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Biblical Reasons Why Jesus is God.

1. Jesus applied the name of God to Himself.

Exodus 3:14 - God revealed as "I am" to Moses
John 8:58 - Jesus called Himself "I am"

Jesus calls himself "I Am" 23 times in John

John 4:26; 6:20, 35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12, 18, 24, 28, 58; 10:7, 9, 11, 14;
11:25; 13:19; 14:6; 15:1, 5; 18:5, 6, 8

He uses it with metaphors describing Himself as Savior

"I AM the bread of life" (Jn. 6:35, 41, 48, 51).
"I AM the Light of the world" (Jn. 8:12).
"I AM the Door of the sheep" (Jn. 10:7, 9).
"I AM the Good Shepherd" (Jn. 10:11, 14).
"I AM the Resurrection and the Life" (Jn. 11:25).
"I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (Jn. 14:6).
"I AM the true Vine" (Jn. 15:1, 5).

2. Jesus referred to Himself with familial language.

A. He claimed Himself to be the "Son of God".
B. He claimed that God was His Father. Jn 5:17; 20:17

3. As God, Jesus claimed to be fully human - "Son of Man"

This title was used 88 times in the N.T.

Daniel 7:13-14 is the first mention that Jesus is the
Son of Man

Matthew 9:6; 16:13-16; Mark 14:62-64

4. Jesus claimed to possess God's attributes.

A. Jesus claimed to be pre-existent. (Eternal) (John 8:58-59)

B. Jesus claimed to exist in heaven before He came to

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earth. (John 3:13; 8:23)

- C. Jesus claimed to be omnipresent. (transcendent)
(Matt 18:20; 28:20)
- D. Jesus claimed to be omniscient. (All knowing)
(John 16:30; 13:21; Matt 12:25; Lk 22:31)
- E. Jesus' claimed to be omnipotent. (All powerful)
(Matt 28:18)
- F. Jesus claimed to have the power to give up His life and to
resurrect it. (Matt. 27:50; John 10:17-18)
- G. Jesus claimed to have the power to receive and to
keep believers. (John 1:3; 6:37-39; Luke 4.36, 38-40;
Mark 4.41)
- H. Jesus claimed He was given power over the entire
universe. (Matt 28:18)
- G. Jesus claimed He was given the power to judge.
(Jn. 5:27)
- H. Jesus claimed to have the power to keep and raise
believers to eternal life. (Jn 6:27, 39)
- I. Jesus claimed He created all things. (Jn.1;3)
- J. Jesus claimed He had power over disease. (Luke 4:38-40)
- K. Jesus claimed He had the power over nature. (Mk. 4:41)
- L. Jesus claimed to have power over demons. (Lk 4:36)

5. Jesus asks for and accepts worship as God.

- A. In the O.T. God claimed the right to be worshiped.
Jeremiah 17:5
- B. Jesus also claimed the right to be worshiped.

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John 9:35–38

C. Thomas' worshiped Him.

John 20:28–29

D. Mary worshiped Him as God.

Luke 1:46–47

6. Jesus claimed authority that only God has.

A. Jesus claimed to be able to forgive sin.

Luke 7:48–49; Mark 2:5–11

B. Jesus had authority over the laws of the Sabbath.
Mark 2:28

C. Jesus claims that both angels and the elect are His.

Mark 13:26–27 cf. Daniel 7:13

D. Jesus implied that he had the ability and authority to abolish the law and the perfection to fulfill it.

Matthew 5:17

E. Jesus had the authority to give to others authority over evil.

Luke 10:19

7. Jesus makes claims that make no sense if he is not God.

A. His claims that his words will outlast time itself.

Mark 13:31

B. His claims that the eternal destiny of people depend on their response to Him.

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Matthew 7:21–23 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

C. His claims to be absolutely perfect and sinless.

John 8:46 “Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

D. Other claims that are ludicrous if Jesus is not God.

John 15:5 “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 17:10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

8. Additional claims about his nature and powers.

A. Jesus is often linked to the word “Lord”.

“Lord” is similar to the title “adonai” which was the O.T. title applied to God (YHWH- Yahweh).

Mark 11:3; Mark 5:19

B. Jesus claimed to be greater than the Temple, than the prophet Jonah, and than King Solomon.

Matthew 12:6; Matthew 12:41–42

C. Jesus claims that He is responsible for sending prophets and the ability to know the future.

Matthew 23:34

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Jesus predicted Peter's denial.

Matthew 26:34

Jesus predicted the destruction of the temple.

Mark 13:2

Jesus predicted His own crucifixion.

John 8:28-29

D. Jesus claims loyalty greater than all human loyalties.

Matthew 10:37

9. Jesus Himself claims to be equal with God.

John 15:23

A. Jesus claims that he should be honored to the same extent as God is honored.

John 5:22

B. Jesus claims that to see Him is to see God.

John 12:44

C. Jesus claims that to believe in Him is to believe in God.

John 12.44

D. Jesus claims that to know Him is to know God.

John 8:19

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10. How those around Jesus Christ responded to Him.

- A. God calls him "Son" and declares that He is "pleased" with Jesus.

Matthew 3:16

- B. Evil spirits knew he was the Son of God and the Holy One of God.

Matthew 8:28-29

- C. Some of the general populace called and considered Him God.

Luke 7:16; Luke 8:39-40

11. Scripture itself claims that Jesus is God.

John 1:1; John 1:14