

JESUS IS GOD

Biblical Evidence and Answers to Objections

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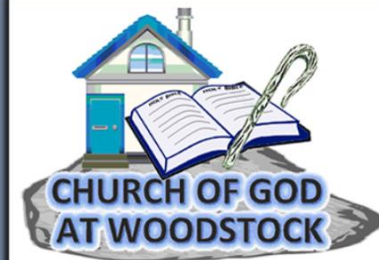


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JOSEPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

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2 Timothy 2:15–16

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But **shun profane and vain babblings**: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, **The Lord knoweth them that are his**. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.



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Matthew 7:7

Ask, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened unto you:

Questions one might have in reading The Bible.

- What are the stones of fire? [Eze 28:14,16]
- Why 153 great fishes? [John 21:11]
- Who is Isaiah writing of, himself or some other Man? [Acts 8:34, Isaiah 53:7-8]



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Did Israel have a King named David?

2 Samuel 5:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and **they anointed David king over Israel.**

What was the name of King David's great-grandfather?

Ruth 4:21-22 And Salmon begat **Boaz**, and Boaz begat Obed, And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.



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Did Jesus have
yellow and purple
striped skin?

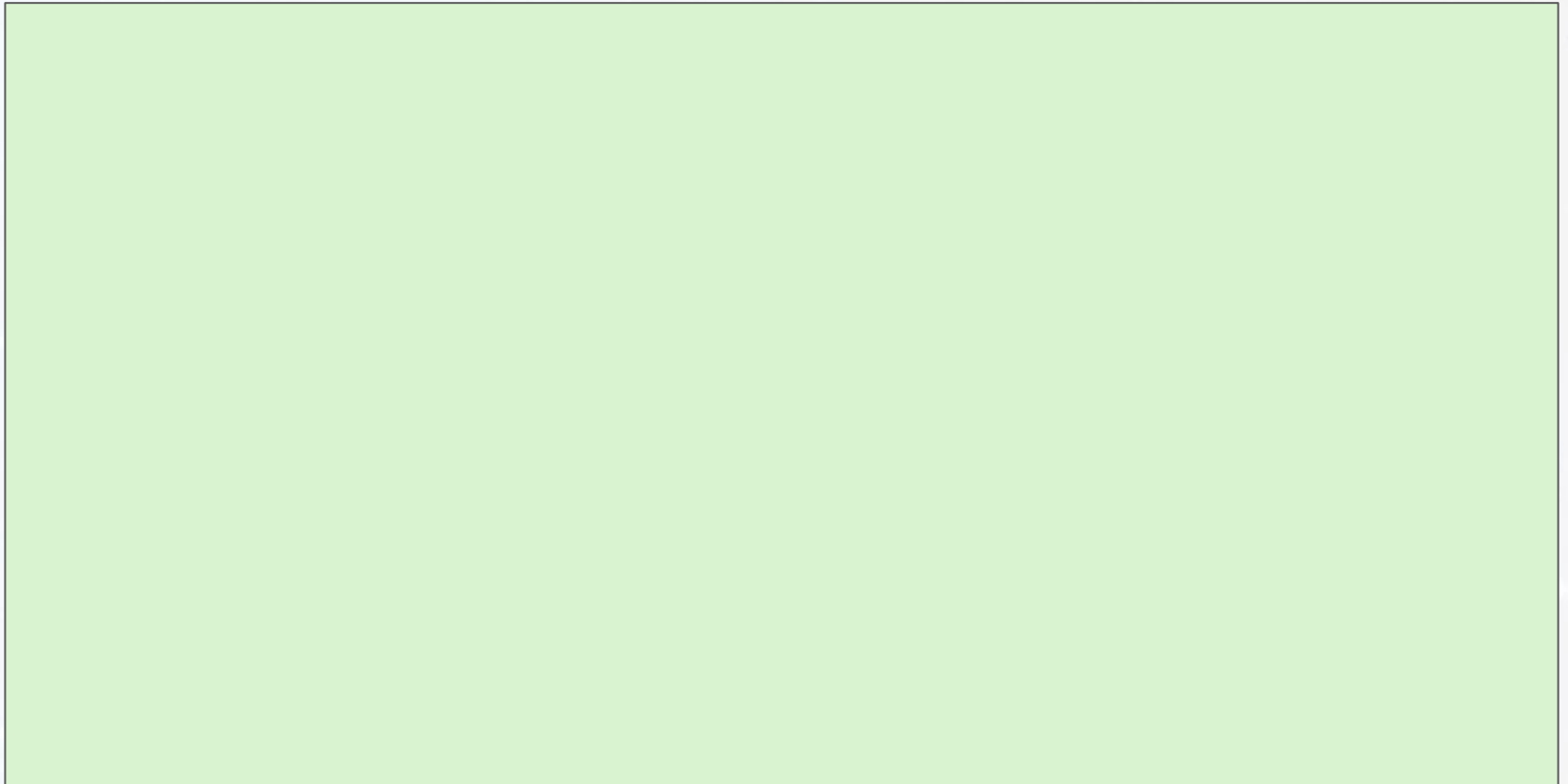
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**Question:
Is Jesus God?**



