

Jesus Claims Equality with God

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Introduction:

What is the single most important question ever asked?

The question came from the lips of Jesus in [Matthew 16:15](#) and was addressed to His disciples -- "**Who do you say that I am?**"

This question is without equal

How you answer this question will determine whether you spend eternity in Heaven or Hell

It is not a question to be relegated to the colleges and Universities, or the seminaries (the world of academia) to debate and argue over.

It is the most crucial, critical, decisive, essential, indispensable momentous, necessary, pivotal, pressing, prevalent, serious, significant, urgent, vital, determining weighty question that any man woman or child can concern themselves with.

In fact I would go as far as to say that all other questions need not be asked until you answer this question correctly and then submit to the answer of that question.

It is amazing, that with this being so important that so many people spend so little time considering it.

They will spend more time selecting a life insurance policy to insure that they are leaving their possessions in the right hands when they die, yet will spend less time considering their need for death insurance. To make sure their Soul is safe.

Every one of us here this morning are going to spend eternity in heaven or hell on how we answer who Jesus is

There are people in Heaven right now because they answered correctly

There are multitudes more in hell right now because they answered wrong....

What do you say.

Who is this man Jesus is

Religions have attempted to answer this question and have got it woefully wrong.

Arianism

A created divine being.

A divine being, but created by God and inferior to Father.

Baha'i Faith

Man

A "manifestation of God" and prophet. Since superseded by Muhammad and Baha'u'llah.

Buddhism

Man

Wise and enlightened man who taught similar things to the Buddha.

Christian Science

Man

Wise man especially attuned to the divine Christ.

Hinduism

Incarnation of God akin to Krishna, or wise man.

Islam

Man

True prophet sent by God, but superseded by Muhammad.
To reveal God's will in a progressive revelation that ended with Muhammad.

Jehovah's Witnesses

An archangel

Son of God, a god but not Jehovah God, God's first creation, Archangel Michael.

Mormonism (LDS)

Man

Son of God, Savior, originally one of the spirit beings that all humans used to be. Was the brother of Lucifer

Theosophy

Man

Great teacher.

Unitarian Universalism

Man

Great teacher, faith-healer, "incarnation of God's love."

In the face of all the evidence and all the testimony and witness of who Jesus is, Man is incessant on denying who he is and His claims on there lives

The reason is clear in Scripture

Jn 3:19–21

- 19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- 20** For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.
- 21** But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Some have said he is either

a

Liar

Lunatic

or

Lord

Jesus' claim forces us to three options. He says He's equal to God, option number one, that is true, that is a true claim and He is equal to God. That's option number one. Option number two, that claim is false and He knows it. So He is a deceiver and He is a blasphemer with intent. He is an intentional blasphemer because He knows it's a lie. The third option is that the claim to be equal with God is false, and He doesn't know it. In which case He is delusional, He is a madman. He's on the level of someone who thinks he's a poached egg. He's bereft of his mental faculties.

Those are the only options. Option number one, again, it is true, He is equal to God. Option number two, it is false, He knows it's false and therefore He's a blaspheming deceiver. Option number three, it is false, that He doesn't know it's false, and therefore He's a blaspheming delusional madman. There are no other options. There are none. It is an outrage to then say that He's a good teacher. It is an equal outrage to say He's some kind of a spiritual example. Example of what? Delusional, deception, blasphemy? It is not possible to make Him into a model of religion, or some kind of pattern of spirituality or virtue, that is not a possible option.

Review

The events leading up to this point and all the others following are for the purpose of pointing us to Christ, that he is the Son of God, Savior of the World. That he is The Sovereign God of the Universe

1. The Declaration of John the Baptist
2. The Miracle at the Wedding of Cana
3. The Confession of Nicodemus
4. The Confrontation and Conversion of the Woman at the Well, at the subsequent salvation of Samaria
5. The Miracle of the Healing of the Nobleman's Son and the Salvation of his whole household
6. And now the healing of the lame man at the pool of Bethesda

All this to bring to a critical point.

A very clear and staggering declaration by Jesus that HE IS GOD

The who point of the miracle of the lame man at the pool of Bethesda, was to do the miracle on the Sabbath day, to stir of the Pharisees so that Jesus could make His declaration. He intentionally selected one man among the multitude of sick and destitute and Heal him SO that he could show and declare that He is God.

