

The Deity of Christ

This Is A Reference Guide **To Direct And Indirect personal Claims** From The Bible, concerning Jesus Christ Being The Son Of God—Being Divine, Being God In The Flesh; Therefore, **Substantiating The Trinity** (All verses in NKJV).

Old Testament References to the Messiah Being God (7)

Some might say that the Old Testament never referred to the Messiah as being God in the flesh, not so. These are only a few.

1) *Isaiah 7: 7-4 & 9:6-7*

Isa 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call **His name Immanuel**. {Literally God-With-Us }

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God**, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

A child is born, a human child. A son is given, God's only begotten Son who is divine. He is Mighty God and everlasting...God with us.

2) *Micah 5:2*

Mic. 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, **Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting**."

His "Goings forth from of old, from everlasting" indicates the eternal existence of the Only begotten Son of God.

3) *Psalms 2:7*

Ps. 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, **'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You**.

Begotten as in the only one of a kind (Incarnation, God/man), sent into the world to save that which was lost...an Old Testament reference to God's Son.

4) *Hosea 11:1*

Ho 11:1 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, And **out of Egypt I called My son**."

We know that Israel was considered the child or children of Abraham; however, the reference to "I called My son" is Messianic, and fulfilled when Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt to avoid Herod's slaughtering of the innocent.

5) *Isaiah 9:2*

Isa 9:2 "The people who walked in darkness **Have seen a great light**; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, **Upon them a light has shined.**"

Jesus' ministry among the Galilean peoples was the great light; Jesus said **I Am** the light of the world...only God is the source of light.

6) *Proverbs 30:4*

Pr. 30:4 "**Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?** Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? **Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name,** If you know?"

This begins with a reference to resurrection after descending into Hell. It speaks of the creator, His name, and His Son's name. The Son of God.

7) *Daniel 7:13, 14*

13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, **One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven!** He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, **Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.**

Daniel's vision of the son of man coming in great glory to rule and reign over all peoples, a kingdom that shall never pass away nor be destroyed—divine attributes.

New Testament References: (59)

1) *Luke 22:70,71*

Luke 22:70 Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "**You rightly say that I am.**"

71 And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

Jesus affirms He is the Son of God.

2) *John 9:35-37*

Jn. 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "**Do you believe in the Son of God?**"

36 He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

37 And Jesus said to him, "**You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.**"

Jesus testifies directly to this man that He is the Son of God.

3) *Mark 14:61, 62*

Mk. 14:61 But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "**Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?**"

62 Jesus said, "**I am.** And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Certainly, it is clear that Jesus testifies that He is the Son of God again and tells them He'll return with the power of God. This also references Daniel's vision of the divine Son of God.

4) *Luke 1:32-35*

32 "He will be great, and will be **called the Son of the Highest**; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob **forever**, and of His kingdom there **will be no end.**"

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

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.**"

This passage has multiple references to being called the Son of God. This singular reference differs from other "sons of God," or even "son of God" reference given to Adam. The Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit: Jesus is the word of God, the Son of God, and has all the attributes of the divine.

5) *John 3:16*

Jn. 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Only Begotten means: the only one of that kind...The incarnate God/man.

6) *Mark 14:61-64*

61 But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "**Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?**"

"62 Jesus said, "**I am.** And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?"

64 **"You have heard the blasphemy!** What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

Jesus responded to the high priest's direct question, "I am." They wanted to destroy Him because of blasphemy, which meant they fully understood what Jesus' claim was—He is God. This also references Daniel's son of man reference of one who sits on the right hand of God coming in great glory.

The "I Am" Statements

The Gospel of John recounts seven "I Am" statements of Jesus Christ. Statements that speak of no other (In the Greek it is 'ego eimi' which is "I Am"). These "I Am" statements coincide with the theme of God's revelation of who He is:

Exodus 3:74 "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.'"

Before Abraham Was, I Am:

7) *John 8:58*

Jn. 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**"

After Jesus said this, the Pharisees knew what Jesus was doing and saying. They knew that Jesus was claiming to be God. The religious rulers decided that Jesus is a blasphemer and picked up stones to kill him for it.

In John..."I Am the bread of Life!

8) *John 6:35,49-51,*

Jn. 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.**

48 "I am the bread of life.

49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, **that one may eat of it and not die.**

51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

One of the attributes of divinity is being the source, in this case, life itself. No human being would speak in this way. Jesus is saying that He is life itself. The truth is that no sane man would say or claim the things Jesus did, unless of course it is all true.

In John "I Am the Light of the World!"

9) *John 8:12*

Jn. 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.**"

Jesus identifying Himself as the light of life; only divinity can claim to be the source of light.

In John..."I Am the Door of the sheep!"

10) *John 10:9*

Jn. 10:9 "**I am the door.** If anyone enters by Me, **he will be saved**, and will go in and out and find pasture."