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List of verses where Jesus says, “**I am God**”,
or someone else says “**Jesus is God**”



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Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is **one LORD**:

Zechariah 14:9

And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be **one LORD**, and **his name one**.



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Leviticus 24:16

And he that **blasphemeth the name of the LORD**, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly **stone him**: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when **he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.**

Exodus 20:2–3

I am **the LORD thy God**, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**



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John 5:19

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The **Son can do nothing of himself**, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 20:17

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto **my Father**, and your Father; and to **my God**, and your God.



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“Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works—a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles.”

Flavius Josephus: Antiquities of the Jews, Book 18, Chapter 3



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“They were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang in alternate verses a hymn to Christ, as to a god, and bound themselves by a solemn oath, not to any wicked deeds, but never to commit any fraud, theft or adultery, never to falsify their word, nor deny a trust when they should be called upon to deliver it up...”

Pliny the Younger in his letter to Emperor Trajan, 112 AD



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"...there was an old decree that no god should be consecrated by the emperor till first approved by the senate. ...Tiberius accordingly, in whose days the Christian name made its entry into the world, having himself received intelligence from Palestine of events which had clearly shown the truth of Christ's divinity, brought the matter before the senate, with his own decision in favour of Christ. The senate, because it had not given the approval itself, rejected his proposal. Cæsar held to his opinion, threatening wrath against all accusers of the Christians. Consult your histories; you will there find that Nero was the first who assailed with the imperial sword the Christian sect, making progress then especially at Rome."

Tertullian, Apology chapter 5

"Great stress is to be placed on the fact that Tertullian was probably a jurisconsult, familiar with the Roman archives, and influenced by them in his own acceptance of Divine Truth. It is not supposable that such a man would have hazarded his bold appeal to the records, in remonstrating with the Senate and in the very faces of the Emperor and his colleagues, had he not known that the evidence was irrefragable."

A. Cleveland Coxe



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For God alone is without sin; and the only man without sin is Christ, since **Christ is also God.**

Tertullian (AD 150-225), Treatise on the Soul, 41

Now may the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the eternal high priest himself, the **Son of God Jesus Christ**, build you up in faith and truth...and to us with you, and to all those under heaven who will yet **believe in our Lord and God Jesus Christ** and in his Father who **raised him from the dead.**

Polycarp (AD 69-155), Philippians, 12:2



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Permit me first to recount the prophecies, which I wish to do in order to prove that **Christ is called both God and Lord of hosts.**

Justin Martyr (AD 100-165), Dialogue with Trypho, 36.

For all, the righteous and the unrighteous alike, shall be brought before **God the Word.**

Hippolytus of Rome (AD 170-235), Against Plato, Section 3.

Others:

Ignatius, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Melito,
Origen



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Hebrews 1:6–8

And again, when he bringeth in **the firstbegotten** into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But **unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God**, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

[Psalm 45:6-7]



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Psalm 110:1

The **LORD said unto my Lord**, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Hebrews 1:13

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?



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Titus 2:13

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great **God** and our Saviour **Jesus Christ**;

2 Peter 1:1

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of **God** and our Saviour **Jesus Christ**:

[Mt 24:30, 1 Tim 6:14, 2 Thes 2:8, 1 Peter 1:7]



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1 Peter 5:14

Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity.
Peace be with you all **that are in Christ Jesus**.
Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and in the **knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever**. Amen.

