

17. Jesus' blood is called God's blood.

Acts 20:28

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

18. Jesus has the same nature as God.

Hebrews 1:3a

"And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power."

19. Jesus spoke as God.

Jesus did not speak as one of God's prophets: "thus says the Lord," but as God: "I say to you."

Matthew 5:27-29

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

John 14:15

"If you love Me, keep My commandments."

Matthew 7:28-29

"And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

20. Like God [Psalm 136:3], Jesus is called the Lord of Lords and King of kings.

Revelation 17:14

"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." (See also 1 Timothy 6:15)

The conclusion?

The Scriptures are clear:

JESUS IS GOD.

"For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form." - Colossians 2:9

GOD, in the Old Testament says He alone is God and Savior:

"Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. I even I, am the LORD; and there is no Savior besides Me." -Isaiah 43:10-11

And yet in the New Testament we read that we are to be:

"looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." -Titus 2:13

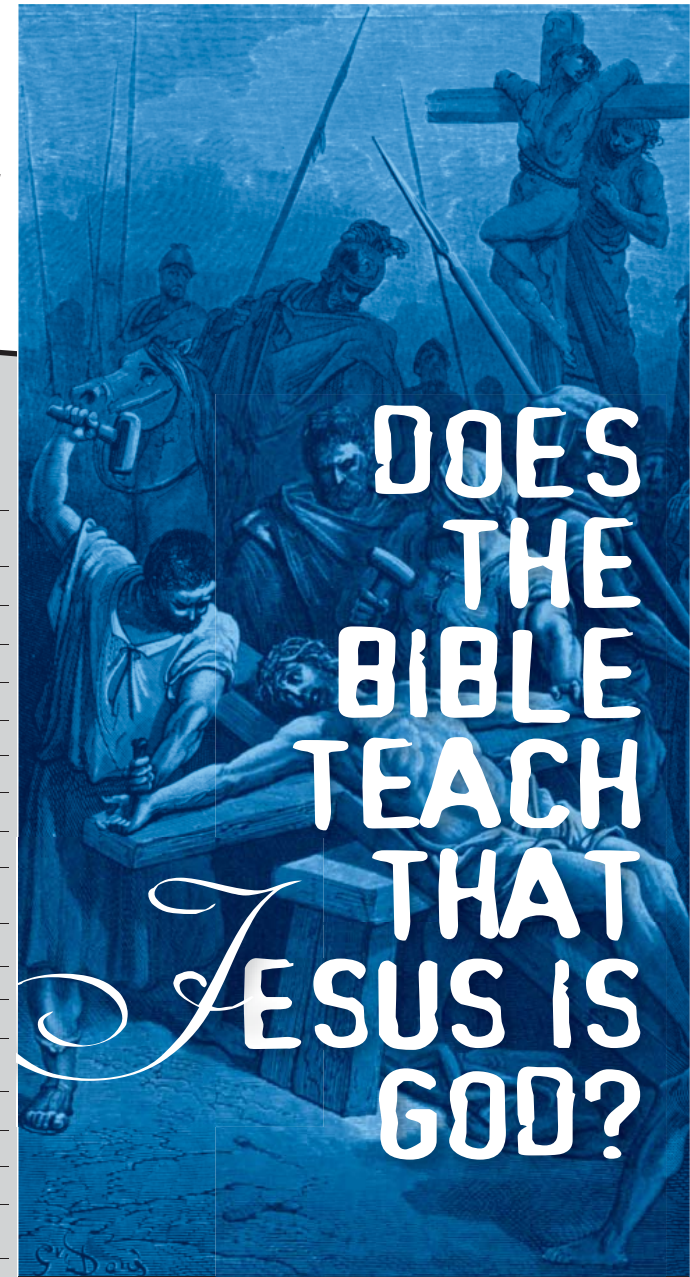
SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT FOR THE TRINITY

The doctrine of the Trinity: There is one God who eternally exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

