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John, the apostle, **son of Zebedee and Salome**, and **brother of James** (Mark 1:19, 20; Matthew 20:20; John 21:20-24). His authorship has been seriously questioned by the Tübingen school of critics; however, the objections have been fully answered by the Dead Sea scrolls and also by the dating of carbon 14, and the Johannine authorship is received by competent Bible scholarship. It is interesting to note that the following early church fathers ascribe the fourth Gospel to John: Theophilus, Bishop of Antioch — A.D. 180; Irenaeus — A.D. 190, pupil of Polycarp, who in turn was pupil of John; Clement of Alexandria — A.D. 200; and the Muratorian fragment says the fourth Gospel is by John.

DATE: A.D. 90-100

Some suppose that this is the last book of the New Testament to be written. However, it seems appropriate to consider the writings of John in sequence: namely, the Gospel of John, the three Epistles, and the Revelation. All were written evidently during the last ten years of the life of the "beloved apostle."

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. **3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**

Gen 1:1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Triune Nature of God (Trinity)

Deity of Jesus Christ <http://www.bible.ca/su-deity-christ.htm>

I. Jesus pre-existed His physical birth

A. Jesus actually created the universe in Gen 1:1

John 1:3

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Hebrews 1:1-12

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself^a purged our^b sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"?^c And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?^d 6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."^e 7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."^f 8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."^g 10 And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

Col 1:15-17

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist

B. Jesus existed before Abraham who died 2000 BC: John 8:56-58

John 8:56-58

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

C. Jesus existed before John the baptist who was six months older than Jesus

John 1:15

15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "

D. Prophecies before his incarnation into Mary's womb:

- He will be called "God with us":
 - Isa 7:14 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
- He will be called, "Mighty God, Eternal Father":
 - Isa 9:6 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

II. Jesus is Divine in name and is called "GOD" directly:

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**

A. Passages where Jesus is unquestionably called God

- Heb 1:8 Father addresses son as God
 - 8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom"
- Jn 1:1 The word was God
 - 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- Phil 2:6-8 Jesus existed in the form of God
 - 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
- Jn 20:28 'My Lord and My God
 - 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"
- Isa 7:14 "A Child Will Be Born And His Name Is Called": "Emanuel: God with us"
- Isa 9:6 "A Child Will Be Born And His Name Is Called": "Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace"

III. Jesus is called Jehovah:

A. When you read the Old Testament passage it is certainly talking about Jehovah. But the Holy Spirit through inspiration, quoted these passages in the New Testament and APPLIED THEM TO JESUS! This proves that Jesus is Jehovah God along with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

	JEHOVAH	Applied to Jesus
	Old Testament	New Testament
Creator Of All	Ps 102:24-27 24	Heb 1:8,10-12
Prepare Way For	Isa 40:3; Mal 3:1	Mt 3:3; Jn 1:23,30
Jehovah Pierced	Zech 12:10	Jn 19:37
Call On Jehovah	Joel 2:32	Acts 2:21,36; 4:10-12

B. Jehovah is described in the Old Testament in a number of unique titles. These titles are applied to Jesus Christ in the New Testament, proving He is Jehovah God along with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

	Jehovah is	Jesus Christ is
	Old Testament	New Testament
The great "I Am"	Ex 3:13-14	Jn 8:57-59
Lord of Lords	Deut 10:17	Rev 17:14
Lord of Glory	Ps 24:10; 29:3	1 Cor 2:8
First and the Last	Isa 41:4; 44:6; 48:12	Rev 1:17; 2:8; 22:13

C. Jehovah is spoken of in the Old Testament as possessing distinct and unique attributes. (Look for the word "ONLY" Example: If "only" Jehovah was the creator, then the angels had no part in it.) Yet we find that these qualities are directly and plainly attributed to Jesus Christ proving He is Jehovah God, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

	Only Jehovah	Jesus Christ is also
	Old Testament	New Testament
Only Creator Of All	Isa 44:24	Jn 1:1-3; Col 1:16,17
The Only Rock	Deut 32:4,12; Isa 44:8	1 Cor 10:4
Alone Knows Hearts	1 Ki 8:22-23,39	Mk 2:5-8; Jn 2:24-25
Not Give Glory Away	Isa 42:8	Jn 17:5; 1:14
Only Saviour	Isa 43:11; 45:21	Mk 2:7; Tit 2:13

IV. Jesus Is Divine In Substance

- A. Col 2:9: the fullness of deity
- B. Hob 1:3: exact representation of His nature
- C. Jn 14:8-10 He who sees Me sees the Father.