[1 Peter 1:2-3,17, 2 Peter 1:17]



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Isaiah 45:22–23

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: **for I am God**, and **there is none else**. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That **unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**



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Philippians 2:9–11

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that **every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.



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John 10:30–33

I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; **but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.**



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Mark 2:5-7

When **Jesus** saw their faith, he **said** unto the sick of the palsy, Son, **thy sins be forgiven thee**. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? **who can forgive sins but God only?**



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John 8:58–59

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am**. Then **took they up stones to cast at him**: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Exodus 3:14

And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.



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John 10:7–9

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door of the sheep**. All that ever came before me are **thieves and robbers**: but the sheep did not hear them. **I am the door: by me** if any man enter in, **he shall be saved**, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**



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John 14:9

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

1 John 2:23

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: *(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*



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**THE SON
OF GOD**



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Daniel 3:25

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the **Son of God**.

Daniel 3:28a

Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his **angel**



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Luke 3:38

Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was the son of God.

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also **that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God**.



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John 10:36–39

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, **Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God**? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that **the Father is in me, and I in him**. Therefore they **sought again to take him**: but he escaped out of their hand,

[John 5:17-18]



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Matthew 4:3

And when the tempter came to him, he said, **If thou be the Son of God**, command that these stones be made bread.

Matthew 4:6a

And saith unto him, **If thou be the Son of God**, cast thyself down:

Luke 4:41

And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, **Thou art Christ the Son of God**. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.



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Mark 15:37–39

And **Jesus cried** with a loud voice, and **gave up the ghost**. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. And when **the centurion**, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, **Truly this man was the Son of God**.

[John the Baptist - John 1:6-7,29,34]



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John 1:49

Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the **Son of God**; thou art the King of Israel.

Matthew 14:27, 32-33

But straightway **Jesus spake unto them**, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

14:32–33 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the **Son of God**.



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John 11:25–27

Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life**: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, **yet shall he live**: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, **Yea, Lord: I believe** that thou art the Christ, the **Son of God**, which should come into the world.



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Luke 22:67–71

Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, **Art thou then the Son of God?** And he said unto them, **Ye say that I am.** And they said, **What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.**

[Matthew 26:63-66]



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John 9:35–38

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the **Son of God**? He answered and said, **Who is he, Lord**, that I might believe on him? And **Jesus said** unto him, **Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee**. And he said, **Lord, I believe**. And he **worshipped** him.



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Other places Jesus is called **The Son of God**

- Acts 8:37, 9:20
- 2 Corinthians 1:19
- Galatians 2:20
- Ephesians 4:13
- Hebrews 4:14, 6:6, 7:3, 10:29
- 1 John 3:8, 4:15, 5:5, 10, 12-13, 20
- Revelation 2:18



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Do all aspects of the human father/son relationship apply to the relationship between The Father and Jesus?

Examples – aspects that do NOT apply

- A human father is always older than the son.
- A human son waits for the death of his father to receive his inheritance.

Examples – aspects that apply

- A close, loving, deep bond.
- Son's reverence, obedience to The Father.



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Romans 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **they are the sons of God**.

1 John 3:2

Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Other places – ‘sons of God’

John 1:12, Romans 8:19, Philippians 2:15, 1 John 3:1



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John 3:18

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not **believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

John 5:25

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, **when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**



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Upcoming topics

- Creator
- King of Kings
- First and Last / Alpha and Omega
- Types / Shadows
- Exalted / Glorified
- Why doesn't The Bible make it 100% clear that Jesus is God?
- How can 'one god' be obedient to 'another god'?
- And more...



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2 Peter 1:11–13

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of **our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;




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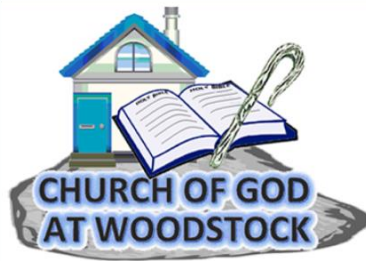
For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 3:11





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