	THE FATHER	THE SON	THE HOLY SPIRIT
Called God	Phil. 1:2	John 1:1,14 Col. 2:9	Acts 5:3-4
Creator	Isaiah 64:8, 44:24	John 1:3 Col. 1:15-17	Job 33:4 26:13
Indwells	2 Cor. 6:16	Col. 1:27	John 14:17
Everywhere	1 Kings 8:27	Matt. 28:20	Ps. 139:7-10
All knowing	1 John 3:20	John 16:30	1 Cor. 2:10-11
Sanctifies	1 Thess. 5:23	Heb. 2:11	1 Peter 1:2
Gives life	Genesis 2:7	John 1:3, 5:21	2 Cor. 3:6, 8
Fellowships	1 John 1:3	1 Cor. 1:9	2 Cor. 13:14
Eternal	Psalms 90:2	Micah 5:2	Hebrews 9:14
Has a will	Luke 22:42	Luke 22:42	1 Cor. 12:11
Speaks	Matt. 3:17	Luke 5:20, 7:48	Acts 8:29 11:12, 13:2
Loves	John 3:16	Eph. 5:25	Rom. 15:30
Searches the heart	Jer. 17:10	Rev. 2:23	1 Cor. 2:10
We belong to	John 17:9	John 17:6	...
Savior	1 Tim. 1:1 2:3, 4:10	2 Tim. 1:10 Titus 1:4, 3:6	...
We serve	Matt. 4:10	Col. 3:24	...
We believe in	John 14:1	John 14:1	...
Gives joy	...	John 15:11	Gal. 5:22
Resurrects	1 Thess. 1:10	John 2:19, 10:17	Rom. 8:11
Judges	John 8:50	John 5:21, v.30	...

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DOES THE BIBLE TEACH THAT JESUS IS GOD?

by Charlie H. Campbell

The Bible teaches that there is one God who eternally exists in three coequal persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It teaches that Jesus, God the Son, came down to the earth 2,000 years ago to pay the penalty for mankind's sin. The Watchtower Society (also known as the Jehovah's Witnesses), the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (known as Mormons) and other groups deny this. Twisting the scriptures, or inventing their own scriptures, these groups teach that Jesus was/is merely a man, an angel, or one of many gods that exist. Below are twenty reasons why Christians believe Jesus was God. Notice that each reason is taken directly from the inspired, infallible Word of God. For more help on this or related topics go to www.AlwaysBeReady.com

1. The Apostle Thomas called Jesus God.
John 20:27-29

"Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

2. The Apostle Peter called Jesus God.
2 Peter 1:1

"Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:"

3. The Apostle Paul called Jesus God.
Titus 2:12b-14

"...we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."

4. The Apostle John called Jesus God.
John 1:1-3,14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

5. God the Father called Jesus God.
Hebrews 1:8

"But to the Son He says: 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.'"

6. Isaiah the Prophet said the Messiah would be God.
Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
God in the Old Testament is also called "Mighty God" in Isaiah 10:21.

7. The Jews who crucified Jesus understood Him to be saying that He was equal with God.
John 5:18

"Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God."

John 10:33

"The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

8. Jesus called Himself "I AM", the OT name for God [Exodus 3:14].
John 8:58-59

"Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by."

9. Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and Omega," the name of Almighty God.
Revelation 22:12-13

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

10. Like God [Gen. 1:1] Jesus created.
Colossians 1:16-17

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

John 1:3

"All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."

Yet God says...

Isaiah 44:24

"I am the LORD, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens all alone, who spreads abroad the earth by Myself"

11. Like God, Jesus forgives sin.
Mark 2:5-7, 10-11

"When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" " . . . But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go your way to your house."

12. Like God, Jesus gives eternal life.
John 10:27-28

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

13. Like God, Jesus received, receives and will receive worship.
Matthew 14:32-33

"And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."
(also see Mtt.28:9,17, Jn.9:37-38)

Revelation 5:13

"And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Hebrews 1:6

"But when He again brings the firstborn [JESUS] into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

Jesus never rebuked any of His followers for worshiping Him and yet worship of anything or anyone other than God is absolutely forbidden in the Bible...

Luke 4:8

"And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

14. Jesus said that only God was good; and Jesus was good.
Mark 10:17-18

"And as He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and began asking Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone."

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

Jesus was as good as they come. He was "sinless," "holy," "righteous," "innocent," "undefiled," and "separate from sinners." (Hebrews 7:26) That's pretty good!

