

Is Jesus God?

There are many religions in the world. But what separates them from Christianity? What is the greatest issue among various religions versus Christianity? It is the deity of Christ (Jesus being God in the flesh).

How can someone prove the deity of Christ? Let's look at a few lines of thought that will help us do just that.

The First and the Last

In the Old Testament, there is a phrase used for God, the First and the Last. It is equivalent to saying the Aleph and the Tau. Those are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. In the Greek alphabet, it would be the Alpha and Omega.

Let's look at a few verses that will lead us to our answer. For each verse, ask yourself, "Who is speaking?"

Isaiah 48:12

"Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last."

The First and the Last is a reference to God. Follow these verses through and go back and read them in context to see who is speaking if you are not sure.

Isaiah 44:6

"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.'"

Isaiah 41:4

"Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the Lord, am the first; and with the last I am He.'"

Isaiah 43:10

"You are My witnesses," says the Lord, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after 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."

Note that the "Alpha and the Omega" equates Himself with the one "Who is and who was and who is come." Later you will see "the Beginning and the End" added to the list.

Revelation 4:8

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

Revelation 1:11

saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Revelation 21:6

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Revelation 1:17

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last."

Revelation 1:18

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

Revelation 2:8

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:'"

When did "the First and the Last," "the Alpha and the Omega," "the Beginning and the End" die and come back to life?! This can only be a reference to Jesus! The statements show that He is the same One as in the Old Testament, therefore, making Him God.

Son of God

For us in Western hemisphere, a little background is necessary here. In the culture of the land of Israel, when someone wanted to talk to the authority of the house, he would normally speak with the father of the house. If the son was of age and the father was not available, the son could speak on his father's behalf and his words carried the same authority as of the father. So, to be called the Son of God was to say that Jesus had the same authority as God. We need to know, do the Scriptures call Jesus the Son of God?

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Luke 22:70-71

Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am." And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

Jesus was speaking with the chief priests and scribes when He said this. As soon as he said it, they wanted to have him killed because they believed that He had broken the third Commandment by calling Himself the Son of God.

I AM that I AM

In Exodus 3, Moses is about ready to go to the people enslaved in Egypt and speak to them on behalf of God. Moses is worried that the people will reject the message, so, God reveals to him what to call Him, "I AM."

Exodus 3:13-14

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 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.'"

In the Gospels, Jesus calls Himself "I AM" and therefore making Himself equal with God.

John 8:58-59a

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they [the Pharisees and possibly the scribes] took up stones to throw at Him.

They were out to kill him for, in their minds, He committed blasphemy.

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."

Here again, Jesus says that He is the same person in Exodus 3. The words "I am He" should read "I AM" because the word "He" is italicized and only there for "clarification" (but in this case, it actually hinders the reader).

God our Savior

We can look through the Old Testament and find that God is the Savior.

Hosea 13:4

"Yet I am the Lord your God Ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall know no God but Me; For there is no Savior besides Me."

Isaiah 43:11

I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior.

The following verses attribute being savior to Jesus.

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:10

that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

2 Peter 1:11

for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1 John 4:14

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

Here we have four different people calling Jesus the Savior, Paul, Peter, John and Jude.

Four Lines

We have looked at four lines of reasoning of Jesus being God, The First and the Last, the Son of God, I AM that I AM, and God our Savior.

Through each of these four lines, we see that they illustrate that Jesus is God. There are many other scriptures which illustrate each of these. Many authors have gone through these same verses and several others to show what has been demonstrated here.

Finally

Whether you believe in God or not, you will stand before God and be judged because God is righteous and cannot let anything unholy enter His kingdom. God's standard is the Ten Commandments. Have you ever lied, stolen anything (even a penny), used God's name in a way other than to honor Him? God sees you as a liar, a blasphemer and a thief.

Revelation 21:8

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

God is a perfect judge and will judge perfectly. You will be accountable for all you have done in your life. You will be either gain entrance to heaven to be with Him, or be sentenced to judgment for the rest of eternity.

What do you need to do? If you do not care and willing to be responsible for your sins against God, you do not have to do anything. If you want the shed blood of Christ to pay for your sins, repent (change your mind). The life of a Christian is to honor God in all we say and do.

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