

You can trust Jesus' ORIGIN

After Jesus publicly claimed to be the source of spiritual water that could satisfy the soul and that he was the light of the world, the religious leaders challenge these claims about himself. In the OT, a person couldn't be a witness for themselves, but the truth was determined by the testimony of two or three witnesses (Deut. 17:6). Jesus has already answered this complaint before, where he proved there were many who could testify to the truth of his claims (John 5:31). *People with ulterior motives won't believe no matter the amount of evidence!* Knowing it was out of jealousy and there was no answer they would accept, Jesus claims his *origin* makes his testimony true. The fact he came from heaven—where only angels and God live—meant that, because he wasn't an angel, he was claiming to be equal to the God who gave the Law! *Jesus is the God of heaven brought down to earth!*

You can trust Jesus' FATHER

The Jews were concerned with genealogies and paternities and believed a faithful son was a representation of the father and what he stood for (Prov. 10:1; 23:24; 28:7). So, when Jesus talks about his Father, they insultingly ask where he is, possibly knowing Joseph was lower class or dead by this time. *Don't let insults of the ignorant influence your identity!* Jesus responds that if they can't believe in him after seeing miracles, then even God's testimony wouldn't change their minds. The Father and Son are the same in nature and action; if you've seen One, you've seen the Other. *God is Jesus' Father by role, not by reproduction!*

You can trust Jesus' CHARACTER

Two thousand years ago, there was nowhere someone could go that they couldn't be followed. The religious leaders ridiculed Jesus by stating that the only way he couldn't be followed is if he killed himself and suffered in Hades, because they believed that was a place they would never be. But Jesus wasn't talking about a place on earth, but a return to his Father in heaven—*the place they will never be!* Jesus makes the extraordinary claim that he is the 'I AM' of the OT, who is able to forgive sin against God, as God (Ex. 3:4-14). *Always trust God, even when you can't trust people!*