

The Divinity of Jesus

This is the incredible truth which lies at the heart of the Christian Faith, that Jesus Christ, whilst truly man was also truly God. This makes Christianity completely distinctive and unique from other religions.

Direct Statements about His Divinity

Listed below are clear statements that teach us that Jesus is God.

John 1:1-2: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.* The Greek literally states in beginning, was existing the Word. In this verse Word comes from the Greek word logos. This held an incredibly profound significance for the philosophers of Jesus' day.

Logos was first used about 500 years before Jesus' birth by a man called Heraclitus. It became a universal, cosmic, religious principle relating to the ultimate cause of the heavens and universe.

John used the words in the original Greek, **in beginning was being the logos**. By leaving out the word the (In the beginning) John pointed to something that existed before eternity past, farther back than our finite minds can conceive. Before the earth, the planet, the stars, light and darkness, in a beginning that never really had a beginning, the **logos** already existed. In other words He had no starting point. Eternally existing the logos was with God and the logos was God.

Then John wrote these amazing words in John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.* In other words God became man! It is no wonder that people were and are still perplexed about who Jesus was and is! That God himself would take on the form of man and live with us, and to die for us!

John 1:18: *No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.*

John 20:28: *Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"*

Acts 20:28: *Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*

Romans 9:5: *Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.*

Titus 2:13: *while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

Hebrews 1:8: *But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever, and righteousness will be the sceptre of your kingdom.*

2 Peter 1:1: *Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours.*

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Further study

Matthew 1:23

John 17:3

Colossians 2:2

2 Thessalonians 1:12

1 John 5:20

Jesus Identity with JAHWEH /Jehovah

The New Testament gives many of the attributes of God to Jesus.

1. God's Name

In the Old Testament God's sacred name was YHWH. The word Yahweh is from the [Hebrew](#) יהוה, transcribed into Roman letters as YHWH and known as the [Tetragrammaton](#), (from [Greek](#) meaning a word having four letters). Its meaning of the name is **"He Brings Into Existence Whatever Exists"**. The traditional rendering of the name is from Exodus 3:14-15 **I AM WHO I AM** or **I AM THAT I AM**.

The Bible describes Yahweh as the LORD who delivered Israel from Egypt and gave the [Ten Commandments](#) and says that Yahweh revealed himself to Israel as the LORD who would not permit his people to make idols or worship other gods. **Isaiah 42:8: *I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, or My praise to idols.***

In the 2nd and 3rd century BC the sacred name YAHWEH or Jehovah was translated into Greek using the word [kyrios](#). This sacred name and title were attributed directly to Jesus.

Romans 10:9: *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is [Lord](#)," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

1 Corinthians 12:3: *Therefore I tell you that no-one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no-one can say, "Jesus is [Lord](#)," except by the Holy Spirit.*


The confession that Jesus is Lord is probably the earliest confession of faith.

Jesus is also given the title **Lord of Lords**.

1 Timothy 6:15: *God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and [Lord](#) of lords.*

Revelation 17:14: *They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is [Lord](#) of lords and King of kings.*

On a number of occasions the New Testament writers apply Old Testament passages concerning YHWH to Jesus.

 **Acts 2:34: *For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand***

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- ✚ **Romans 8:34:** *Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*
- ✚ **Hebrews 10:12:** *But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.*
- ✚ **1 Peter 3:22:** *who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand — with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.*

These four verses directly apply to Psalm 110:1: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

- ✚ **Romans 10:13** *For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*
Applies to **Joel 2:32** *And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.*
- ✚ **Philippians 2:9-11:** *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* Applies to **Isaiah 45:23** *I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.*

These passages identify Jesus as **YHWH**.

Further Study

Ephesians 4:8

Psalm 68:18

Jesus himself used terms that were used for God in the Old Testament. Exodus 3:14-15 *And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"*

- ✚ **John 6:35:** *And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.*
- ✚ **John 8:12:** *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.*
- ✚ **John 8:58:** *Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.*
- ✚ **John 10:9:** *I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved.*
- ✚ **John 10:11:** *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

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- ✚ **John 11:25-26:** *I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.*
- ✚ **John 14:6:** *Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*
- ✚ **John 15:1-2:** *I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.*

2. God's Glory

God's Glory is the visible appearance of His majesty.

- ✚ **Exodus 24:15-17:** *Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.*
- ✚ **Exodus 40:34:** *Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*
- ✚ **Isaiah 6:1-3:** *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"*

It is something unique and peculiar to God. In Judaism, because the name of God was too sacred to pronounce, the **Glory of God** became a substitute of YHWH.

In the New Testament the glory of God is equated with Jesus. We read in **John 12:41:** *These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.*

Jesus is seen as the manifestation of the glory of God.

- ✚ **1 Corinthians 2:7-8:** *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*
- ✚ **2 Corinthians 4:4:** *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*
- ✚ **Hebrews 1:3:** *who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*
- ✚ **James 2:1-2:** *My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.*