, "Pilate saith unto them, 'What shall I do with Jesus, which is called Christ?' They all say unto him, 'Let Him be crucified.'" Now, I ask you the same question, because as Jesus Christ was before Pilate, Jesus Christ is now, today, before you. And this question, therefore, coming to you and I want you to listen to it carefully. "What are you going to do with Jesus?" It is a personal question. I'm not asking what somebody else is going to do with Jesus. I am asking you today, what will you do with Jesus? It's a personal question.

And **it is a present question.** I'm not asking what you will do later on, or what you may have done. I'm asking you right now, today, presently, what will you do with Jesus?

And, furthermore, **it's a pressing question.** I can tell you that you will do something with Him. You say, "No, I won't." Oh, yes, you will. You will do something with Him. You will accept Him or reject Him. You will crown Him or crucify Him. You will hear Him or ignore Him. But you will do something with Jesus Christ. It is a pressing question.

But here's the thing I really want to put upon your heart. **It is a pertinent question.** I'm not asking what you're going to do with some social event. I'm not asking what you're going to do with some political personality. I'm not asking what you're going to do with some idea. I'm asking what will you do with Jesus, who is called Christ? That's a pertinent question. Really, who is this Jesus? You know, "Small minds," they say, "discuss things." "Great minds discuss ideas." Very small minds just discuss people. But that's not true with the Lord Jesus Christ. Who is Jesus Christ? Let's discuss Him.

I believe, and the Bible teaches, that Jesus Christ is God. Now, don't miss that. I'm asking what will you do with Jesus. Jesus is God. Now, if Jesus is not God, I want to say that Jesus Christ is an imposter. If Jesus Christ is not God, He is an impersonator. If Jesus Christ is not God, He is an imitator. If Jesus Christ is not God, He is a pretender, because I'm going to show you from the Word of God, beyond any shadow of a doubt, that Jesus Christ Himself claimed to be God the Son and the Son of God.

Now, you can't, therefore, just tip your hat to Jesus and say, "Jesus was a good man," or "Jesus was a prophet." Oh, no. If Jesus Christ is not God, He is a fake, a fraud, an imposter, a deceiver. Now, not only that, but He has deceived countless millions. He has blasphemed the Almighty. He has desecrated all that is sacred. He has falsely represented God the Father. He has scandalized the truth of God. And He has invalidated the writing of the prophets if He is not God. Don't just come along and tip the hat to Jesus. Oh, no. Either you accept Him and bow the knee or you reject Him. What will you do with Jesus?

One man wrote some high-sounding words, and they sound good, but I want you to listen to them carefully. He said, "If Jesus Christ is a man, and only a man, I say, that of all mankind, I will cleave to Him,



and cleave to Him alway. If Jesus Christ is a god, and the only god, I swear, I will follow Him through Heaven and Hell, the earth, the sea, and the air." Now, that's sounds good. But, friend, if Jesus Christ is a man, and only a man, He is a deceiver, a fake, a fraud, an imposter. He is one of three things: Lord, liar, or lunatic. Deity, deceiver, or demented. He's one of the three. And you're going to have to take your pick of those three this morning. And I'm asking you this question again; what will you do with Jesus Christ?

Now, I said at the beginning that Jesus Christ is God, and I want to give you four lines of evidence that show the deity of Jesus Christ. Now this is not incidental. This is the fundamental doctrine of our faith; the deity, the Godhood of Jesus Christ. Now, I want you to get the four reasons that we believe that Jesus is God.

Number one; **all of the attributes of God the Father are found in the Lord Jesus.** All of the attributes of God the Father are found in the Lord Jesus. Now, I was in my front yard, and a man came up to me with a briefcase to talk with me about religious things. And so I said, "Well, I'll be happy to talk with you." I said, "What group do you represent?" He said, "Well, I just want to talk about the Bible." I said, "Well, everybody has some affinity group. Where do you worship?" He said, "Well, that's incidental. I just want to talk with you." I said, "No, I'd just like to know where you're coming from." I already knew, but I said, "I just like to find out where you're coming from." I said, "What do you call yourself?" "Well," he said, "all right, I'm a Jehovah's Witness. Does that bother you?" I said, "Not at all. So am I." He said, "You are?" I said, "Yes. And, by the way, I believe that Jesus is Jehovah." He said, "Oh, no." I said, "Oh, yes. Oh, yes. Jesus is Jehovah, and I want to share some Scriptures."

