

The Divinity of Jesus

Direct Scriptures

1. The gospel of John
 - a. John 1:1:
 - b. John 10:30
 - c. John 14:9
 - d. John 10:38:
2. Epistles
 - a. Phil 2:5-7
 - b. Col 2:9
 - c. 1 Tim 3:16
 - d. Titus 2:13
 - e. Heb 1:8-9
 - f. 1 Tim 6:14-16

Inferred Proof

there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14)	Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, 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." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. Mark 14:61-64 What did the high priest think Jesus meant by "Son of Man"?
And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. (Mark 10:18)	I am the good shepherd. (John 10:11). By His own words, if Jesus is good, then Jesus is God.
"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10)	And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (14:33) Why did Jesus accept worship that is reserved for God? (Compare Rev 22:8-9, Acts 14:8-18)

Then (Elijah) stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." (1 Kings 17:21)	Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." (Luke 7:14) Elijah prayed for life to be restored. Jesus commanded it.
Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. (James 5:17)	He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. (Luke 8:24) Elijah prayed for God to alter the weather. Jesus directly addressed the wind and waves.
And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:5)	Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" The scribes are right about God but not about Jesus.
God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:14)	Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him ... (John 8:58-59) Jesus's claim, if not true, is blasphemy.
I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. (Ezekiel 34:15)	I am the good shepherd. (John 10:11) Not a good shepherd, but <i>the</i> good shepherd.

What if Jesus were not God, only a gifted human teacher?

His sacrifice would be ineffective if he were not sinless

1 Peter 1: You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Other humans could lay equal claim to being Savior

Acts 4:12: ... there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

We would not have eternal life if Jesus were not resurrected.

1 Cor 15:12-19: If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

We would not be participants in the life of God.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. (2 Peter 1:3-4)

His teachings would carry only human authority. We could choose which to accept or reject.

Matt 7:28: And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had [divine] authority, and not as their scribes.

Questions

1. When did Jesus exercise divine powers?
2. When did Jesus choose not to exercise those powers?
3. How do we know that Jesus is also human?
4. In various mythologies, gods appear on earth to display qualities like majesty, wrath, or jealousy. What qualities did Jesus manifest during His time on earth?