V. WE ARE TO WORSHIP JESUS AS GOD:

- A. Angels should not be worshipped, only God: Rev 19:10; 22:8-9
- B. Men should not be worshipped, only God: Acts 10:26
- C. Jesus accepts worship from Angels: Heb 1:6
- D. All creation worships both Father and Lamb: Rev 5:11-14
- E. Men worshipped Jesus and He did not refuse:
 - a. From the wise men - Mt 2:11
 - b. From the leper - Mt 8:2
 - c. From the ruler - Mt 9:18
 - d. From His disciples in the boat - Mt 14:33
 - e. From the Canaanite woman - Mt 15:25
 - f. From the man born blind - Jn 9:38
 - g. From the women and other disciples following His resurrection - Mt 28:9,17
 - h. From the disciples following His ascension - Lk 24:52

Scriptures:

- 1- John 1:1, 20:28; Rom. 9:5; Phil. 2:6; Titus 2:13, Heb 1:8; I John 5:20. Other passages include John 13:3, 17:5, Col. 1:15-19, I Tim. 3:16, and Heb. 1:3
- 2- Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 7:14 and Matt. 1:22-23
- 3- Jer. 23:6; Isaiah 40:3; Heb. 1:8; I Tim. 3:16; John 10:36
- 4- Eternal (Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; John 1:1, 2; 8:58; 17:5; 24; Col. 1:15, 17; I John 1:1; Rev. 1:8); omnipresent (Matt. 18:20; 28:20; John 3:13); omniscient (John 2:24, 25; 16:30; 21:17; Rev. 2:23); omnipotent (Isaiah 9:6; Phil. 3:21; Rev. 1:8; cf. John 5:17; Heb. 1:3; Matt. 28:18) and immutable (Heb. 1:10-12; 13:8)
- 5- John 20:28; Acts 7:59; Heb. 1:6; cf. Exodus 34:14 and Matt. 4:10
- 6- Matt. 28:19; cf. Acts 2:38; II Cor. 13:14; cf. I Cor. 1:3, Eph. 1:2
- 7- John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2,10
- 8- Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3; cf. Luke 10:22; John 3:35; 17:2; Eph. 1:22
- 9- Matt. 9:2-7; cf. Mark 2:7; Luke 7:47, 48; Col. 3:13
- 10- John 11:25; cf. John 5:25, 28-29; 6:39, 40, 54; John 5:22
- 11- John 16:23, 24
- 12- John 10:30, 36; 14:9; 17:11
- 13- John 8:18; 14:7; John 12:45; 14:9; Mark 9:37; John 12:44; 14:1; John 5:23; John 15:23

From Evidence Bible

DESCRIPTION	FATHER	JESUS
Yahweh ("I AM")	Exodus 3:14 Deuteronomy 32:39 Isaiah 43:10	John 8:24 John 8:58 John 18:4-6
God	Genesis 1:1 Deuteronomy 6:4 Psalm 45:6,7	Isaiah 7:14 Isaiah 9:6 John 1:1,14 John 20:28 Titus 2:13 Hebrews 1:8 2 Peter 1:1 Matthew 1:23 1 John 5:20
Alpha and Omega (First and Last)	Isaiah 41:4 Isaiah 48:12 Revelation 1:8	Revelation 1:17,18 Revelation 2:8 Revelation 22:12-16
Lord	Isaiah 45:23	Matthew 12:8 Acts 7:59,60 Acts 10:36 Romans 10:12 1 Corinthians 2:8 1 Corinthians 12:3 Philippians 2:10,11
Savior	Isaiah 43:3 Isaiah 43:11 Isaiah 49:26 Isaiah 63:8 Luke 1:47 1 Timothy 4:10	Matthew 1:21 Luke 2:11 John 1:29 John 4:42 2 Timothy 1:10 Titus 2:13 Hebrews 5:9
King	Psalm 95:3 Isaiah 43:15 1 Timothy 6:14-16	Revelation 17:14 Revelation 19:16
Judge	Genesis 18:25 Deuteronomy 32:36 Psalm 50:4,6 Psalm 58:11 Psalm 75:7 Psalm 96:13	John 5:22 2 Corinthians 5:10 2 Timothy 4:1
Light	2 Samuel 22:29 Psalm 27:1	John 1:4,9 John 3:19 John 8:12 John 9:5
Rock	Deuteronomy 32:3,4 2 Samuel 22:32 Psalm 89:26	Romans 9:33 1 Corinthians 10:3,4 1 Peter 2:4-8
Redeemer	Psalm 130:7,8 Isaiah 43:1 Isaiah 48:17 Isaiah 49:26 Isaiah 54:5	Acts 20:28 Ephesians 1:7 Hebrews 9:12
Our Righteousness	Isaiah 45:24	Jeremiah 23:6 Romans 3:21,22
Husband	Isaiah 54:5 Hosea 2:16	Matthew 25:1 Mark 2:18,19 2 Corinthians 11:2 Ephesians 5:25-32

