

CLAIMS OF JESUS WHILE ON EARTH

Jno.4:5-26

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. We have reference to claims he made during his earthly ministry as to his identity, his relationship to God, the Father, and his function while in the flesh on earth and after his ascension, and even to prophecies he uttered about his church and his mediatorial reign at God's right hand in heaven.
2. In our study we shall do three things.
 - a. Take note of the various claims he made and prophecies he uttered.
 - b. Notice those who acknowledged the truth of his claims, and/or the divine, written confirmation of them.
 - c. Consider the ultimate proof of his claims and the fulfillment of his prophecies.

II. DISCUSSION

A. CLAIMS HE MADE TO BE THE SON OF GOD, GOD IN THE FLESH.

1. His claims.
 - a. He claimed or acknowledged it in the presence of the Jewish high priest when put under oath, Mt.26:63-66; Lk.22:66-71.
 - b. He claimed to be the Messiah, which is called Christ, in his discussion with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, Jno.4:25,26.
 - c. Jesus declared himself to be the Son of God to the blind man whom he had healed of blindness, Jno.9:31-37.
 - d. He said to the Pharisees in the temple on the mount of Olives, "...ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins," Jno.8:24. See Jno.8:12-25.
2. Those who acknowledged that he made the claim, or written revelation that he was who he claimed to be.
 - a. The Jews took up stones to kill him because he said, "I am the Son of God," thus claiming to be deity, or God in the flesh, Jno.5:17,18; 10:28-36.

- b. At his trial before Pilate, even though Pilate found no fault in him, the Jews demanded his crucifixion because they said he had “made himself the Son of God” (i.e., he had claimed to be the Son of God by claiming God as his Father), Jno.19:5-7.
- c. Even after his crucifixion, while still hanging on the cross, the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, “He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God,” Mt.27:43.
- d. At his crucifixion, and as a result of what happened there, the Roman centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, “feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God,” Mt.27:50-54; Mk.15:39.
- e. Even those possessed with devils or evil spirits acknowledged the truth of his claims, Mt.8:28,29; Lk.8:26-28; Mk.3:10,11; Lk.4:40,41; Jas.2:19.
- f. Martha, the sister of Lazarus, said, “Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world,” Jno.11:27.
- g. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John so identified him, Mt.1:18-23; Mk.1:1; Lk.1:26-33; Jno.1:1,14; 20:30,31.

B. HIS CLAIM THAT THE FATHER SENT HIM, Jno.4:31-34; 5:30,36-38; 6:39; 7:28,29; 13:44.

C. HIS CLAIM THAT THE FATHER SENT HIM TO SAVE THE WORLD, THAT HE IS THE ONE WHO GIVES LIFE, Jno.3:14-18; 12:47; 5:21,24-29,39,40; 6:26,27,35-40,44,47-58; 8:51; 10:9,11,27,28; Cf. Jno.3:36.

D. HIS CLAIM THAT HE WAS WHOLLY SUBJECT TO THE FATHER, Jno.4:34; 5:19,30; 6:38; 7:16; 8:28,29,55; 12:48-51 (Deut.18:18,19); Jno.10:17,18,25; 14:10,31; 17:8,14a; Cf. Mt.26:39; Lk.22:42; Phil.2:5-8.

E. HIS CLAIM THAT HIS MIRACLES WERE PERFORMED BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOT BY HIS OWN INTRINSIC POWERS OF DEITY, Mt.12:28; Lk.11:20.

- 1. Divine, written confirmation, Ac.2:22; 10:38; Lk.4:18,19 (See Lk.4:1; Isa.11:1,2). Also, Ac.1:1,2.

- F. HIS CLAIM THAT HE WOULD BE CRUCIFIED, Mt.16:21; Mk.8:21; Lk.9:22; Mt.26:1,2.**
- G. HIS CLAIM THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO THE FATHER IN HEAVEN WHO HAD SENT HIM, Jno.7:33; 13:1; 14:12,19,28,29; 16:5-7,16; 17:11-13; 20:17; Cf. Ac.1:9; Ac.7:59,60; Heb.1:1-3.**
- H. HIS CLAIM THAT HE HAD SENT FORTH HIS APOSTLES AND WOULD SEND THE COMFORTER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, UPON THEM, THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Jno.17:18-21; Mt.28:18-20; Mk.16:15,16,19,20; Lk.24:44-49; Ac.1:4-8; Jno.14:26; 15:26; 16:7,13; 20:19-23. Cf. 2Cor.12:12; Ac.2:1-4.**
- I. HIS CLAIM THAT TO RECEIVE HIS APOSTLES SENT BY HIM IS TO RECEIVE HIM, IS TO RECEIVE THE FATHER, AND THE DIVINE CONFIRMATION OF IT, Mt.10:40; Lk.10:16; Jno.13:20; Cf. Mk.16:19,20; Mt.18:18; 2Cor.5:18-21; 1Cor.2:9-13; 1Cor.14:37; Gal.1:11,12; 4:14; Eph.3:1-5.**
- J. HIS CLAIM THAT HE WOULD BUILD HIS CHURCH AND THE DIVINE CONFIRMATION OF THAT CLAIM, Mt.16:13-19; Ac.2:47; 5:11; 20:28; Rom.16:16.**
- K. HIS CLAIM THAT HE WOULD COME AGAIN, AND THE DIVINE CONFIRMATION OF THAT CLAIM, Jno.21:22,23. Cf. Ac.1:9; Heb.9:27,28; 1Th.4:13-18.**
- L. HIS CLAIM THAT HE WAS TO BE THE ONE THROUGH WHOM GOD, THE FATHER, WOULD JUDGE THE WORLD AND EXECUTE THAT JUDGMENT, AND THE DIVINE CONFIRMATION OF THAT CLAIM, Jno.5:22,27-29; Ac.17:30,31; Rom.2:16; 2Cor.5:10; 2Tim.4:1; Heb.9:27,28.**
- M. THE ULTIMATE PROOF OF THE TRUTH OF HIS CLAIMS, Jno.8:18; 1Jno.5:6-10; Mt.3:16,17; Jno.1:29-34; Jno.3:1,2; 20:30,31; Rom.1:1-4; Ac.2:21-36.**

III. CONCLUSION

1. His claims and the ultimate proof of the truth of his claims proves beyond reasonable doubt:
 - a. That he is the Messiah, which is called Christ.
 - b. That he was God in the flesh, or “God with us,” the Word made flesh; that he was both God and man while in the flesh, the Only Begotten Son of God.
 - c. That he is the Savior of all sinners who believe and obey the gospel.
 - d. That his apostles are his ambassadors who speak authoritatively for him and through whom he binds his will upon us; the ones through whom he exercises his authority on earth as he sits on his throne at the right hand of God in heaven.
 - e. That he now is both Lord and Christ, the King of kings, sitting at the right hand of God in heaven on God’s throne, on David’s throne, on his own throne, ruling over his kingdom.
 - f. That he has all authority in heaven and earth.
 - g. That he is coming again to judge the world in righteousness and that all of us will stand before his throne of judgment to give account for our lives at the 2nd Coming.
2. Do you believe it?
3. Are you presently prepared?
4. If not, will you act now to prepare yourself?