

Christian Evidences I

Study Pack 10 – Lecture 10

The Claims and Character of Jesus Christ (ctd)

- 1) Many times, people attempt to escape the claims of Christianity by claiming that Jesus was a great _____ teacher and a good example to follow but _____ God in the flesh.

C. S. Lewis said: “A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things that Jesus said, would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic on the level with the man who said that he is a poached egg. Or else he would be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool; you can spit on Him and kill Him as a demon. Or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord God. But let us not come with any patronizing _____ about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

Mark 14:61-63 –

But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

- 2) Jesus claimed to be Christ. He claimed to be the Anointed One of God; this made the High Priest so angry that he rent his clothes.
- 3) Jesus claimed to be _____ with God.

John 10:30-32 –

I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

John 5:17-18 –

But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

John 8:58-59 –

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Exodus 3:14 –

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.

Deuteronomy 32:39 –

See now that I, even I, am he, And there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: Neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

Isaiah 43:10 –

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, And my servant whom I have chosen: That ye may know and believe me, And understand that I am he: Before me there was no God formed, Neither shall there be after me.

4) Jesus Christ claimed to be “I AM” – the _____ - _____
_____.

John 5:22–24 –

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

5) Jesus Christ claimed the same _____ that God the Father is due.

John 8:19 –

Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

6) Jesus Christ claimed that to _____ Him was to _____ God the Father.

John 14:1 –

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

7) Jesus Christ made believing in Himself _____ to believing in God the Father.

Mark 13:31 –

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

8) Jesus Christ claimed that His _____ were eternal.

9) Jesus Christ accepted _____ reserved for God only.

John 4:20–24 –

Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Matthew 4:10 –

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

10) Jesus Christ claimed to be able to _____ sin.

Mark 2:5–7 –

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

Luke 7:48 –

And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

11) Jesus Christ claimed to be the _____ of life.

John 6:32–35 –

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

1 John 5:11–12 –

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

12) He claimed to be _____.

John 8:46–47 –

Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

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Titus 2:13 –

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

13) Jesus was _____ by those who knew Him firsthand to be God. Paul’s claim was very clear.

Matthew 16:13–16 –

He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God

14) The educated reject Christ for the same reason the uneducated reject Christ: they don’t _____ to accept Jesus Christ.

15) Peter’s statement is very clear. Jesus Christ _____ God.

16) There are certain words that are not in the Bible, such as Trinity, that describe a genuine Biblical _____. The word ‘doubting’ is not used in the Scripture but it’s attributed to Thomas. Thomas isn’t doubting any more.

John 20:24–29 –

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

17) What did Paul, Peter, and Thomas say about Jesus? _____

Acts 7:59–60 –

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

18) The claims of Christ are very clear. The claims of those that knew Jesus Christ are very clear. The fact that Jesus Christ claimed to be God is crystal clear.

William E. Vanderwolf in *Encyclopedia of Religious Questions* said: “A man that can read the New Testament and not see that Christ claims to be more than a man can look up all over the sky at high noon

on a cloudless day and not see the _____.”

Phillip Schaff in *Christian History of the Christian Church* wrote: “And yet this testimony, if not true, must be downright _____ or _____. The former hypothesis cannot stand a moment before the moral purity and dignity of Jesus, revealed in His every word and work, and acknowledged by universal consent. Self-deception in a matter so momentous, and with an intellect in all respects so clear and so sound, is equally out of the question. How could he be an enthusiast or a madman who never lost the even balance of his mind, who sailed serenely over all the _____ and persecutions, as the sun above the clouds, who always returned the wisest answer to tempting questions, who calmly and deliberately predicted his death on the cross, his resurrection on the third day, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the founding of his Church, the destruction of Jerusalem—predictions which have been literally fulfilled? A character so original, so complete, so uniformly consistent, so perfect, so human and yet so high above all human greatness, can be neither a fraud nor a fiction. The poet, as has been well said, would in this case be greater than the hero. It would take more than a Jesus to _____ a Jesus.”

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