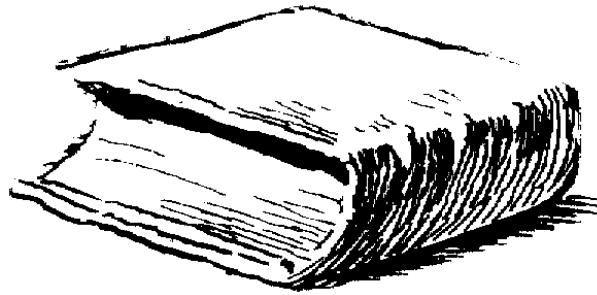


Testimonies to the Deity Of the Lord Jesus Christ



A Brief Outline Study in the Scriptures



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“All to the Glory of God!”

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” I John 5:20

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Proposition: Christ's Deity is one of the most clearly revealed truths in all of the Scripture.

Procedure: In this simple teaching document we will examine the statements of Christ's enemies, His friends, His Father, and His own claims, both implicit and explicit. This is not meant to be exhaustive or theological (in the sense of formal arguments) but practical (it is to be used - not admired), exegetical (arising from the Scripture itself), and evangelistic (designed to use in witnessing).

I. The Testimony of the Enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ: Many groups today claim that Jesus never claimed to be God. They make the charge that Jesus' disciples later made that claim for him. They claim that Jesus was a good man, a good teacher, but He never once claimed to be God. His contemporary enemies knew better. They either recognized His claims (as in the case of Satan and the demons) or rejected His claims (the religious and civil authorities of His day) *but all of them knew who He claimed to be:*

Satan: Matthew 4:3 “ And when the tempter came to him, he said, ***If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*** 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, ***If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*** 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.”

Demonic Spirits: Matthew 8:28 “ And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, ***What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God?*** art thou come hither to torment us before the time?”

Mark 1:23 “And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee,

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thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? ***I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.***”

Mark 3:9 “And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him. 10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. 11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, ***Thou art the Son of God.*** 12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.”

Acts 19:13 “Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, ***Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?*** 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

The Scribes: Mark 2:6 “But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7 ***Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?*** 8 And immediately when ***Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves,*** he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? 9 ***Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?*** 10 ***But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)*** 11 ***I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.*** 12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.”

Matthew 2:1 “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, ***he demanded of them where Christ should be born.*** 5 And they said unto him, ***In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,*** 6 ***And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.***”* cp. Micah 5:2

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- * Micah 5:2 “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee ***shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.***”

The Pharisees: Luke 5:20 “And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, ***Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?*** ²² But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? ²³ Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? ***24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.*** ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.”

Luke 19:38 “Saying, ***Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord:*** peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, ***Master, rebuke thy disciples.*** ***40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.***”

The High Priest (a Sadducee): Mark 14:60 “And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? ⁶¹ But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, ***Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?*** ***62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.*** ⁶³ Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? ⁶⁴ ***Ye have heard the blasphemy:*** what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.”

The Centurion who crucified Him: Mark 15:39 “And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, ***Truly this man was the Son of God.***”

The Town of Nazareth where He grew up: Luke 4:16 “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.¹⁷ And

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there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 ***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*** 19 ***To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*** 20 ***And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.*** 21 ***And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*** 22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? 23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. 24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. 25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; 26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. 27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. 28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. 30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way,"

The Sanhedrin: Luke 22:66 "And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, ***67 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: 68 And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. 69 Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. 70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. 71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.***"

The Temple Police: John 7:14 "Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, ***How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?...*** 30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come...32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him....45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? 46 The officers answered, ***Never man spake like this man.***"

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The Leaders of the Jews: John 5:17 "But Jesus answered them, *My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.* 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, *but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*"

John 8:57 "Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.* 59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by."

