



Did Jesus Claim To Be God?

1. He claimed the **qualities** of God

"Father, bring me into the **glory we shared before the world began.**" (John 17:5)
"I have...**complete authority** in heaven and earth...I am **with you always**" (Mt 28:18,20)
"I have told you this now **before it all happens**, so...you will believe" (John 14:29)

2. He performed **functions** of God

"The **things I do** by my **Father's authority show who I am.**" (John 10:25)
Forgive sins; give eternal life, judge world. (Mark 2:5; John 10:28; 5:22)
"I give them eternal life and they will never perish" (John 10:28)

3. He accepted **worship** as God

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed" (John 20:28) (John 9:38; Matt 28:9; 14:33)
"**everyone will honor the Son**, just as they honor the Father." (John 5:23)

4. He claimed **equality** with God

"The Father and I **are one**...the Father is **in me**, and I am in the Father" (John 10:30,38)
"Anyone who has **seen me** has seen the Father...If you **trust me**, you are really trusting God" (John 14:9;12:44) "anyone who **welcomes me** is welcoming the Father" (Matt 10:40)

5. His enemies **understood** his claim

"Jewish leaders tried all the more to kill him...(for) making himself **equal with God**" (John 5:18)
"You are just a man, and here you are **claiming to be God!**" (John 10:33)

Was Jesus Delusional?

"He's out of his mind," they said." (Mark 3:21)

1. Faultless **Living**

"I **always** do those things that are pleasing to (God)... Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin?" (John 8:46)

(Peter) "He never sinned" (1 Peter 2:22) (John) "there is no sin in him" (1John 3:5)

2. Matchless **Teaching**

(Matt. 7:28,29)

"the crowds were **amazed at Jesus teaching**, for he taught as one who had **real authority**"

"I'm not teaching my own ideas, but those of God who sent me" (John 7:16)

(Guards) "No one ever spoke the way this man does" (John 7:46)

Was Jesus a Deceitful?

"Some said, "He's nothing but a fraud." (John 7:12)

3. Fulfilled **Prophecy**

"everything written about me by the prophets will come true." (Luke 22:37)

55-100 predictions written 500-750 years earlier fulfilled by Jesus

4. Miraculous **Power**

"my miracles...prove that he (the Father) sent me." (John 5:36)

- Public** acts that couldn't be faked
- Detailed **eyewitness** accounts
- No **denials**, even by Jesus enemies
- Ancient historians call Jesus a sorcerer or **magician**

5. Verifiable **Resurrection** (April 1 2018 sermon)

"after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he **proved to them in many ways** that he was actually alive." (Acts 1:3)

FATAL execution

AUTHENTIC accounts

CREDIBLE witnesses

TOMB that's empty