

Deity of Jesus from NT and OT:

(none of this diminishes the fact that Jesus was also 100% man).

1. John 5:16-18

¹⁶So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

¹⁸For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

2. John 10: 27-33

²⁷"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

³¹Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, ³²but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

"³³We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

3. Exodus 3:13-14

¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM (Yahweh) has sent me to you.'"

John 8:48-59

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

⁴⁹"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me.

⁵⁰I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

⁵²At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

⁵⁴Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

⁵⁵Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

⁵⁷“You are not yet fifty years old,” the Jews said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

⁵⁸“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” ⁵⁹At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

4. John 1:1, 14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

5. Matthew 1: 23

²³“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”

6. Colossians 2:9

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

7. John 20:27-29

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

8. Romans 9:5

⁵Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

9. 2 Peter 1:1

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours...

10. Titus 2:13

¹³...while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ...

11. Hebrews 1:3

³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

12. Revelation 22:13, 16

¹³"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End....
¹⁶I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches."

Revelation 1:8

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

13. Hebrews 1:8

⁸But about the Son he says,
"Your throne, O God,
will last for ever and ever,
and righteousness will be
the scepter of your kingdom. .."

14. Mark 2:1-12

15. Acts 9:17

16. 1 Timothy 6:15 says that God is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Yet, Revelation 19:16 says that Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. That's pretty awesome! Jesus is God!

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

"Then comes the real shock. Among the Jews there suddenly turns up a man (Jesus) who goes about talking as if He was God. He claims to forgive sins. He says He has always existed. He says He is coming to judge the world at the end of time. Now let us get this clear. Among Pantheists... anyone might say that he was a part of God, or one with God: there would be nothing very odd about it.

"But this man, since He was a Jew, could not mean that kind of God. God, in their language, meant the Being outside the world Who had made it, and was infinitely different from anything else. And when you have grasped that, you will see that what this man said was, quite simply, the most shocking thing that has ever been uttered by human lips.

"One part of the claim tends to slip past us unnoticed because we have heard it so often that we no longer see what it amounts to. I mean the claim to forgive sins: any sins. Now unless the speaker is God, this is really so preposterous as to be comic. We can all understand how a man forgives offenses against himself. You tread on my toe and I forgive you, you steal my money and I forgive you. But what are we to make of a man, himself un-robbed and untrodden on, who announced that he forgave you for treading on other men's toes and stealing other men's money?

“Asinine fatuity is the kindest description we should give of his conduct. Yet this is what Jesus did. He told people that their sins were forgiven, and never waited to consult all the other people whom their sins had undoubtedly injured. He unhesitatingly behaved as if He was the party chiefly concerned, the person chiefly offended in all offenses. This makes sense only if He really was the God whose laws are broken and whose love is wounded in every sin.

“In the mouth of any speaker who is not God, these words would imply what I can only regard as a silliness and conceit unrivaled by any other character in history.

Yet (and this is the strange, significant thing) even His enemies, when they read the Gospels, do not usually get the impression of silliness and conceit. Still less do unprejudiced readers. Christ says that He is “humble and meek” and we believe Him; not noticing that, if He were merely a man, humility and meekness are the very last characteristics we could attribute to some of His sayings.

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell (liar). You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman (lunatic) or something worse (liar, evil).

“You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

Indirect claims to deity

Jesus Christ exercises power to create all things

John 1:1-3

Col 1:16

1 Cor 8:6

Jesus Christ forgives sin committed against God

Mark 2:8-10

Jesus Christ receives worship

Phil 2:9-11

Heb 1:6

2 Tim 4:18 (note: Lord = Christ)

Jesus Christ is the one to whom Christians pray

Acts 7:59-60

John 14:14

Jesus Christ exercises divine judgment

Matt 25:31-32

John 5:22, 27