John 10:29 "My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 *I and my Father are one.* 31 *Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.* 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and *because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*"

John 19:7 "The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, *because he made himself the Son of God.*"

Pontius Pilate: John 19:7 "The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, *because he made himself the Son of God.* 8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, *he was the more afraid;* 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 *Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.* 12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar."

Matthew 27:65 "Pilate said unto them, *Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.*"

The Roman Grave Watch: Matthew 28:1 "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came

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and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 ***And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men...*** 11 ***Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. 12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, 13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.*** 14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. 15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day."

2, The Testimony of the Friends of the Lord Jesus Christ: While the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ may have grudgingly acknowledged His Deity or rightly accused Him of claiming that He was in fact the Son of God making Himself equal with God, the friends (followers, disciples, Angels, and other beneficiaries of His grace) of the Lord Jesus Christ had no problem whatsoever openly acknowledging their deep seated conviction that He was God. A thorough study would take a great deal of time and effort but these verses should suffice to prove the point:

The Angel Gabriel: Luke 1:11 "And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. 14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. 16 ***And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. 17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*** 18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. 19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings."

Luke 1:26 "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind

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what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, ***Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*** 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, ***The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.***”

Elizabeth: Luke 1:39 “And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; 40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. 41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: 42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. ***43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.***”

Mary the Mother of Jesus: Luke 1:46 “And Mary said, ***My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.***”

Zacharias: Luke 1:67 “And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, 69 ***And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; 70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: 71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; 72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, 74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,*** 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.”

John the Baptist: Luke 1:43 “And whence is this to me, ***that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.***”

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Matthew 3:13 “Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, ***I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?*** 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.”

John 1:32 “And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. 34 And ***I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.***”

Joseph: Matthew 1:18 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, ***Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24*** Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:”

The Angels: Luke 2:9 “And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David ***a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.***”

Matthew 28:5 “ And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ***ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.7*** And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.”

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Simeon: Luke 2:25 “And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that **he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.** 27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, 29 **Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; 32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.** 33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. 34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; 35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

The Wise Men: Matthew 2:1 “ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, **Where is he that is born King of the Jews?** for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him...9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. 11 And when they were come into the house, **they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.**”

A Man Healed of Leprosy: Matthew 8:2 “And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, **Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.** 3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

A Centurion: Matthew 8:5 “And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, **Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me:**

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and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.”

His Disciples: Matthew 14:33 “Then they that were in the ship came and **worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.**”

Luke 24:36 “And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? 39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. 40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. 43 And he took it, and did eat before them. 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus **it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations,** beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. 50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 **And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.** 53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.”

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The Syrophenician Woman: Matthew 15:21 “Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, **O Lord, thou Son of David;** my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 **Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.** 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children’s bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, **Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.** 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.”

Peter: Matthew 16:16 “ And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**”

John 6:68 “Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 **And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.**”

Moses and Elijah: Matthew 17:1 “ And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them **Moses and Elias talking with him.** 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**”

Luke 9:28 “And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. 29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering. 30 And, behold, **there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: 31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.** 32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. 33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, **Peter said unto Jesus,**

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Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. 34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. 35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.”

Mark: Mark 1:1 “The beginning of the gospel of **Jesus Christ, the Son of God,**”

Members of a Funeral Procession: Luke 7:12 “Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. 14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, **Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. 16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.”**

Zacchaeus: Luke 19:1 “And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; **Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”**

Andrew: John 1:40 “One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 **He first findeth his own**

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brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.”

