

God to redeem you from all your sin (1 Peter 1:18-19, 3:18). Repent, or turn away from your sin. Then, ask Jesus to come into your life (Revelation 3:20). Believe in Christ with your heart. Salvation is a gift offered to us by His grace (Ephesians 2:8-9). Remember that good works will not save you. Only Jesus Christ and His righteousness are sufficient to make you good enough to inherit the Kingdom of God. *"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

If you sincerely do believe, and want Jesus to forgive you and come into your life, pray the following: Lord Jesus Christ, I believe You are God in the flesh and that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again the third day. I confess that I am a sinner and I ask You to forgive all my sins. I repent of my sin and trust your righteousness and shed blood to save me. Please come into my heart, forgive me of all my sins, fill me with Your Spirit, and be my Savior. Thank You for saving me. I will serve You for the rest of my life until I see you face to face. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you prayed this prayer with all sincerity, you can know God has forgiven all your sins (Ephesians 1:7). You may have assurance of eternal life (John 3:36, 5:24, and 6:47). John wrote, *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God"* (1 John 5:13).

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## Who Is Jesus?

Jesus is one of the most controversial figures in history. His true identity is what separates all world religions. Some claim He is just a good man, a prophet, or a moral teacher. Others say He is a created being. Almost every major religion acknowledges Jesus, but only one can be right about who He really is. If you are seeking the truth, the beginning point of your search should be on the person of Jesus.

If we are to clearly understand who Jesus is, we must recognize Him as being totally God and totally man at the same time and in the same person. When Christ became man through the miracle of the virgin birth, His divine nature joined together with his human nature so that He possessed two distinct natures yet He was One Person, the Only begotten Son of God! Jesus is therefore God manifest in the flesh. Romans 1:3,4 states: *"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh: and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."* Colossians 2:9 declares *"for in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."*

Jesus was without sin and completely holy (1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5), yet He was completely a man: he was born and grew in wisdom and stature (Luke 2:52). He experienced the need for food, water, and sleep (Matthew 4:2). He showed great human emotion: anger (Mark 3:5), sorrow (John 1:35), compassion (Matthew 9:36), and great anguish of soul (Luke 22:44). Finally, he died.

Although Jesus Christ is fully man, He is also God, or deity. Jesus is called God, He has the attributes of God, and He does the work that only the eternal God can do. In Hebrews 1:8, the Father calls His Son, God! *"But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom."* John the Apostle says that Jesus is *"the true God, and eternal life"* (1 John 5:20, see also 1 Timothy 3:16, Titus 2:13). Jesus even claims equality with God when he said *"he that hath seen me hath seen the Father"* (John 14:9) These claims of divinity are the most extreme claims anyone has ever made.

Jesus also performs the work of God. He is the Eternal Creator of all things (John 1:1; Colossians 1:16). He controls nature (Matthew 8:26), raises the dead (John 11:25,26), and forgives sin (Mark 2:10). The religious scribes questioned right when they said, *"Who can forgive sins but God only"* (Mark 2:7) It is God who says, *"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions"* (Isaiah 43:25), and Jesus assumes this divine power.

Jesus also possesses the attributes of God. He claims eternal self-existence when he said, *"Before Abraham was, I Am."* This is the same term that God used about Himself when he spoke to Moses from the burning bush. Jesus is immutable, or He is changeless, for He is *"the same, yesterday, today, and forever"* (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus declares His omnipotence when He said *"all power is given unto me."* In Luke 6:8 and Matthew 12:25 he knows people's thoughts. He asserts His omnipresence in Matthew 18:20 by saying, *"For where*

*two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* Jesus received and approved of others worshipping Him (Matthew 14:33, John 9:38). All these things were powers and prerogatives that belong only to God which is why Jesus could say, *"I and my Father are One"* (John 10:30).

Finally, in John 2:18-22, Jesus made the most astounding prediction of all time. He prophesied that his body would be destroyed (crucified), but in three days HE WOULD RAISE HIMSELF FROM THE DEAD! All four Gospels clearly show Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Jesus fulfilled His prophetic statement, something only God could do!

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 or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. 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 away with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

If Jesus is who He claimed to be, there is nothing more important than receiving Him as your Savior (John 1:12). First, you must acknowledge that He is Lord, that He died on the cross, and rose bodily from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). You also must recognize you are a sinner (Romans 3:23) and need