Now, when I say Jehovah, Jehovah is the name for God in the Old Testament. It is used some 7,000 times. In your King James Version of the Scripture, which I'm preaching from, that word Jehovah is translated Lord, L-O-R-D. When pious Jews were transcribing the Scriptures, they would never, ever even pronounce that name audibly. When they came to that name, they would just bow their head, shut their eyes, and worship. When they would write the name in the Scripture, they would lay aside the old pen and get a brand new pen just to write that name, Jehovah, Jehovah. Now, it was the personal name that God used when He was dealing with His people. It speaks of a covenant-keeping God whose name is Jehovah.

What I propose to show you today, and I want you to listen carefully, that the Jehovah of the Old Testament and the Jesus of the New Testament are one and the same. Now, I want to give you some Scripture. Take your pen. You won't have time to turn to these, so I suggest that you jot them down, as I have.

First of all, Isaiah 40 and verse 3. Here's a prophecy concerning our Lord, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'" Now that is the word Jehovah. "Prepare ye the way of Jehovah, and make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Who is he talking about? Jehovah, our God.

Now see how this is fulfilled in the New Testament. Look in Matthew 3 verse 3. Don't turn to it, jot it down, "For this is He that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.'" John the Baptist saying of Jesus, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." John was speaking of Jesus; Isaiah was speaking of Jehovah. And the same Scripture is used, and, as a matter of fact, the Bible says that Jesus fulfilled this Scripture.



Or let me give you another comparison. Isaiah 43 verse 11. God speaks of Himself and here's what He says, "I, even I, am the Lord." That's the word Jehovah. "I, even I, am Jehovah," now listen to this carefully, "and beside Me there is no savior." There is no Savior other than Jehovah. Do you have that? That's plain. Isaiah 43 verse 11.

But now listen to Titus 2 verse 13. The Bible says we're to be, "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ." Hello. Listen, God says, "I am Jehovah. There is no other savior." And then we read in Titus, "We're to be looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ." Do you understand what I'm saying? That the Jesus of the New Testament is the Jehovah of the Old Testament.

Let me give you another couple of the verses. Isaiah 44 and verse 6, "Thus saith Jehovah, the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, the Lord of Hosts, 'I am the first, and I am the last, beside Me there is no God.'" Now, Jehovah, the King of Israel, says, "I am the first and the last."

Then in Revelation chapter 1 and verse 17, John the apostle has a vision of Jesus, and he says, "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead; and He, and He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last.'" "I am the first and the last." In the Old Testament, Jehovah says, "I am the first and the last." In the New Testament, Jesus says, "I am the first and the last."

David, alone, out guiding his sheep, under divine inspiration, picked up his harp and began to sing in Psalm 23 and verse 1, "The Lord is my Shepherd." And actually uses the word again Jehovah. "Jehovah is my shepherd."

What did Jesus say in John chapter 10 verse 11? "I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." Jesus is the Jehovah of the Old Testament. The Shepherd God of the Old Testament is the Shepherd Savior of the New Testament. Psalm 24 and verse 10. I love this, "Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, the Jehovah of Hosts, He is the King of Glory." But then, what did the Apostle Paul say in First Corinthians chapter 2 verse 8? He speaks of the deity of our Lord. "Which none of the princes of this world knew; for had they known it, they would not have crucified," listen, "the Lord of Glory." "The Lord of Glory." Psalm 24:10, "Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts." First Corinthians 2:8, "Jesus is the Lord of Glory."

Let me give you one more, and time would, we could go on and on comparing the Jesus of the New with the Yahweh or Jehovah of the Old Testament. Exodus 20 verses 10 and 11, speaking of the Sabbath, "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; For in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the sea, and all that in it is, and rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Now, it is the Sabbath of Jehovah, but in Matthew 12 verse 8, "For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath day." So, what I'm trying to show you, folks, are you listening? When you are witnessing for Jesus, you are Jehovah's Witness. The Jehovah of the Old Testament and the Jesus of the New Testament are one.