Nathaniel: John 1:49 “Nathanael answered and saith unto him, **Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.”**

The Samaritan Woman: John 4:25 “The woman saith unto him, **I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. 27** And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? 28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, **29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?”**

The People of Sychar in Samaria: John 4:42 “And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that **this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.”**

A Man Healed of Blindness: John 9:35 “Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, **Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.”**

Martha: John 11:27 “ She saith unto him, Yea, **Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.”**

Mary: John 11:32 “Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him,

Thomas: John 20:28 “**And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.”**

A Repentant Thief: Luke 23:39 “And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. 40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, **Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou**

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comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

Stephen: Acts 7:52 “Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the **coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:** 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. 54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing on the right hand of God,** 56 And said, Behold, **I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.”**

The Ethiopian Eunuch: Acts 8:37 “And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I **believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”**

Paul: Acts 9:1 “And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.** 6 And he trembling and astonished said, **Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.** 7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. 10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and **to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.** 11 **And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,** 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. 13 Then Ananias answered, **Lord, I have heard by many**

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*of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. 17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, **Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.** 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. 19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. 20 And straightway he preached **Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.**"*

The Philippian Jailer: Acts 16:30 "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.** 32 **And they spake unto him the word of the Lord,** and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, **believing in God with all his house.**"

As I said, there are others as well but these ought to be sufficient to establish the point.

3. The Testimony of God the Father:

At the Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ: Matthew 3:16 "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 **And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**"

At the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Christ: Matthew 17:5 "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**"

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And once more from Heaven again: John 12:28 “Father, glorify thy name. *Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.*”

4. The Claims of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself: The Lord Jesus Christ was a blasphemer, an insane person, or as He claimed, “God” in flesh.

His Explicit (what He said) Claims to Deity:

- * John 8:58 “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, ***Before Abraham was, I am.***”
- * John 9:5 “As long as I am in the world, ***I am the light of the world.***”
- * John 6:35 “And Jesus said unto them, ***I am the bread of life:*** he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”
- * John 5:17 “But Jesus answered them, ***My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.*** 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said ***also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.***”
- * John 10:7 “Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, ***I am the door of the sheep.*** 8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. ***9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.***”
- * John 10:30 “***I and my Father are one.***”
- * Matthew 26:63 “But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, ***Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.***” and many others.

His Implicit (what He did) Claims to Deity:

Assumed Divine Prerogatives: - Did what only God has authority and power to do:

Forgave Sin; Mark 2:5 “***When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. 6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there,***

*and reasoning in their hearts, 7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? 8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? 9 **Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? 10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) 11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. 12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.***

John 8:10 “When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. 12 ¶ Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**”

Accepted Worship: John 9:35 “Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. **And he worshipped him.**”

Compare with – Revelation 22:8 “And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.**”

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Revelation 4:9 ***“And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”***

God the Father and the Son accorded equal worship in Heaven: Revelation 5:11 ***“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”*****

John 5:23 ***“That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.”***

Spoke with Divine Authority: Matthew 7:28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 ***For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”***

Asserted Divine Authority:

Over Demons: Mark 5:1 ***“And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder***

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by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. 6 But when **he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea."**

Over Disease: Mark 5:25 **"And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."**

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Over Death: Mark 5:35 “While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house certain which said, ***Thy daughter is dead***: why troublest thou the Master any further? 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. 37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. 38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. 39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, ***Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. 43*** And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.”

Over the Sabbath: Mathew 12:1 “***At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. 2*** But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. ***3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; 4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? 6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. 7*** But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. ***8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.***”

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Over Nature: Matthew 8:23 “And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? ***Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.***27 But the men marvelled, saying, ***What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!***”

Over Defect: John 9:1 “ And as Jesus passed by, ***he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?*** 3 Jesus answered, ***Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.***”

Over Sin: Mark 2:5 “ When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, ***Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.***6 ***But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?*** 8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, ***Why reason ye these things in your hearts? 9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? 10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) 11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.***12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they

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were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.”

Over Judgment: John 5:22 *“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”*

Over Resurrection: John 5:24 *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;** 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 **Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,** 29 **And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”***

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Claimed to be the only way of Salvation: John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*”

Acts 4:12 “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*”

1 John 5:11 “And this is the record, that *God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*”

Claimed to be the fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy: Luke 24:25 “Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27 And *beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*”

To sum up: We could look at more verses but as John 20:31 puts it so well: “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”

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