

“Jesus: More Than a Man”

Who is Jesus? Part 3

John 8:31-59
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1. **“I can set you free from sin.” (John 8:32, 36, 46)**
2. **“I have come from God.” (John 8:42, 38, 40)**
3. **“I am God.” (John 8:58)**

“Jesus Was Human

Notice how the New Testament shows Jesus’ full humanity:

He started life as a baby, born from a woman (Luke 2:6-7).

He went through the developmental stages of childhood (Luke 2:52).

He has a normal job as a carpenter (Mark 6:3).

He got hungry and thirsty (Matthew 4:2; John 19:28).

He got tired (Mark 4:38).

He was sad (John 11:35).

He had limited knowledge (Matthew 24:36).

He got angry (John 2:13-17).

He was terrified of his impending suffering (Matthew 26:38).

His friends disappointed him (Matthew 26:46-48).

He bled and died (John 19:33-34).”

“Jesus Was Extraordinary

Now observe some of the exceptional aspects of Jesus’ life:

Jesus’ birth was filled with unusual signs and wonders (Matthew 1:18-25).
Jesus showed precocious wisdom (Luke 2:41-49).
Jesus performed miracles (Luke 5:12-13).
Jesus changed lives (Luke 19:1-8).
Jesus had supernatural knowledge (John 4:16-18).
Jesus confounded his enemies (Matthew 22:15-46).
Jesus considered himself without sin (John 7:18; 8:46; 18:23).
Those around Jesus considered him sinless (except for blasphemy) (John 10:31-33).”

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“Jesus Claimed Divinity

It is sometimes asserted that Jesus was one of the most remarkable men who ever lived, but that he never claimed divinity. According to this view, people who didn’t know Jesus held him in higher esteem than he ever held himself. Those with this view say Jesus never claimed to be anything more than Messiah (a prophet); it was later theologians who concocted the idea of Jesus’ divinity. What does the Bible say about Jesus’ views regarding his divinity?

Jesus believed he would judge the world at the end of time (Matthew 7:21-23; John 5:22).
Jesus believed he should be honored as much as God (John 5:23).
Jesus believed he gave eternal life to those who came to him (John 5:21, 40).
Jesus believed that to see him was to see God (John 14:9).
Jesus believed that to know him was to know God (John 8:19).
Jesus believed that to hate him was to hate God (John 15:23).
Jesus believed he could forgive sin (Mark 2:5, 10).
Jesus accepted worship and being called “God” (John 20:28-29).
Jesus claimed titles exclusive to God (John 8:56-59).
Jesus claimed he and the Father were one (John 10:30).
Jesus believed he had been with God in heaven and shared divine glory (John 17:5).
Jesus believed he could hear and answer prayers (John 14:14).
After the Resurrection, Jesus believed he was omnipresent (Matthew 28:20, John 14:23).”

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