

## WHY I BELIEVE JESUS IS GOD

**Test of Time:** Belief that Jesus is God, in the full sense, has stood the test of time. For almost 2000 years, Catholics and Orthodox have believed that Jesus is truly God, as well as truly a human who died and rose from the death.

**The Church:** The Church, which has the guarantee of the Holy Spirit to be free of error in matters of faith, has always said for 2000 years that Jesus is God.

**Linguistics:** Studies indicate the Jesus stories of the Bible do not fit the psychological patterns of storytellers. Stories as well as made up lies follow certain determinable linguistic patterns that are not found in the Gospels. Even Soviet atheists have noticed this.

**The Bible:** The Bible says Jesus is God. Lk. 3:22 & 9:35, Jn. 1:1-4 & 14, Col. 2:9, 1 Jn. 1:1-3, 2 Pet. 1:17-18, and in many other places.

**Jesus said:** Jesus claimed to be God. This claim was honored with miracles, especially his resurrection from the dead. Faith in Jesus as God has been confirmed by miracles, visions, answered prayers, and heroic lives of believers throughout almost 2000 years.

**Our Faith:** Faith in Jesus as God is verified by personal experience. Faithful Christians can experience the gift of confident assurance of the presence of Jesus as they pray. Most other evidence won't mean much without some degree of experienced contact with Christ. Thinking of ideas on this sheet in prayer can help us be open so the Holy Spirit can bring this experience.

**Prophecy:** Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecy. There were many prophecies of a Messiah; for example, Isaiah 53:3-10 The suffering servant, written hundreds of years before Christ.

**Risen Christ:** The Risen Christ is visibly alive in His people united as Church. Jesus works as powerfully among us today as he did long ago. One can hardly deny Jesus is risen when one experiences a Church that is fully alive.

**Historic Writings:** Historic writings of first century pagans and Christians confirm the existence of the man, Jesus of Nazareth. Faith, reason, Bible, experience, prayer, etc. can convince us He is God among us.