

Claims of Jesus Christ

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I. Introduction.

- A. The importance of a saying depends upon who says it.
- B. Jesus made some amazing claims about Himself.
- C. Christianity is truth in action.

II. What Jesus taught explained what He did, and what He did confirmed what He taught. (Mark 6:30, John 6:15)

- A. God's work is continuous.
- B. Jesus claim was that He was equal with God and called five reliable witnesses to testify to it.
 - 1. Jesus Word was a witness to who He is.
 - a. Jesus claimed that He did the Father's will perfectly. (John 7:28, 8:25, 14:10)
 - b. Jesus claimed that He had the power to life as the Father raises from the dead. (Luke 7:11-17, Mark 5:42, Matthew 9:18-26, John 11:43, Ephesians 2:1)
 - c. Jesus claimed the position of judge. (Acts 10:42)
 - d. He claimed the one honoring the Son honors and acknowledges the Father. (John 15:23, 1 John 2:23, 2 John 9)
 - 2. John the Baptist was a witnesses to Jesus. (John 1:29)
 - 3. The works of the Father were a witness to Jesus. (Acts 2:22, John 10:25, 10:37-38, 15:24)
 - 4. The Scriptures witness to Jesus - both the Old and New Testament is about Jesus. (Genesis 49:10, Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 33:21, Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 53:1-12, Psalm 22:1-21, 16:8-11, Deuteronomy 30:2, Daniel 7:13, Isaiah 11:1-12, Jeremiah 23:5-6)
 - 5. Moses was a witness to Christ. (Luke 22:44, Deuteronomy 18:18-19, Acts 3:22, 7:37, John 3:14, 8:56, Genesis 3:15)
- C. Jesus is either Lord, a liar or a lunatic.
 - 1. The greatest moral teacher would not lie about his identity.
 - 2. A lunatic would not show calm in the face of persecution and death.

3. Jesus is who He said He was. (John 14:6)

4. Changed lives testify to who Christ is. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

5. Christianity is experiencing the controlling power of God in one's life day by day.

D. To receive Christ you only need to acknowledge your sin and acknowledge Jesus as Savior welcoming Him in.

Application questions

1. What three options are there for Jesus' identity and why do two tend not to work? Explain.

2. Of the Old Testament witnesses to Jesus, which one strikes you the most and why?

3. Memorize John 14:6 and write it below. What kind of action does an understanding of the identity of Jesus call us to?
