

WHO IS JESUS?

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Will the REAL Jesus please stand up? Who is the REAL Jesus anyway?

How can we know for sure?

God has revealed who Jesus is in His infallible, inerrant word, the Bible.

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1. JESUS IS GOD

- *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.”* (John 1:1-4 NIV)
- Jesus was called “The Word” and “the Word” became a man, i.e., God became a man. This is known as the Incarnation. ([John 1:1, 14](#))
- Jesus was called Immanuel which means “God with us.” ([Matthew 1:23](#))
- Jesus Christ is fully God. ([Colossians 2:9](#))
- Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Trinity. ([Matthew 3:17](#); [Matthew 28:19](#))
- Jesus declared, “I and the Father are one.” ([John 10:30](#))
- The Jews knew that by Jesus declaring, “I and the Father are one,” He was claiming to be God. ([John 10:33](#))
- Jesus declared that He existed before Abraham and said He was “I AM”, the same name that God gave for Himself to Moses! ([John 8:58](#))
- When Jesus declared that the paralytic’s sins were forgiven the teachers of the law said Jesus was blaspheming because only God can forgive sins. ([Mark 2:5-7](#))
- Jesus was calling God His own Father, making himself equal with God. ([John 5:18](#))
- Thomas said to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” ([John 20:27-29](#))
- Jesus was “in very nature God.” ([Philippians 2:6](#))
- Jesus Christ is “our great God and Savior.” ([Titus 2:13](#))
- Jesus Christ is “our God and Savior.” ([2 Peter 1:1](#))
- Jesus is the image of God, the Creator of all things and “in Him all things hold together.” ([Colossians 1:15-20](#))

- Jesus is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. He is “the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being” who died to take the punishment for our sins and sat down at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. ([Hebrews 1:1-3](#))
- God the Father called His Son “God” when He said, “Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever.” ([Hebrews 1:8](#))
- Jesus Christ is “the true God and eternal life.” ([1 John 5:20](#))
- Jesus Christ is “Mighty God.” ([Isaiah 9:6](#))
- Jesus Christ is called “Lord God Almighty.” ([Revelation 15:3-4](#))

2. JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

- *[Jesus] said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the Son of the living God.”* (Matthew 16:15-16 AMPLIFIED BIBLE)
- Jesus was born of a virgin and the angel declared that He would be called “the Son of God.” ([Luke 1:26-35](#))
- Jesus was both God and Man. The title of “Son of God” focuses on His deity. The title “Son of Man” focuses on His humanity. Jesus preferred to call Himself “Son of Man” but also said that He was God’s Son. (Luke 12:8; John 1:51)
- God became a man. ([John 1:1, 14](#))
- Jesus was sinless. ([1 John 3:5](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#))
- Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah). ([Luke 2:11](#))
- John the Baptist declared that Jesus was the Son of God. ([John 1:34](#))
- God the Father spoke from heaven after Jesus’ baptism declaring Jesus to be His Son. ([Matthew 3:17](#))
- God the Father spoke from heaven at the Transfiguration declaring Jesus to be His Son. ([Matthew 17:5](#))
- Jesus declared Himself to be the Messiah to the woman at the well. ([John 4:25-26](#))
- Martha told Jesus, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” ([John 11:27](#))
- At one of Jesus’ trials, the high priest asked Him if he was the Christ (Messiah) and he said, “I am.” ([Mark 14:55-62](#))
- God loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice to take away our sins. ([1 John 4:10](#))

- Jesus was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead. ([Romans 1:4](#))
- Jesus is God's One and Only Son. ([John 3:16](#))
- The Gospel of John was written so people would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing they might have life in his name. ([John 20:31](#))

