

IS CHRIST TRULY GOD?

Selected passages

I. THE WAY WORLD RELIGIONS HAVE VIEWED JESUS:

1. Muslims belief of Jesus:
 - a. Was born of a Virgin:
 - b. Jesus was a prophet:
 - c. Jesus was a wise teacher:
 - d. Jesus was a miracle worker:
 - e. Jesus ascended to Heaven:
 - f. Jesus will come again:
2. Hinduism and Buddhist views of Jesus:
 - a. Jesus was an enlightened man:
 - b. Jesus was a wise teacher:
 - c. Jesus was a Holy man:
 - d. Many Hindus would claim he is one of many Gods:
3. Judaism's view of Jesus:
 - a. Jesus was Mary's son:
 - b. Jesus was a teacher:
 - c. Jesus performed miracles:
 - d. Jesus claimed to be the Messiah but is not:
 - e. The followers of Jesus reported He rose from the dead:
4. What Mormon's believe about Jesus:
 - a. Jesus was born to a heavenly father and heavenly mother:
 - b. Jesus and Lucifer were brothers competing for being a redeemer:
 - c. Atonement at Gethsemane and not the cross:
 - d. Jesus is not the one true God but is one of many:

II. THE COUNCIL AND CREED THAT WOULD PLACE JESUS AS GOD FOR THE CHURCH:

The Nicene Creed:

1. The need for a council in the roman empire:
2. The council of Nicae in A.D. 325 with the invitation or 318 bishops:
3. Three views were presented but the view of Athanasius would be the consensus:
4. The view of Athanasius was that Jesus was Christ the King and almighty God:

III. WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY ABOUT JESUS BEING GOD:

A. Biblical evidence of Jesus having the attributes of God:

1. **Omniscience:** In *John 16:30* the apostle John affirms of Jesus, "Now we can see that you know all things." (See *Mt. 16:21; Lk. 6:8; 11:17; Jn. 4:29*)
2. **Omnipresence:** Jesus said in *Matthew 28:20*, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" and in *Matthew 18:20*, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."
3. **Omnipotence:** "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me," Jesus said in *Matthew 28:18*. (See *Mk. 5:11-15*)
4. **Eternality:** *John 1:1* declares of Jesus, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (See *Jn. 3:13; 8:58; 17:5; Col. 2:9*)
5. **Immutability:** *Hebrews 13:8* says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
6. **Creator:** In *John 1:3* the apostle writes that all things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being. (See *Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2; Rev. 4:11*)

B. Biblical prophecy that shows Jesus being the Messiah or also called the Christ:

1. The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem: (*Micah 5:2*), Fulfilled: (*Luke 2:4-7*)
2. The Messiah would be born of a virgin: (*Isaiah 7:14*), Fulfilled: (*Luke 1:26-27*)
3. The Messiah would be a Hebrew man: (*Isaiah 9:6*), Fulfilled: (*Luke 3:30*)
4. The Messiah would be a descendant of David: (*2 Samuel 7:12-16*)
5. The Messiah would present himself by riding on a donkey: (*Zechariah 9:9*)
6. The Messiah would be tortured to death: (*Psalms 22:1-31*)
7. The Messiah matched the description of the pierced suffering servant: (*Isaiah 52-53*)
8. The Messiah arrived before the destruction of the Second Temple: (*Daniel 9:24-27*)

IV. APPLICATIONS:

- A. History gives us no excuse for not accepting Jesus Christ as the one true God and this evidence should only create a bolder faith for sharing this good news with others.
- B. Jesus carefully laid this evidence at our feet to show us that we must make him the God of our lives and the one true king worthy of our worship and devotion.