		Revelation 21:2,9
Shepherd	Genesis 49:24 Psalm 23:1 Psalm 80:1	John 10:11,16 Hebrews 13:20 1 Peter 2:25 1 Peter 5:4
Creator	Genesis 1:1 Job 33:4 Psalm 95:5,6 Psalm 102:24,25 Isaiah 40:28 Isaiah 43:1 Acts 4:24	John 1:2,3,10 Colossians 1:15–18 Hebrews 1:1–3,10
Giver of Life	Genesis 2:7 Deuteronomy 32:39 1 Samuel 2:6 Psalm 36:9	John 5:21 John 10:28 John 11:25
Forgiver of Sin	Exodus 34:6,7 Nehemiah 9:17 Daniel 9:9 Jonah 4:2	Matthew 9:2 Mark 2:1–12 Acts 26:18 Colossians 2:13 Colossians 3:13
Lord our Healer	Exodus 15:26	Acts 9:34
Omnipresent	Psalm 139:7–12 Proverbs 15:3	Matthew 18:20 Matthew 28:20 Ephesians 3:17 Ephesians 4:10
Omniscient	1 Kings 8:39 Jeremiah 17:10,16	Matthew 9:4 Matthew 11:27 Luke 5:4–6 John 2:25 John 16:30 John 21:17 Acts 1:24
Omnipotent	Isaiah 40:10–31 Isaiah 45:5–13 Revelation 19:6	Matthew 28:18 Mark 1:29–34 John 10:18 Jude 24
Preexistent	Genesis 1:1	John 1:15,30 John 3:13,31,32 John 6:62 John 16:28 John 17:5
Eternal	Psalm 102:26,27 Habakkuk 3:6	Isaiah 9:6 Micah 5:2 John 8:58
Immutable	Malachi 3:6 James 1:17	Hebrews 13:8
Receiver of worship	Matthew 4:10 John 4:24 Revelation 5:14 Revelation 7:11 Revelation 11:16 Revelation 19:4,10	Matthew 2:8,11 Matthew 14:33 Matthew 28:9 John 9:38 Philippians 2:10,11 Hebrews 1:6
Hope	Jeremiah 17:7	1 Timothy 1:1
Speaker with divine authority	“Thus saith the Lord . . .” —used hundreds of times	Matthew 23:34–37 John 3:5 John 7:46 “Truly, truly, I say . . .”
Who raised Jesus from the dead?	Acts 2:24,32 Romans 8:11 1 Corinthians 6:14	John 2:19–22 John 10:17,18 Matthew 27:40
Who gets the glory?	Isaiah 42:8	Hebrews 13:21

The Deity of Jesus Christ

Scriptural Proof That Jesus Christ is God

As our society rapidly approaches the end-time events of the book of Revelation, Satan and his evil forces are doing everything within their power to deceive humanity and to condition men to worship an individual known as "the beast" or "the Antichrist" (Rev. 13:1-18). Satan has always had a desire to be worshipped as God (Isa. 14:12; Luke 4:7), and he *will* be worshipped as God in the coming Tribulation Period (II Thes. 2:3-4). In order to bring this about, Satan realizes that he must first DETHRONE the true God in the hearts and minds of people. That is, he must attack the Deity of Jesus Christ.

