

# THE CLAIMS OF JESUS

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Many people are known to make **various claims**. Yet, all claims must be supported by evidence to be accepted. Did Jesus make any claims about Himself? Could He prove them? Let us examine the evidence.

How about His relationship with God?

"No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven." {John 3:13}

"Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me." (John 8:42)

"Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father." {John 6:46}

"And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. " (John 17:5) All these passages clearly show a relationship with God that no mere man could have.

Did Jesus claim to be the messianic hope the Jews were waiting for? Remember the woman at the well?

"The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things. ' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He.'" {John 4:25,26} How did He prove his claim?

"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him; the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. " {John 12:48,49}

Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecy given by Moses. Please read Deuteronomy 18:18,19.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. " {John 10:11} Why is this statement so important? It too is the fulfillment of prophecy. Please read Ezekiel 34:23; Zechariah 13:7.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?'" {John 11:25,26} Jesus was going to show His power over death by the raising of Lazarus.

Yet, some of the strongest testimony came from His enemies. Please consider these passages:

"Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. "{John 11:47}

"The officers answered, 'No man ever spoke like this Man.'" '{John 7:46)

"The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, 'You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!'" {John 12:19}

"So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'" (Matthew 27:54)

"So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, 'Certainly this was a righteous Man!'" (Luke 23:47)

What do you say concerning the evidence? Did John convince you? Jesus? One thing is missing--the other side to show the evidence is false. Where is their voice? SILENCED! \*\*\*