

Jesus often showed people, by his actions, that he had divine authority.

For example, he claimed to forgive sins (**Mark 2:1-12**).

While priests and prophets could mediate forgiveness by praying for people, forgiving sins committed against God was something the Jewish scribes believed only God had the authority to do.

Jesus also clarified what you could and couldn't do on the Sabbath. By the way, keeping the Sabbath is one of the 10 commandments. Who's got the authority to lay down the law when it comes to obeying the 10 commandments?

Jesus also called himself the "Lord of the Sabbath" (**Mark 2:28**)

Jesus said He was God through His words and actions

If you're willing to look at the historical record, you'll find that there's a reasonable explanation for the early Christian belief that Jesus was divine: Jesus Himself said He was. Even people who hated Jesus attest to the fact that this is what He said about Himself. And He certainly didn't object when people worshiped Him or called Him God (**John 20:28-29**)

In Revelation, an angel instructed the apostle John to only worship God (**Revelation 19:10**). Several times in Scripture Jesus receives worship (**Matthew 2:11; 14:33; 28:9, 17; Luke 24:52; John 9:38**). He never rebukes people for worshiping Him. If Jesus were not God, He would have told people to not worship Him, just as the angel in Revelation did. There are many other passages of Scripture that argue for Jesus' deity.

The most important reason that Jesus has to be God is that, if He is not God, His death would not have been sufficient to pay the penalty for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2). A created being, which Jesus would be if He were not God, could not pay the infinite penalty required for sin against an infinite God. Only God could pay such an infinite penalty. Only God could take on the sins of the world (2 Corinthians 5:21), die, and be resurrected, proving His victory over sin and death.

John 17:1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 17:20-21. 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will[a] believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Revelation 1:8 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 22:13 - "I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."**...22:16** - "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches."

Matthew 1:23 - "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."



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Some Bible Verses That Say "Jesus is God"

Some people claim to believe that Jesus was a prophet, teacher a good person but they deny that Jesus is God. If that is you, I would like to encourage you to consider some of these Bible verses:

Matthew 1:23 - "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... **1:14** - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Matthew 26:63-64

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." "You have said so," Jesus replied.

John 8:58 "Before Abraham was, I am"

Matthew 16:15-17

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Luke 22:69-70. **69** Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

70 Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am."

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, “*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

John 10:38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe[a] that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

John 13.13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. (The New Testament was originally written in Greek. The Greek word for “Lord” is Kurios, meaning “God—supreme in authority. Jesus was making the point that they were to follow the example (serving one another) set by God Himself. Later that evening, He reiterated His claim by saying to Philip.

John 11:25-27 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

John 10:36 do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?

John 11:4 When Jesus heard that, He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

John 20:31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 1:49-50

Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

Matt. 8:29 They cried out, “Son of God, leave us alone! Have you come here to torment us before the time?”

Mark 3:11-12 And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.”¹² But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

John 5:22 -23 "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son" (Jesus is saying that He will be our judge in God's place. **5:27** repeats this.)
23 - "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." (If we make Jesus less than God, then we dishonor God the Father).

John 5:25 - Those who hear the voice of the Son will rise again from the dead. If He is not calling Himself God, He is certainly attributing the traits of God to Himself. **5:28** repeats this.

John 5:28-30 At Jesus' voice people will be raised from the dead, some to life, others to condemnation. So our eternal fates are in the hands of Jesus.

Mark 1:9-11

9 It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And immediately, coming up from[a] the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. 11 Then a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

John 5:17,18

“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” Therefore the Jews sought to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

John 8:24

“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I AM He, you will die in your sins.”

John 8:58

Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

John 10:30-33

Jesus answered them, “I and My Father are one.” Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?” The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.”

John 14:6-7

- Jesus said to him, “I AM the way, the truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

John 14:9-11

9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”
10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Mark 1.1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