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Lesson

- I. He Is Equal in Nature
- II. He is Equal in Works
- III. He is Equal in Life
- IV. He is Equal in Judgement
- V. He is Equal in Worship
- VI. He is Equal in Salvation

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The words **My Father** should be noted. Jesus did not say “your Father” or even “our Father.” His opponents did not miss His claim to **Diety**. Blum, E. A. (1985). John. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 290). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

My Father (ὁ πατερ μου [*ho pater mou*]). Not “our Father,” claim to peculiar relation to the Father.

Robertson, A. T. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Jn 5:17). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

the implication of His claim that God is **His own Father** was impossible for them to accept. To them, God has no equals. Jesus’ claim, in their thinking, was a monstrous blasphemy. To be **equal with God** suggested, they thought, two gods and therefore polytheism. To make oneself “equal with God” was a claim of arrogant independence. In the Talmud four persons were branded as haughty because they made themselves equal to God: pagan rulers Hiram, Nebuchadnezzar, Pharaoh, and the Jewish King Joash.

Making himself equal with God - This shows that, in the view of the Jews, the name Son of God, or that calling God his Father, implied equality with God. The Jews were the best interpreters of their own language, and as Jesus did not deny the correctness of their interpretations, it follows that he meant to be so understood. Albert Barnes

For Jesus to claim God as His Father spoke of Essence, not genealogy or progeny

First, Jesus calls God, “My Father.” The Jews would sometimes speak of “our Father,” or if they used “my Father,” they would add, “in heaven,” or some other expression to remove any suggestion of familiarity (Leon Morris, *The Gospel According to John* [Eerdmans], p. 309). But Jesus speaks of God as His Father in the most intimate of terms.

Leon Morris (p. 310, italics his) states,

He was claiming that God was *His* Father in a special sense. He was claiming that He partook of the same nature as His Father. This involved equality.

Later, Jesus explicitly stated ([John 10:30](#)), “I and the Father are one.” As a result, the Jews again sought to kill Him. When Jesus asked for which of the many good works from the Father they were stoning Him, they replied (10:33), “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.” They understood His claims! The problem was, they didn’t accept His claims.

While Jesus is equal with God in sharing the same nature, He is also distinct from the Father as the Son. Jesus’ existence as the Son of God does not imply that there was a point in time in which He did not exist, and then He was created as the Son of the Father. That was Arius’ heresy, whose modern followers are the Jehovah’s Witnesses. John has already made it clear that the Word existed in the beginning with God and that He created all things that have come into being (1:1-3). If Jesus came into being at a point in time, that verse

would be false. Nor did Jesus become the Son of God when He was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit. Rather, Jesus has existed eternally as the Son of God in relation to God the Father. Just as a human son shares his father's nature, so Jesus shares the same nature as God the Father. But just as a human son is a distinct person from his father, so Jesus is distinct from the Father as the second person of the Trinity. In [John 5:19-26](#), Jesus refers to Himself as "Son" nine times; He is emphasizing His divine Sonship. As the Son, Jesus is equal to and yet functionally subordinate to and distinct from the Father (as the following verses show). God is one God who exists as three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jn 14:8–11

- 8** Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."
- 9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
- 10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.
- 11** Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Jn 8:54–59

- 54** Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.
- 55** Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.
- 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.”
- 59** Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Jn 10:28–33)

- 28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.
- 29** My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *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 I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”
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isos: equal

Original Word: ἴσος, η, ον

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: isos

Phonetic Spelling: (ee'-sos)

Short Definition: equal, identical

Definition: equal, equivalent, identical.

2470 *isos* – *equality*; having the same (similar) level or value; *equivalent*, *equal* in substance or quality (J. Thayer).

[**2470** (*isos*) is the root of the English terms, "*isometric*" and "*isosceles*" – referring to *equivalencies*.]

In geometry, an **isosceles triangle** is a **triangle** that has two sides of equal length. Sometimes it is specified as having two and only two sides of equal length, verses that support the equality of Jesus as God

John 1:1

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.

Phil 2:6

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Col 1:15

- 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.

John 20:28

28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Tt 2:13

13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Amazingly, Jesus assumed the prerogatives of deity. He claimed to have control over the eternal destinies of people ([John 8:24](#); cf. [Luke 12:8-9](#); [John 5:22, 27-29](#)), to have authority over the divinely-ordained institution of the Sabbath ([Matthew 12:8](#); [Mark 2:28](#); [Luke 6:5](#)), to have the power to answer prayer ([John 14:13-14](#); cf. [Acts 7:59](#); [9:10-17](#)), and to have the right to receive worship and faith due to God alone ([Matthew 21:16](#); [John 14:1](#); cf. [John 5:23](#)). He also assumed the ability to forgive sins ([Mark 2:5-11](#))—something which, as His shocked opponents correctly understood, only God can do ([Mark 2:7](#)).