3. JESUS IS THE SAVIOR OF MANKIND

- *And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.* (1 John 4:14 ESV)
- Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would die on the cross for our sins. ([Isaiah 53:4-6](#))
- Peter spoke of the fulfilled prophecy from Isaiah stating that Jesus "bore our sins in his body on the tree" and "by his wounds we have been healed." ([1 Peter 2:24-25](#))
- Jesus' name means "the Lord saves." ([Matthew 1:21](#))
- The angel announced that a Savior had been born and he was Christ the Lord. ([Luke 2:11](#))
- John the Baptist called Jesus, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." ([John 1:29](#))
- Jesus was called "the Savior of the world." ([John 4:42](#))
- God the Father sent His one and only Son into the world to save whoever would believe in Him. ([John 3:16-18](#), [36](#))
- Jesus Christ is "our great God and Savior." ([Titus 2:13-14](#))
- Jesus Christ gave himself up for us as a sin offering and sacrifice to God. ([Ephesians 5:2](#))
- Jesus Christ "gave himself for our sins." ([Galatians 1:4](#))
- Jesus Christ "came into the world to save sinners." ([1 Timothy 1:15a](#))
- Jesus Christ "gave himself as a ransom for all men..." ([1 Timothy 2:5-6](#))
- Jesus Christ "died for sins...to bring you to God." ([1 Peter 3:18](#))
- Since Jesus was the sinless Son of God, only He could pay the penalty for the sins of the world. ([Romans 5:8](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [1 John 2:2](#))

4. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

- *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6 ESV)

- Salvation is only found in Jesus. ([Acts 4:12](#))
- Forgiveness of sins comes only through Jesus. ([Acts 13:38-39](#))
- Jesus is the only mediator between God and man. ([1 Timothy 2:5](#))
- God the Father sent His one and only Son into the world to save whoever would believe in Him so there cannot be another Savior. ([John 3:16-18](#), [36](#))
- Only Jesus has the words of eternal life. ([John 6:68-69](#))
- Jesus is the only gate (or door)—the only way to salvation. ([John 10:9](#))
- Eternal life is to know the only true God and His Son, Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. ([John 17:3](#))
- Eternal life can only be found in Jesus, who claimed to be God by calling Himself “I AM” He said that if you don’t believe in Him you will die in your sins. ([John 8:24](#))
- Eternal life is in God’s Son, Jesus. It is a gift from God the Father. If you have Jesus, you have life. If you don’t have Jesus, you don’t have life. ([1 John 5:11-12](#))
- Jesus has come and given us understanding to really know Him. “He is the true God and eternal life.” If we are in God’s Son, Jesus Christ, we have the true God and eternal life. ([1 John 5:20](#))
- Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He is the only one who can give eternal life. Whoever believes in Him will live forever. ([John 11:25-26](#))

5. JESUS IS THE SOON-COMING KING

- *For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.* (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NASB)
- Jesus promised before his death that he is going to come in His Father’s glory with his angels and will reward each person according to what he has done. ([Matthew 16:27](#))
- At his ascension, two angels promised that Jesus would come back in the same way that He went up into heaven. ([Acts 1:10-11](#))
- Daniel prophesied that Jesus *will* come in the clouds of heaven. ([Daniel 7:13](#))
- John prophesied that Jesus *will* come in the clouds and every eye will see Him—even those who crucified Him! ([Revelation 1:7](#))
- Jesus, Himself, promised that He is coming soon! ([Revelation 3:11](#))

- Jesus promised that He was going to prepare a place for us and that He would come back to take us to be with Him. ([John 14:2-3](#))
- Jesus told the high priest that he would see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Father (“the Mighty One”) and coming on the clouds of heaven. ([Mark 14:62](#))
- Titus says that we are waiting for the blessed hope which is “the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ([Titus 2:13-14](#))
- Jesus will complete the work he began in us until the day He returns. ([Philippians 1:6](#))
- We are eagerly awaiting the return of our Savior from heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ. ([Philippians 3:20](#))
- Christ is our life and when he appears, we “will appear with him in glory.” ([Colossians 3:4](#))
- Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to us who are waiting for him. ([Hebrews 9:28](#))
- Jesus promised three times in Revelation 22 that he is coming soon! ([Revelation 22:7, 12, 20](#))

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