Now, I've just used the Scriptures. You see, you need to understand the preexistence of Jesus. Jesus did not have His beginning at Bethlehem. There never was a time when the Lord Jesus was not. Put this Scripture down, John 1 and verse 1 and 2, "In the beginning was the Word." It's the Greek word logos. "In the beginning was the Logos, and the Word was with God, and the Word," the Logos, "was God." Jesus



is called the Word of God. And this Scripture says, "He was in the beginning with the Father, and He was God." When He was born at Bethlehem, He was as old as His father and older than His mother, when He was born. There never was a time when He was not. Jesus always has been. You say, "Well, Pastor Rogers, I don't understand that." Well, that doesn't bother me that you don't understand it. You can't understand God. Can the finite understand the infinite?

I understand that Albert Einstein came up with the theory of relativity. It's so complicated that only twelve men can understand the theory of relativity. I can't vouch for that because I've never met the other eleven, but that's that complicated. Somebody asked Mrs. Einstein one time, "Do you understand the theory of relativity?" She said, "No, but I understand Dr. Einstein." She knew him! She knew him!

Listen, I cannot understand the pre-existence of Jesus, but I believe it. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God." Listen, the absolute holiness of Jesus Christ is taught, and there's only one who is absolutely holy, and that is God Himself. Hosea chapter 11 and verse 9. God says, "For I am God and not man; the holy one in the midst of thee." "I am God and not man." There is no man that is inherently holy, only God.

But Jesus Christ, John 8 verse 46, could look at His detractors, His enemies, those who were snipping at Him, and He could say, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" I wouldn't ask that to my friends, much less my enemies. "Which of you convinceth Me of sin?" And the apostles, when they talked about the crucifixion of Jesus said in Acts 3 verse 14, "But ye denied the Holy One and the just." His absolute, pristine holiness sets Him apart from all other individuals.

Have you ever noticed that, in the Bible, Jesus never once prayed for forgiveness? Think about it. He never once prayed for forgiveness. In Matthew 6 verse 12, He taught us to pray, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Either that was consummate arrogance or He was, indeed, absolutely holy.

So what have I talked about? First of all, we're just giving you some lines of evidence of His deity, and we're talking about His attributes. But, secondly, let me give you another reason that I believe that Jesus is God. Now, don't miss this. Folks, this is not incidental. **The adoration that He received shows Him to be God;** Jesus received adoration. Now listen to me. Jesus allowed Himself to be worshipped. Now, idolatry is the ultimate sin, to worship any other god, other than Yahweh Jehovah, and yet Jesus allowed Himself to be worshipped. Jesus Himself knew that only God is to be worshipped. Now, don't miss this point.

Satan tried to get Jesus to worship himself, Satan. Satan said to Jesus in Luke 4:6, "I'll give You the kingdoms of this world if You will bow down and worship me." Put this verse down, Luke chapter 4 and verse 8. Hear what Jesus Christ Himself said, "And Jesus answered, and said unto him, 'Get thee behind Me, Satan, for it is written, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve.'" Worship is reserved for God Almighty only. Now, Jesus allowed Himself to be worshipped. Matthew 28 and verse 9, "And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, 'All hail,' and they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him." The same One who said that, "God, and God only, is to be worshipped," and here He is allowing His disciples to worship Him.

Suppose I were to come over here and bow down in front of Mark and start worshipping Mark. Mark, what would you do? I'll tell you what you'd do. You'd say, "Pastor, stop. If you don't, we'll both be in trouble. You for doing it, and I will be in trouble for allowing it."



Look in Revelation chapter 22 and verse 8 and 9. You might turn to this one. John is on the Island of Patmos. He's getting a vision from an angel. And the angel is showing John all of these wonderful things, and John is just overwhelmed. "And I," John, "saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen," now watch this, "I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things. Then saith he to me, 'See thou do it not; for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren, the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book. Worship God.'" Here's an angel saying, "Don't you worship me! John, get up! I'm just a fellow servant. Worship God. Worship God. Worship God."

