

# Where did Jesus ever say He was God?

**Our** Muslim friends frequently ask the question, “Where did Jesus ever say he was God?” Before you simply claim that these verses were added, misinterpreted or distorted (محرّف), please pray for wisdom to understand the ultimate Truth about the divinity (لاهوت) of Jesus, the Messiah. We ask you will keep an open mind as you examine this leaflet.

Imagine (تخيل) if a man would say, “I am God. Worship Me.” Would you believe Him? No, because it is an amazing claim. Therefore, why would you demand these words from the Messiah? Neither you nor first century Jews would accept these words. As the Messiah, Jesus slowly revealed Himself to mankind.

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## Who can forgive sins?

The Gospel clearly shows that Jesus said He is God. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are each eyewitness accounts of people who

personally walked with Jesus and were inspired by God’s Holy Spirit (John 14:26) to write down what they saw and heard.

John 10:28-30 records the power of Jesus to grant eternal life, “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.” In this verse, Jesus establishes not only that He has the power to grant eternal life, but He is one with God the Father. This is further confirmed by John 8:24 when Jesus says, “I told you that you would die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

So dear friend, who is the only one that can forgive sins? God.

## Why did the Pharisees want to kill Jesus?

On the Sabbath day Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years and told him that He forgave his sins. Religious leaders were upset because only God can forgive sins. By claiming to forgive sins, Jesus was making himself equal to God. Seeing this, the Jewish religious leaders sought to kill him (John 5:18).

Later, John 10:33 explains the Pharisees sought to kill Jesus because “You, being a

man, make Yourself out to be God.” Just a few verses before, Jesus had said to the Jews, “Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad... ‘Very truly I tell you,’ Jesus answered, ‘before Abraham was born, I am!’” (John 8:56-59). This phrase, “I am” is a reference to Exodus 3:14 in which God tells Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’

This passage clearly illustrates that the Pharisees understood that Jesus was claiming to be God. This verse reveals that Jesus is the same God of the Old Testament as He is in the New Testament of the Bible. The entire Bible is a message of God’s redemption of mankind from their sins through the Messiah, Jesus.

## Have you believed because you have seen me?

Thomas, one of Jesus’ original followers, is known for his doubt. Before he believed Jesus rose from the dead, Jesus personally appeared to him. John 20:26-29 says, “A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then 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.”

Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

## Who is Jesus?

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by a prophet (نبي) named John (the Baptist). When Jesus came up out of the water, God the Father spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

In Mark 14:60-62, Jesus is on trial before the Jewish council of high priests, scribes and elders. During his trial, "the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed?' And Jesus said, 'I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'" He said this in such a direct way that his Jewish hearers immediately knew Jesus was claiming to be God. Notice Jesus refers again to the Old Testament, "I am."

John 20:30-31 says, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

## Who do you say that I am?

Jesus asked His disciples (التلاميذ), who people say He is? They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets" (Matthew 16:14). Jesus then asked them the question, "Who do you say I am? Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.'" Jesus told Simon Peter he was blessed because God the Father revealed to him (Peter) that He (Jesus) was God's Son.

There are other Scriptures verses that speak to the divinity of Jesus the Messiah. Please read: Mark 2:1-12, John 1:1-2, 1:14, 1:49-50, 5:22-27, 11:4, 17:4-5. The textual integrity of the Scripture is supported by approximately 6,000 original Greek manuscripts including two full New Testaments from the 4th century.

Now, the question becomes, who do you say Jesus is? Will you open your heart and ask God to reveal His Son Jesus to you? Then, receive Him as Lord and Savior and obey what he says in His Holy Word, the Bible.

### Questions?

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