15. Like God, Jesus can be present in more than one place at the same time.
Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (See also Mtt. 28:20)

16. One of Jesus' titles is "God with us."
Matthew 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Jehovah's Witnesses

Founder: Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916), later Joseph F. Rutherford (1869-1942). Began 1879 in Pennsylvania. Headquarters in Brooklyn, New York.

Key Writings: All current Watchtower publications, including the Bible (*New World Translation* only), *Reasoning from the Scriptures*, *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*. *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines.

Who is God: One person God, called Jehovah. No Trinity. Jesus is the first thing Jehovah created.

Who is Jesus: Jesus is not God. Before he lived on earth, he was Michael, the archangel. Jehovah made the universe through him. On earth he was a man who lived a perfect life. After dying on a stake (not a cross), he was resurrected as a spirit; his body was destroyed. Jesus is not coming again; he 'returned' invisibly in 1914 in spirit. Very soon, he and the angels will destroy all non-Jehovah's Witnesses.

Who is the Holy Spirit: Impersonal 'holy spirit' is not God, but rather an invisible, active force from Jehovah.

What they believe about Salvation: Be baptized as Jehovah's Witnesses. Most followers must earn everlasting life on earth by 'door-to-door work'. Salvation in heaven is limited to 144,000 'anointed ones'. This number has already been reached.

What they believe about death: The 144,000 live as spirits in heaven. The rest of the righteous, the 'great crowd', live on earth, and must obey God perfectly for 1000 years or be annihilated.

Some Other Beliefs: Known as the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. Meet in 'Kingdom Halls' instead of churches. Active members encouraged to distribute literature door-to-door. Once a year, Lord's Evening Meal (communion); only 'anointed' ones may partake. They do not observe holidays or birthdays. Forbidden to vote, salute the flag, work in the military, or accept blood transfusions.

Remember Deut. 18:22, "If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him." If someone makes a false prophecy, and they have claimed to be a prophet of God, then they are false prophets and are not to be listened to. Do the Witnesses claim to be the prophet of God? Yes, they do.

In 1972 the Jehovah's Witness Watchtower claimed to be the prophet of God.

IDENTIFYING THE "PROPHET" -- "So does Jehovah have a prophet to help them, to warn them of dangers and to declare things to come? These questions can be answered in the affirmative. Who is this prophet?...This "prophet" was not one man, but was a body of men and women. It was the small group of footstep followers of Jesus Christ, known at that time as International Bible Students. Today they are known as Jehovah's Christian Witnesses...Of course, it is easy to say that this group acts as a 'prophet' of God. It is another thing to prove it," (*Watchtower*, Apr. 1, 1972, p. 197). (See Deut. 18:21.)

- **1897** "Our Lord, the appointed King, is now present, since October 1874," (*Studies in the Scriptures*, vol. 4, p. 621).
- **1899** "...the 'battle of the great day of God Almighty' (Revelation 16:14), which will end in A.D. 1914 with the complete overthrow of earth's present rulership, is already commenced," (*The Time Is at Hand*, 1908 edition, p. 101).
- **1916** "The Bible chronology herein presented shows that the six great 1000 year days beginning with Adam are ended, and that the great 7th Day, the 1000 years of Christ's Reign, began in 1873," (*The Time Is at Hand*, forward, p. 11).
- **1918** "Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the Apostle in Hebrews 11, to the condition of human perfection," (*Millions Now Living Will Never Die*, p. 89).
- **1922** "The date 1925 is even more distinctly indicated by the Scriptures than 1914," (*Watchtower*, Sept. 1, 1922, p. 262).
- **1923** "Our thought is, that 1925 is definitely settled by the Scriptures: As to Noah, the Christian now has much more upon which to base his faith than Noah had upon which to base his faith in a coming deluge," (*Watchtower*, Apr. 1, 1923, p. 106).
- **1925** "The year 1925 is here. With great expectation Christians have looked forward to this year. Many have confidently expected that all members of the body of Christ will be changed to heavenly glory during this year. This may be accomplished. It may not be. In his own due time God will accomplish his purposes concerning his people. Christians should not be so deeply concerned about what may transpire this year," (*Watchtower*, Jan. 1, 1925, p. 3).
- **1925** "It is to be expected that Satan will try to inject into the minds of the consecrated, the thought that 1925 should see an end to the work," (*Watchtower*, Sept., 1925, p. 262).
- **1926** "Some anticipated that the work would end in 1925, but the Lord did not state so. The difficulty was that the friends inflated their imaginations beyond reason; and that when their imaginations burst asunder, they were inclined to throw away everything," (*Watchtower*, p. 232).
- **1931** "There was a measure of disappointment on the part of Jehovah's faithful ones on earth concerning the years 1917, 1918, and 1925, which disappointment lasted for a time...and they also learned to quit fixing dates," (*Vindication*, p. 338).
- **1941** "Receiving the gift, the marching children clasped it to them, not a toy or plaything for idle pleasure, but the Lord's provided instrument for most effective work in the remaining months before Armageddon," (*Watchtower*, Sept. 15, 1941, p. 288).
- **1968** "True, there have been those in times past who predicted an 'end to the world', even announcing a specific date. Yet nothing happened. The 'end' did not come. They were guilty of false prophesying. Why? What was missing?.. Missing from such people were God's truths and evidence that he was using and guiding them," (*Awake*, Oct. 8, 1968).
- **1968** "Why are you looking forward to 1975?" (*Watchtower*, Aug. 15, 1968, p. 494).