Now, friend, listen, if Jesus allowed Himself to be worshiped when He Himself said that, "God alone is to be worshipped," either He is guilty of ultimate arrogance and inculcating the most despicable sin of idolatry, or else He's God. There's no two ways about it. No two ways about it. The adoration that Jesus has received shows Him to be God.

We've talked about His attributes. We've talked about His adoration. Let's talk about His own admission. Here's the third reason. **Jesus is shown to be God by His own admission.** An interesting thing. Jesus is having a discussion with the Pharisees. They could not accept the fact that He was God in flesh, and so in John chapter 8 verse 56 through 59, jot it down. You can look these up later, but we've got a lot of Scripture to cover. Jesus said, "Your father, Abraham, rejoiced to see My day; and he saw it, and was glad." Now, Abraham had been dead for centuries, and Jesus said, "Look, your father, Abraham, the one that you adore, he rejoiced to see My day." Verse 57, "Then said the Jews unto Him, 'Thou art not yet fifty years old, hast Thou seen Abraham?'" And now watch verse 58. Now, if you don't hear anything else in this message, I want you to get this. This is John chapter 8 and verse 58, "Jesus saith unto them, 'Verily, verily.'" Now, listen, when Jesus says, "Verily," you pay attention. When He says, "Verily, verily," you'd better pay attention. "Verily, verily." This, He is saying it for emphasis. "Verily, verily, I say unto you," now listen, "Before Abraham was, I AM." Don't miss this. He didn't say, "Before Abraham was, I was." He didn't say, "I got here first." He is saying, "Before Abraham was, I AM." And when He said that, look in verse 59, "Then took they up stones to cast at Him." They're ready to stone Him now because He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." Why did they want to stone Him? Because He said He was, "I AM."

You see, listen, God called Moses to lead the Jews out of Egypt into the Promised Land. And Moses said, "Well, who shall I say sent me?" Now, you have to understand that the Egyptians worshipped 2,200 different gods, 2,200 gods, and, so Moses has to go and say in Exodus 3 verse 13, "Which, who is the true God? Who shall I say sent me?" Put this down. In Exodus chapter 3 verse 14, "And God said unto Moses, 'I AM THAT I AM,' and he said, 'Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, 'I AM hath sent me unto you.'" "You want to know my credentials. The I AM sent me. Not I was, not I will be, but I AM." There never was a time when He was not. There never will be a time when He will not be. He is the great, pre-existent, eternal God. This sacred name for God, the I AM, the I AM, the I AM! And Jesus said unto them, they said, "Why, You haven't seen Abraham. You're not even fifty years old." He said, "Look, before Abraham ever got here, I AM." I AM.

I'm telling you, folks, that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New Testament. He Himself claimed to be. Jesus said to Phillip, listen, John 14 verses 8 and 9, "Phillip saith unto Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.' Jesus saith unto him, 'Have I been so long time with you, yet thou hast not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, 'Show us the Father.''"



Now suppose you said to me, “Adrian, show me the President of the United States.” I’ll say, “Well, you’re looking at him. If you’ve seen me you’ve seen the President.” You’d say, “Mark, you hold him; Jim, you go get the butterfly net.” I mean, the unmitigated arrogance for Him to say, “Philip, if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.” Not somebody like the Father. “You have seen the Father.” By His own admission.

Last point. Lastly, but not immediately. **He is shown to be God by His abilities.** I want to just mention three times in the Bible where the Bible mentions His ability, what He is able to do. First of all, **He, because He is God, is able to save.** Remember over there in Isaiah, Jehovah said, “Beside Me there is no savior?” But, put down Hebrews chapter 7 verse 25, which says, “Wherefore, He,” Jesus, “is able to save unto the uttermost them that come unto God by Him.” I want to tell you today He’s able to save you. There’s no one that He’s not able to save. Anybody who wants to be saved can be saved.

You say, “Well, have I committed the unpardonable sin?” Friend, if you want to be saved, you can be saved. Anybody wants to be saved hasn’t committed the unpardonable sin. You say, “Am I one of the elect?” Do you want to be saved? Just come on. Oh, who are the elect? I can put that in fifteen seconds. The elect are the, “Whosoever wills.” “Whosoever will may come.” “He is able to save unto the uttermost them that come unto God by Him,” and, “Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Hallelujah for Romans 10:13 He’s able to save.