This attack on the Lord Jesus Christ is being executed in many ways by many different groups. Various cult groups, New Age groups, and even modern Bible translators have their own methods of robbing Jesus Christ of His Deity. Many young men today enter Bible colleges and seminaries believing in the Deity of Christ, and then graduate four years later with less faith than when they enrolled!

What about you, friend? What do you believe about Jesus Christ? Can you support your beliefs with God's word? That's the real issue: what saith the Scripture?

We challenge you to get your Bible (KJV) and check all the references that we are about to give. We are going to offer twelve Scriptural proofs for the Deity of Jesus Christ. That is, you are going to see twelve Bible proofs that Jesus Christ is God. Please do NOT take our word for anything. Our world is filled with deception because too many people believe what they hear without checking the facts. We urge you to search the Scriptures for yourself, and form your own convictions with God's word.

Jesus Christ Is God Incarnate

Quoting from Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23 says, "*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.*" According to both of these verses, Jesus was "God with us" when He walked upon this earth. He wasn't merely "God's chosen one with us" or "God's Son with us." As I Timothy 3:16 states, "God was manifest in the flesh." John 1:14 tells us that "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." In Zechariah 12:10, GOD said that HE (God) would be "pierced" by sinners, and Revelation 1:7 states that Jesus Christ Himself fulfilled this prophecy! Friend, the Bible presents Jesus Christ as much more than a great prophet and teacher. God's word presents Jesus Christ as *God incarnate*.

Jesus Christ Is Eternal

In John 10:28, Jesus said, "*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*" If Jesus Christ isn't eternal, then how does He have the power to give "eternal life"?

Micah 5:2 states that Jesus Christ is "from everlasting", which is exactly what Psalm 93:2 and Isaiah 63:16 say about God!

In John 8:58, Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." The term "I am" is the exact term that God used in Exodus 3:14 in reference to Himself! Jesus professed to be the eternal God of the Bible.

Jesus Christ Has Divine Names

Check these references for yourself. In Matthew 22:42-45, Jesus claims to be the "Lord" of Psalm 110:1. He allows Thomas to address Him as "My Lord and my God" in John 20:28.

He is the "everlasting Father" and "The mighty God" of Isaiah 9:6.

According to His own words in John 10:11-14, He is the "shepherd" of Psalm 23:1, Psalm 80:1, and Ezekiel 34:12.

God is the "saviour" in Isaiah 43:3, 43:11, 45:15, 45:21, Hosea 13:4, Luke 1:47, and I Timothy 4:10, yet this same title is given to Jesus Christ in Luke 2:11, Philippians 3:20, II Timothy 1:10, and II Peter 2:20.

God is the "Rock" of Deuteronomy 32:4, 32:15, 32:18, 32:30-31, I Samuel 2:2, and Psalm 18:31, yet this title is given to the Lord Jesus Christ in I Corinthians 10:1-4, I Peter 2:7-8, and Romans 9:33.

God is "light" in Psalm 27:1 and Micah 7:8, and then Jesus is "light" in John 1:4-9 and in John 8:12.

In Isaiah 44:6 God says, "...I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God." In Revelation 1:17 Jesus Christ says, "...Fear not; I am the first and the last."

The Scriptures are clear: Jesus Christ is the God of the Old Testament.

Jesus Claimed Equality with God

Jesus says in Matthew 28:19, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*" If Jesus Christ isn't Deity, then why did He include Himself in the Holy Trinity?

Jesus says in John 14:9, "...*he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?*" Is the Father someone other than Jesus Christ? No, not according to Jesus Christ.

In John 10:30, Jesus says, "*I and my Father are one.*" Isn't that clear enough?

Philippians 2:6 says that Jesus was in the "form of God", and that he thought it not robbery to be "equal with God"!

The Jesus Christ of the New Testament claimed to be "one" with God and "equal" with God.

Jesus Christ is Omnipresent

Only God has the ability to be everywhere at once, yet Jesus Christ claims this ability.

In Matthew 18:20, He says, "*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*" How could this be possible if Jesus were not Deity?