Jesus also called God's angels (Genesis 28:12; Luke 12:8-9; 15:10; John 1:51) His angels (Matthew 13:41; 24:30-31); God's elect (Luke 18:7; Romans 8:33) His elect (Matthew 24:30-31); and God's kingdom (Matthew 12:28; 19:24; 21:31; Mark 1:15; Luke 4:43; John 3:3) His kingdom (Matthew 13:41; 16:28; cf. Luke 1:33; 2 Timothy 4:1).

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

What was the Jews religious leaders reaction to what Jesus Said

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John 5:16

Persecute (ἐδιωκον [*ediōkon*]). Inchoative imperfect, “began to persecute” and kept it up. They took this occasion as one excuse (δια τουτο [*dia touto*], because of this). They disliked Jesus when here first (2:18) and were suspicious of his popularity (4:1). Now they have cause for an open breach. **Because he did** (ὅτι ἐποiei [*hoti epoiei*]). Imperfect active, not just this one act, but he was becoming a regular Sabbath-breaker. The Pharisees will watch his conduct on the Sabbath henceforth (Mark 2:23; 3:2).

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Sought the more (μαλλον ἐζητουν [*mallon ezētoun*]). Imperfect active of ζητεω [*zēteō*], graphic picture of increased and untiring effort “to kill him” (αὐτον ἀποκτειναι [*auton apokteinaī*], first aorist active, to kill him off and be done with him). John repeats this clause “they sought to kill him” in 7:1, 19, 25; 8:37, 40.

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5:16. **Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath.** In addition to the case of the invalid’s healing (5:1–15), John later recorded the cure of a blind man on the Sabbath (chap. 9). The grain-picking (Mark 2:23–28), the healing of a shriveled hand (Mark 3:1–5), curing a woman who had been crippled for 18 years (Luke 13:10–17), and healing a man with dropsy (Luke 14:1–6)—all these took place on the Sabbath. As seen in these passages, Jesus’ theology or philosophy of the Sabbath differed from that of His opponents. His opponents in the controversy were progressively humiliated while the crowds favored Him. The opponents’ response was to persecute Jesus by opposing Him and trying to kill Him (John 5:16, 18; 7:19, 25).

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17, 18. My Father worketh hitherto and I work—The “*I*” is emphatic; “The creative and conservative activity of My Father has known no sabbath-cessation from the beginning until now, *and that is the law of My working.*”

Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997). *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible* (Vol. 2, p. 136). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

John 5:17

Answered (ἀπεκρίνατο [*apekrinato*]). Regular aorist middle indicative of ἀποκρίνομαι [*apokrinomai*], in John here only and verse 19, elsewhere ἀπεκριθη [*apekrithē*] as in verse 11. **My Father** (ὁ πατερ μου [*ho pater mou*]). Not “our Father,” claim to peculiar relation to the Father. **Worketh even until now** (ἕως ἄρτι ἐργάζεται [*heōs arti ergazetai*]). Linear present middle indicative, “keeps on working until now” without a break on the Sabbath. Philo points out this fact of the continuous activity of God. Justin Martyr, Origen and others note this fact about God. He made the Sabbath for man’s blessing, but cannot observe it himself. **And I work** (καγω ἐργάζομαι [*kagō ergazomai*]). Jesus puts himself on a par with God’s activity and thus justifies his healing on the Sabbath.

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5:17. God rested on the seventh day (Gen. 2:2–3) from His work of Creation. But Jesus pointed to the continuous **work** of God as a justification for His Sabbath activity. God sustains the universe, begets life, and visits judgments. It is not wrong for His Son to do works of grace and mercy on the Sabbath.

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5:19. **Jesus** explained that He is not independent of or in opposition to **the Father**. His activity is not self-initiated. The **Father** directs and has sent **the Son**. The Son’s activity imitates the Father, and the Two always work together.

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The Son can do nothing of Himself. In other words, He doesn’t operate independently from God. Every human being operates independently from God. We couldn’t possibly blame God for everything we do. No human being could say, “Whatever God does, I do and that’s all I do, I only do what God does, I do nothing else.” That is such an outrageous claim coming from the lips of a man, and here stands this Galilean carpenter in a normal Galilean garb with His sandals on and His feet dirty from the dust of Jerusalem, looking into the eyes of these Jewish leaders and telling them that He is of the same nature as the eternal God and that He only does what the Father does. Perfect unity with the Father...and by the way, it’s a unity defined as love, based...that’s a love-based unity, the Father loves the Son and therefore shows

Him all things that He Himself is doing. The Father will show Him greater works than these so that you will marvel.⁷

Jesus does the Works of God

1. Creation

John 1:1-3 - Jesus was in the beginning with God, was God, and all things were made through Him. Without Him nothing was made that was made.