Not only is He able to save, but **He’s able to subdue.** Philippians 3 verse 21 speaks of our Lord, “Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.” Friend, one of these days He’s going to make you like Himself. He’s able to subdue all things: every dust, every speck of dust, every mountain, every celestial body must obey His will. He is able to save. He is able to subdue.

And, furthermore, **He’s able to secure.** He’s able to keep you saved. Second Timothy 1:12, Paul says, “For which cause I also suffer these things.” Paul, when he had been beaten, put in prison, he said, “I suffer these things; nevertheless, I’m not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.” He is able. He is able. What a mighty God we serve. Every need that you have, He’s able to supply.

A missionary was going to the foreign field. And just as the missionary was getting on the ship, a man handed the missionary an envelope, a sealed envelope, and said, “Put this in your pocket. Keep it with you. And if anytime overseas you ever come to a place where you don’t know where to turn or what to do, open this envelope.” And the missionary came home, after having spent a lifetime on the foreign field. And he came home to give his report to his church, and he told about the trials and the temptations and the persecution and all of the perplexities. Then he reached in his pocket and pulled out that envelope, never opened, never opened. Thank God. Thank God, friend. There never comes to the child of God a time where he does not have a Savior that he can come to and cling to, and He is able. Do you believe that? I hope you do. Oh, what a mighty Savior we have.

I love Him with all of my heart. To explain Him is impossible. To ignore Him is disastrous. To reject Him is fatal. What a mighty God. Human speech is too limited to describe Him. Your human mind is too finite to comprehend Him. The human heart is too small to contain Him. Jesus Christ is God.

Now, I come back to our text. What shall I do with Jesus? What will you do with Jesus? You can crown Him or crucify Him. They said, “Let Him be crucified.” You can accept Him or reject Him. You can love Him



or despise Him. You can believe Him or ignore Him. But you cannot be neutral. Pilate tried that, but he could not be neutral.

Jesus is in your hands today. You must do the right thing because you need Him in life. In life, if there were no Heaven and no Hell, you need Jesus day by day. He is like blood to your body, air to your lungs. You need Him in life. You need Him in death. You're going to die. You'll need Him in death. You'll need Him at the judgment. You'll stand before God one day to be judged. What will you say then? "God, have mercy on me. I didn't have a chance." He'll show you this scene today. What will you say? "God, I didn't, I didn't understand." He'll replay the message today. Friend, every excuse that you have will falter and fail. And right now Jesus is in your hands, but at the judgment you'll be in His hands.

I ask you again this question. It is a personal question. It's a present question. It is a pressing question. It is a pertinent question. What will you do with Jesus? Would you accept Him as your Lord and Savior? If you will, I promise you on the authority of the Word of God, He will forgive every sin. Secondly, He will come into you to give you strength and power as He's done to me for over half a century. Thirdly, He'll use you as His instrument to live His life through you. Fourthly, when you die or when He comes, He'll take you straight to Heaven, I promise on the authority of the Word of God.

Bow your heads in prayer. Heads are bowed and eyes are closed. If you're not certain that you're saved today, let's get it settled. You can know for certain today that you're saved by receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. And I'm not talking to you about becoming a Baptist or a Methodist or a Presbyterian or something like that. I'm not talking to you about just turning over a new leaf and trying to do better, to live a good life. I'm talking about receiving Jesus Christ by faith into your heart. The Bible says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." And that word believe means trust.

Would you pray this prayer? "Dear Lord Jesus, I believe You're the Son of God and God the Son. I believe You paid for my sin with Your blood on the cross. I believe that God raised You from the dead. And I now by faith accept the gift of salvation. I take the hand of faith and receive the gift of salvation. Come into my heart. Forgive my sin. Save me, Jesus." Pray that prayer. "Save me, Jesus."

Did you ask Him? Did you? All right, by an act of faith pray this, "Thank You for doing it. I receive it by faith according to Your promise, and that settles it. I don't ask for a sign. I don't look for a feeling. I stand on Your Word. I trust You and You only. Thank You for saving me. Now give me the courage to make it public. Help me not to be ashamed of You. And begin now to make me the person You want me to be. In Your name I pray. Amen."



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