The same is true in Matthew 28:20 where Jesus says, "...*lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*" How could He be with each individual Christian always and be in Heaven at the same time? He is God, for only God has such attributes!

Jesus Christ Is Omnipotent

That is, He is all powerful. He has all power.

Revelation 19:6 states, "...*the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*" Then I Timothy 6:15 says that Jesus Christ Himself is "...*the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;*" If Jesus is the ONLY Potentate, then He must be the One of Revelation 19:6, God Almighty!

Also see Colossians 2:9-10, Revelation 2:26, and Matthew 28:18.

Jesus Christ Is Omniscient

To be omniscient is to have *all knowledge, unlike* normal men. The Bible declares that Jesus was indeed omniscient.

Unlike normal men, Jesus Christ had knowledge of specific details about His own death. In Matthew 16:21, Jesus said that He would go to Jerusalem, suffer many things at the hands of the scribes and the elders, be killed, and then be resurrected the third day. He repeats this prophecy in Matthew 20:19.

Matthew 17:27 offers the account of Jesus knowing of a certain coin in a fish's mouth before the fish is caught!

He knew specific details about a woman's life whom He had never met (John 4:16-19). He also had all knowledge about Nathaniel in John 1:47-49.

Friend, Jesus Christ is Deity because He is omniscient.

Jesus Christ Has Creative Powers

John 1:1-3 says, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*" The "Word" is the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:14; I John 1:1-3; 5:7), and John 1:3 says that all things were made by Him!

Colossians 1:16 says, "...*by him were all things created...*" Consider Hebrews 1:1-3: "*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*" You see, by Jesus Christ the worlds were made, and by Jesus Christ all things are upheld. He has the power to create and sustain the universe.

Jesus Christ Has Power Over the Elements of Nature

In Matthew 14:25, Jesus literally walks upon the sea, and in Luke 8:24, He rebukes the wind and it obeys Him. How could He perform such tasks if He weren't God? It must be understood that Jesus didn't pray for God to calm the sea; He calmed the sea Himself.

Jesus Christ Received Worship

If we're wrong in teaching that the Lord Jesus Christ is God, then He must have been wrong in allowing people to worship him. Jesus Himself said, "*Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou*

serve." (Mat. 4:10) Why would He say this at the beginning of His ministry and then spend His ministry allowing people to worship *HIM*?

In Acts 10:25-26, and in Revelation 19:10, worship of anyone other than God Himself is forbidden, yet Jesus willingly received worship throughout His public ministry (John 20:28; Mat. 8:2; 9:18; 15:25; 28:9; John 9:38). If He isn't Deity, then why didn't He correct those who worshipped Him?

Jesus Christ Forgave Sins

"And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." (Jer. 31:34) According to these words, it is GOD Who has the power and right to forgive sins. However, the New Testament says that Jesus Christ has this power.

Please notice Mark 2:5-11: *"When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? 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? 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? 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,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house."*

Jesus Christ is God, because only God can forgive sins. It's true that He took on the form of a man for thirty-three years on this earth, but He was still God. He was *God manifest in the flesh* (I Tim. 3:16).

Jesus Christ Had Power Over His Own Life and Death

How many people do you know who have the ability to lay down their own life and then take it up again? Jesus had this power.

Consider John 10:17-18: *"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."*

Jesus had the power over His own life and death! When He died, He willingly gave up His own spirit (Luke 23:46).

According to His own words in Revelation 1:18, Jesus Christ has "the keys of hell and of death." How could He possibly have such power if He were not God?

Friend, make no mistake about it: the Lord Jesus Christ is Deity. He came to this earth and suffered in human flesh for thirty-three years. He lived a perfectly sinless life, and then laid that life down as an eternal payment for your sins. Mohammed didn't pay for your sins, because Mohammed wasn't God. Buddha didn't pay for your sins, because Buddha wasn't God. You can't pay for your sins, because you aren't God. Only Jesus Christ is sinless, because only Jesus Christ is God. He Alone can save your soul from the eternal fires of Hell.

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

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

Friend, do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour? Have you been born again? If not,

be sure and call or write today for your free copy of *Understanding God's Salvation Plan*. Nothing in your life is more important than your eternal destiny, and no one can help you more than the Lord Jesus Christ.