A JW might say that the organization is still learning. If that is so, then how can they trust what they are taught now by the Watchtower? Will what they are being taught now change also?

A true prophet of God won't err in prophesying. Only a false prophet does. The Jehovah's Witness organization, that claims to be a prophet of God, is really a false prophet. Jesus warned us by saying, "For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect -- if that were possible" (Matt. 24:24).

Mormonism Review

Founder:

Joseph Smith, Jr. (1805-1844), founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) in 1830 in New York. Headquarters are now in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Key Writings:

Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price, the Bible (King James Version only-Smith's "Inspired Version"), authoritative teachings of Mormon prophets and other LDS authorities.

Their belief of God:

God the Father was once a man, but "progressed" to godhood. He has a physical body, as does his wife (Heavenly Mother). They don't accept the concept of the Trinity. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are three separate gods. Worthy men may one day become gods themselves.

Their belief of who Jesus is:

Jesus is a separate god from the Father (Elohim). He was created as a spirit child by the Father and Mother in Heaven, and is the "elder brother" of all men and spirit beings. His body was created through sexual union between Elohim and Mary. They believe Jesus was married. His death on the cross does not provide full atonement for all sin, but does provide everyone with resurrection.

What they believe about the Holy Spirit:

The "holy spirit" is different from the "Holy Ghost". The "holy spirit" is not God, but is an influence or electricity-like emanation from God (or "light of Christ").

What they believe about Salvation:

Resurrected by grace, but saved (exalted to godhood) by your good works, including faithfulness to church leaders, Mormon baptism, tithing, ordination, marriage, and secret temple rituals. No eternal life without Mormon membership.

What they believe about death:

Eventually nearly everyone goes to one of three separate heavenly kingdoms, with some achieving godhood. Apostates and murderers go to "outer darkness".

Some other beliefs:

No alcohol, tobacco, coffee, or tea. They believe they can be baptized on behalf of the dead. Two year missionary commitment encouraged which includes door-to-door proselytizing. Secret temple rituals available only to members in good standing. People of African ancestry were not granted full access to Mormon priesthood and privileges until 1978.

Interesting Stuff:

The 'Pearl of Great Price' is claimed to contain the 'Book of Abraham' which Joseph Smith Jr. claimed was from Abraham himself and over 4000 years old. In 1835 Joseph Smith Jr. purchased some mummies and some old-looking papyrus scrolls from a traveling show. He claims that he translated the scrolls by a 'gift of God'. In 1967 some pieces of these scrolls were found in a New York city museum. The translation of the scrolls showed that they were just some old Egyptian burial scrolls and had nothing at all to do with Abraham.

Joseph Smith Jr. is claimed to have taken numerous secret rituals from Freemasonry and renamed them when he started Mormonism and they are now used as Mormon rituals and rights.

In *The Mormon Church and Freemasonry* (2001), Terry Chateau writes:

[The Joseph Smith family] was a Masonic family which lived by and practiced the estimable and admirable tenets of Freemasonry. The father, Joseph Smith, Sr., was a documented member in upstate New York. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason on May 7, 1818 in Ontario Lodge No. 23 of Canandaigua, New York. An older son, Hyrum Smith, was a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 112, Palmyra New York.