Colossians 1:16,17 - By Him (Jesus - v13-15) were all things created, things in heaven and on earth, etc. He existed before them all. They all consist in Him, and were created through Him and for Him.

Hebrews 1:2 - The worlds were made through the Son.

Hebrews 1:10 - The Lord (Jesus - v8) laid the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the work of His hands. [

2. Sustaining

Colossians 1:17 - As in other passages above regarding God, having said that Jesus created all things, Paul adds that "in Him all things consist." It is by Jesus' power that all things continue to exist.

Hebrews 1:3 - The Son made the worlds (v2), and He upholds all things by the word of His power.

Hebrews 1:12 - Not only did the Son (v8) make the heavens and earth (v10), but they will cease to exist when He "folds them up."

What God has created, only He can sustain. All created things began to exist and continue to exist by His power. Created beings derive their life from God.

3. Redeeming

John 4:42 - The Samaritans confessed Jesus to be the Savior of the world. [Luke 2:11]

Titus 1:3,4 - God is our Savior. The Lord Jesus Christ is our Savior. How can Jesus be less than God in such a description?

Titus 2:13,14 - Jesus is our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. He gave Himself to redeem us from sin so we might become His special people. [See notes on this passage under names of Deity.] [2 Peter 1:1,11; 2:20; 3:18]

Acts 4:12 - There is salvation in no one other than Jesus.

Mark. 2:1-12; Luke 7:48,49 - Jesus had power on earth to directly forgive sins. This is a work only God can do. Hence, for Jesus to claim this power would have been blasphemy if He were not God.

Ephesians 1:7 - We have redemption through Jesus' blood, even the forgiveness of sins. [Colossians 1:13,14]

Jesus is not classed with the creatures in need of redemption. He is the redeemer.

4. Ruling

Revelation 17:14

"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

1 Corinthians 8:6

yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

2 Corinthians 4:5

For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.

Romans 10:9

that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Philippians 2:9-11

For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

5. Judging

John 12 48 - All men will be judged according to Jesus' words.

Matthew 25:31-46 - All nations will be gathered before the Son of Man. He will separate them and send them into eternal punishment or eternal life.

2 Corinthians 5:10 - We must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the things done in the body, good or bad.

John 5:22,23 - The Father does not judge anyone but has given all judgment to the Son. [Acts 17:31]

Judging mankind for their lives and determining their eternal destiny are unique works of God. Yet Jesus is the one who will do that work. He is not classed with the created beings whose works will be judged by God. He is classed with God who will judge the works of the creatures.

Hebrews 6:1

6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

- 3 And this we will do if God permits.
- 4 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,
- 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
- 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

6 if they fall away,
parapiptó: to fall in, into or away, to fail

Original Word: ΠΑΡΑΠΙΠΤΩ

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: parapiptó

Phonetic Spelling: (par-ap-ip'-to)

Short Definition: I fall away

Definition: I fall away, fall back (into the unbelieving and godless ways of the old time).

HELPS Word-studies

3895 *parapíptō* (from **3844** /*pará*, "from close-beside" and **4098** /*píptō*, "to fall") – properly, *fall* away, after being *close-beside*; to *defect* (abandon).

3895 /*parapíptō* ("fallen from a close position") refers to a *close-follower* of Christ who becomes a defector. It suggests this person (at least at one time) was a believer (note the *para*). **3895** (*parapíptō*) is only used in Heb 6:6.

Hebrews 10:26

For if we go on sinning deliberately *e*after receiving the knowledge of the truth, *f*there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **27** but a fearful expectation of judgment, and *h*a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. **29** How much worse

punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one *k*who has trampled underfoot the Son of God,.....

and has profaned *l*the blood of the covenant *m*by which he was sanctified, and has *n*outraged the Spirit of grace? **30** For we know him who said, *o*“Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, *p*“The Lord will judge his people.” **31** *q*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

A. T. Robertson calls the Gospel according to John the "most wonderful of all books."

What will you do with Jesus?
Neutral you cannot be,
Some day your heart will be asking,
“What will he do with me?”

III. He is Equal in Life

21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

IV. He is Equal in Judgement