This statement is full and conclusive, positive, and complete, He is and no other.

In John "I Am the good shepherd!"

11) *John 10:11,28*

Jn. 10:11 "**I am the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

28 "And **I give them eternal life**, and **they shall never perish**; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

Jesus claims to have the authority, power, and right to give eternal life. This is a full declarative statement.

In John..."I Am the Resurrection and the Life!"

12) *John 11:25*

Jn. 11:25 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?"

Who can make such definitive statements? Only God would know, only divinity would speak knowing of eternal things.

In John..."I am the Way the Truth, and the Life!"

13) *John 14:6*

Jn. 14:6 "Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus claims to be THE truth! He is the only way to God; another absolute statement of certainty.

In John..."I am the vine!"

14) *John 15:5*

5 **"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."**

6 **"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned."**

The source of life is declared again. All of life, all that matters, is in Him. He is either crazy, a liar, or who He claims to be.

Pre-existence of Jesus

Jesus makes statements that clearly declare that He claims to have existed long before-- even before the world began.

1) *John 17:5&24*

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

24 **"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world."**

Jesus pre-existence is expressed over and over by His testimony. This is not a human attribute, but divine.

Jesus said He is one with the Father

2) *John 10:30*

Jn. 10:30 **"I and my Father are one."**

This word defined means: One Being, one and the same, one is substance...when you see one, you see the other—divinity. This is not the only meaning of Oneness, but in context, it is the true meaning.

Other claims of His deity:

1) Jesus said that all men should Honor the Son **like the Father!**

Joh 5:23 **"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."**

The Father is divine, so honor the Father because He is God, likewise the son.

2) To know the Son is to know the Father. To know God in the flesh is to know Jesus.

John 8:19 Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. **If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."**

- 3) To see Jesus is to see the Father. To see God in the flesh is to See Jesus.
John 14:9 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'?"
- 4) Jesus Received Worship! Worship is for God alone. *Ex. 34:74 & Luke 4:8*,
Ex. 34:14 "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only!"
-Matt.8:2 "And behold, a leper **came and worshiped Him**, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."- ---*John 9:35-39*, The man born blind, after being healed...Falls down and worships Him...'
-Matt. 14:33 "Then those who were in the boat came and **worshiped Him**, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."
- John 20:28 "And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Contrast that with others who refused worship:

Re 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "**See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant**, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Ac 3:11 Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.
 12 So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? **Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?**

What others in NT said about Him:

- 1) John the Baptist
Luke 3:22, '**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**
 Note: The voice in the cloud says, **This is My Beloved Son listen to Him!**"
- 2) Thomas, the apostle
Jh. 20:28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "**My Lord and my God!**"
- 3) Peter, the apostle
Mt 16:16 Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!**"

All of the Gospels, and Epistles of Paul, The writer of Hebrews, many more confess Jesus is the Son of God.

Other indirect and direct themes which testifies to His deity:

1) Called Creator (*John & Col.*); Savior (*Gospels & Epistles*); Raised the Dead (*Gospels & Acts*); Judge of all (*John & Rev.*); The very glory of God (*Col.*; The first and last--the beginning and End (*Rev.*); Redeemer, Bridegroom, Rock of Ages, Forgiver of sins, worshipped by Angels, Addressed in Prayer, Creator of Angels, Confessed as Lord...

2) Jesus claimed to forgive sins. Only God can forgive sins, no third party can remove transgressions.

Luke 7:48 Then He said to her, "**Your sins are forgiven.**"

3) Jesus Christ is ascribed to be unchangeable!

Heb. 13:8 "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**"

4) Jesus claims to be Lord-YHWH. Yahweh means "He Who Is" or "I am who I am."

John 8 "**Unless you believe that I Am**, you shall die in your sins."

5) Son of God title is clearly used by Jesus to mean in every instance, He is the One, only-begotten Son of God; co-equal, co-eternal with the Father.

Joh 10:30 "**I and My Father are one.**"

6) Jesus refers to Himself as the "Son of Man" of Daniel's Messianic prophecy.

Dan. 7:13 "**Any you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right-hand of God the Father.**"

7) Jesus' teaching of the "Parable of the wicked Vinedressers" of *Luke 20:9-19 & Matt. 27:33-44*, clearly indicate his identification as the Son of God.

Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? **I will send my beloved Son**. Probably they will respect him when they see him. But they reasoned among themselves, "**this is the heir**", come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

This is referring to a single heir, as in one and only—the begotten and beloved Son who is from the Father: like Father, like son—divinity.

Not to forget the first chapter of the *Gospel of John and I & II John* deal with His divinity! Both of these opening passages connect the dots of Jesus being the Word of God come in the flesh. When God speaks it is the Word of God that comes forth...divinity speaking divine things...