Jesus' Two Natures: God and Man

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Jesus is the most important person who has ever lived since he is the Savior, [God](#) in human flesh. He is not half God and half man. He is fully divine and fully man. In other words, Jesus has two distinct natures: divine and human. Jesus is the Word who was God and was with God and was made flesh ([John 1:1, 14](#)). This means that in the single person of Jesus he has both a human and divine nature, God and man. The divine nature was not changed when the Word became flesh ([John 1:1, 14](#)). Instead, the Word was joined with humanity ([Col. 2:9](#)). Jesus' divine nature was not altered. Also, Jesus is not merely a man who "had God within Him," nor is he a man who "manifested the God principle." He is God in flesh, the second person of the [Trinity](#). "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word," ([Heb. 1:3](#)). Jesus' two natures are not "mixed together" ([Eutychianism](#)), nor are they combined into a new God-man nature ([Monophysitism](#)). They are separate yet act as a unit in the one person of Jesus. This is called the Hypostatic Union.

The following chart should help you see the two natures of Jesus "in action":

GOD

He is worshiped ([Matt. 2:2, 11; 14:33](#))
He was called God ([John 20:28; Heb. 1:8](#))
He was called Son of God ([Mark 1:1](#))
He is prayed to ([Acts 7:59](#))
He is sinless ([1 Pet. 2:22; Heb. 4:15](#))
He knows all things ([John 21:17](#))
He gives eternal life ([John 10:28](#))
All the fullness of deity dwells in Him ([Col. 2:9](#))

MAN

He worshiped the Father (John 17)
He was called man ([Mark 15:39; John 19:5](#))
He was called Son of Man ([John 9:35-37](#))
He prayed to the Father (John 17)
He was tempted ([Matt. 4:1](#))
He grew in wisdom ([Luke 2:52](#))
He died ([Rom. 5:8](#))
He has a body of flesh and bones ([Luke 24:39](#))

The *Communicatio Idiomatum*

A [doctrine](#) that is related to the Hypostatic Union is the *communicatio idiomatum* (Latin for "communication of properties"). This is the teaching that the attributes of both the divine and human natures are ascribed to the one person of Jesus. This means that the man Jesus could lay claim to the glory He had with the Father before the world was made ([John 17:5](#)), claim that He descended from heaven ([John 3:13](#)), and also claim omnipresence ([Matt. 28:20](#)). All of these are divine qualities that are laid claim to by Jesus; therefore, the attributes of the divine properties were claimed by the person of Jesus.

One of the most common errors that non-Christian cults make is not understanding the two natures of Christ. For example, the [Jehovah's Witnesses](#) focus on Jesus' humanity and ignore His divinity. They repeatedly quote verses dealing with Jesus as a man and try to set them against Scripture showing that Jesus is also divine. On the other hand, [Christian Scientists](#) do the reverse. They focus on the Scriptures showing Jesus' divinity to the extent of denying His true humanity.

For a proper understanding of Jesus and, therefore, all other doctrines that relate to Him, His two natures must be properly understood and defined. Jesus is one person with two natures. This is why He would grow in wisdom and stature ([Luke 2:52](#)) and yet know all things ([John 21:17](#)). He is the Divine Word that became flesh ([John 1:1, 14](#)).

The [Bible](#) is about Jesus ([John 5:39](#)). The prophets prophesied about Him ([Acts 10:43](#)). The Father bore witness of Him ([John 5:37; 8:18](#)). The [Holy Spirit](#) bore witness of Him ([John 15:26](#)). The works Jesus did bore witness of Him ([John 5:36; 10:25](#)). The multitudes bore witness of Him ([John 12:17](#)). And, Jesus bore witness of Himself ([John 14:6; 18:6](#)).

Other verses to consider when examining His deity are [John 10:30-33; 20:28; Col. 2:9; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 1:6-8](#); and [2 Pet. 1:1](#).

[1 Tim. 2:5](#) says, "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Right now, there is a man in heaven on the throne of God. He is our advocate with the Father ([1 John 2:1](#)). He is our Savior ([Titus 2:13](#)). He is our Lord ([Rom. 10:9-10](#)). He is Jesus.