

During a heated conversation between Jesus and the Jews, Jesus said this. John recorded it for us, and we find what Jesus said in John 10:37. "If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do then, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Basically, Jesus said that in order to understand that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Him, the Jews needed to look at what Jesus does. Tonight we are going to do that. We are going to look at various works of Jesus that are works of God.

If we could put our topic into a question tonight, I would ask it this way:

Is there anything Jesus does that only God can do?

Does Jesus have roles and responsibilities, offices and rights that give evidence to the fact that He is God?

I'd like us to look at 6 works of Jesus that are works of deity.

Work #1 - Jesus holds the office of Creator.

We know the Bible tells us that God is the creator, let's look at that right quick.

Of God:

Genesis 1:1 -	God is creator.
Hebrews 11:3 -	God created everything out of nothing.

Of Jesus:

John 1:3 -	Nothing was made without Jesus.
Hebrews 1:2 -	Through Jesus, the world was created.
Colossians 1:16 -	By Jesus all things were created in heaven and on earth.

We know the Bible teaches that God is the creator of the universe. We are also told that Jesus is the creator. The Bible teaches that there is only one God (Isaiah 45:5-6). If there is only one God, and yet the Bible teaches us that there is a Father and a Son who are both creators, that must mean there is more to the one God than one person.

Work #2 - Jesus holds to office of Preserver.

When we say preserver, what we mean is that God maintains and keeps in operation those things which He has created. God keeps the universe in motion. Without God's continual work, the universe would not continue to operate.

Of God:

Nehemiah 9:6 -	God alone preserves all that He has created.
Psalms 36:6 -	God preserves both man and beast. (God keeps the heart beating)

Of Jesus:

Colossians 1:17 -	Jesus is the power that holds everything together.
Hebrews 1:2-3 -	Jesus upholds the universe by the word of His power.

Without God, the world would not function. That is what the Bible declares of Him being the preserver. The Bible also makes very clear that it is Jesus who is the preserver of the universe.

Work #3 - Jesus has the right to forgive sin.

The Jews were against Jesus because He went about telling people that their sins were forgiven. The Jews knew and believed that only God had the right to ultimately forgive sins.

Of God:

Isaiah 43:25 -	God told Israel it was Him that removes transgressions. God forgives.
Psalms 32:1-2 -	David makes clear that it is the LORD (Yahweh) who forgives sin.
Psalms 51:1, 4 -	David knew it was against God he had sinned. (The one sinned against is the one in the place to forgive sin.)

Of Jesus:

Mark 2:5-11 -	Jesus did forgive sins, and proved He was the forgiver of sins through his sign miracles to confirm His authority.
Acts 5:31 -	Jesus is in the place to give forgiveness to Israel.
Colossians 1:14; 2:13 -	God forgives sin, but forgiveness of sin is only found in Jesus.

The Bible is clear to point out that sinful men have sinned against the Holy God. If God is the one who has been sinned against, God is the only one who is in the position to provide forgiveness. God has provided forgiveness of sin through the person of Jesus. Jesus has the authority to forgive sin. Jesus forgave sin. If Jesus is the forgiver of sin, He must be the one who was sinned against, along with God the Father. By the fact that Jesus is the forgiver of sin, we conclude that Jesus can do what only God is in a position to do. He must be God.

Work #4 - Jesus has the right to execute judgment.

For some of you, this may be review because we just covered this topic last week in our exposition of John 5:19-29, but it's still important for us to cover it again tonight in our Christology study.

Of God:

Psalms 9:7-8 -	The LORD (Yahweh) is the one who judges the world.
Psalms 50:6 -	God Himself is judge.

Of Jesus:

John 5:22; 27 -	Jesus is the one who executes judgment.
Acts 17:31 -	Jesus will judge the world in righteousness.
2 Timothy 4:1 -	Jesus is judge of the living and the dead.

While the Bible teaches that it is God Himself who is judge, the Bible also teaches that Jesus is the judge. Jesus went so far as to say that not even the Father is the judge, but that all judgment is the responsibility of the Son. If Jesus is not God, He can't judge. The logic behind this is clear as well. In order for Jesus to completely judge the world in righteousness, He must be a just judge who is also an all-knowing judge. We have already studied Jesus' attribute of omniscience and His just character over the last two weeks. These two features of Jesus go hand in hand with His role as judge of all. In order for Jesus to actually be the final judge, He must know all that God knows and He must be perfectly just as God. He must be God.

Work #6 - Jesus has the power to give life.

God is the power behind the heart beating.

Of God:

Genesis 2:7 -	God formed man of dust and gave man life.
1 Timothy 6:13 -	God gives life to all things.

Of Jesus:

John 1:4 -	In Jesus is life.
John 5:21,26 -	Jesus has the same life giving authority as the Father.
John 11:25-26 -	Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
John 10:28 -	Jesus gives eternal life.

It has already been established in this study that Jesus is the creator. He has made everything. Not only has He made everything there is, but it is also Him that is the giver of life to man and beast. While God is the giver of life, Jesus is also the giver of life. And it is only in Jesus that anyone can be given eternal life. Jesus is the giver of both life and eternal life. Jesus must be God.

Work #6 - Jesus is the giver of the Holy Spirit.

Of God:

Acts 5:32 -	Peter said God is the provider of the Holy Spirit.
2 Corinthians 5:5 -	Paul said God gives the Holy Spirit.

Of Jesus:

John 16:7 -	Jesus is the one who sends the Holy Spirit.
Mark 1:8 -	Jesus is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.
John 4:14; 7:37-39 -	Jesus is the giver of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible teaches that God is the giver of the Holy Spirit and Jesus is the giver of the Holy Spirit. The only way for this to be true is for Jesus to be God Himself.

We started tonight with the question "Is there anything Jesus does that only God can do?" and based off our Biblical research, our answer is **Yes! Jesus does what only God can do. Jesus creates, preserves, forgives, judges, gives life, and gives the Holy Spirit.** This is another evidence that Jesus is God.