

All About Jesus

If you are bold enough to talk to others about Jesus, then you should expect that you will have people ask challenging questions about Jesus.

Today I want us to look at 3 questions about Jesus that will equip you for conversations about Jesus.

Question #1 - Did Jesus ever claim to be God?

Jesus said things about Himself that are only acceptable for God to say. Jesus said things about Himself that can only be true of God. Let me give you just 3 examples.

Jesus said He is the first and the last.

Isaiah 44:6 *Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. (ESV)*

Revelation 1:17–18 *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. (ESV)*

Jesus said He is the judge of the world.

Psalms 9:7–8 *But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. (ESV)*

Matthew 25:31–33 *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (ESV)*

John 5:22 *For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, (ESV)*

Jesus intentionally used the wording of Exodus 3:14 to describe Himself.

Exodus 3:13–15 *Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. (ESV)*

John 8:24 *I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." (ESV)*

John 8:58 *Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." (ESV)*

Question #2 - Does the Bible ever say that Jesus is God?

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (ESV)*

- John 1:18* No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (ESV)
- John 20:28* Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (ESV)
- Hebrews 1:8* But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. (ESV)
- Colossians 2:9* For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, (ESV)
- Philippians 2:6* who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, (ESV)
- Romans 9:5* To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.
- 2 Peter 1:1* Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: (ESV)
- Titus 2:13* waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (ESV)
- 1 John 5:20* And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (ESV)
- Isaiah 7:14* Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (ESV) (Immanuel = God with us)
- Isaiah 9:6* For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (ESV)
- Revelation 22:6, 16* [6] And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." [16] "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." (ESV)

Question #3 - How can the Trinity make any sense?

We will let the Bible defend itself on this issue, and it will become our responsibility to either accept it or reject it. Let me show you the Trinity by explaining 4 Biblical claims.

The Bible claims that there is only one God.

- Deuteronomy 6:4* Hear, O Israel: the LORD (Jehovah/Yahweh) our God (Elohim), the LORD (Jehovah/Yahweh) is one.
- Deuteronomy 4:39* know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. (ESV)

Isaiah 43:10–11 “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. (ESV)

Isaiah 44:6

Isaiah 45:22

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

Isaiah 37:16

Isaiah 45:5,6

Deuteronomy 4:35

1 Timothy 2:5

The Bible claims that God the Father is God.

John 6:27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal. (ESV)

Philippians 2:11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (ESV)

The Bible claims that Jesus is God.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (ESV)

The Bible claims that the Holy Spirit is God.

Acts 5:3,4 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." (ESV)

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit,... For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (ESV)

Hebrews 9:14 (Eternal)

Job 33:4 (Creator)

Luke 1:35-37 (Omnipotence)

John 14:26 (Holiness of deity)

John 3:5-7 (Work of deity - regeneration)

Psalms 139:7-10 (Omnipresence)

2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16 (Giver of Scripture)

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (Omniscience)

Matthew 12:31 (Can be blasphemed)

Are all three Persons eternal? Yes. Psalm 90:2; John 1:3; Hebrews 9:14

Are all three Persons distinct? Yes. In John 1:1 we learn that Jesus was with God and was God. There is a union between Jesus and God the Father and yet there is a distinction as well. We could also look at the baptism of Jesus and see all three members of the Trinity present and active, doing three distinct things.

Are there any places in the Bible where all three members are connected together to describe them as one God? Yes. Matthew 28:19

How can one explain the Trinity? God is one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Bible attributes deity to each Person of the Godhead, distinguishing the Persons, while maintaining that there is only one God.

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, JESUS CLAIMED TO BE AND IS GOD IN HUMAN FLESH - THE SECOND MEMBER OF THE TRINITY.. and People need Jesus.