

Jesus is God!

Jn. 5:18-24

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So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

My father is working until now and I am working.

Jn. 5:17

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Not general – Father to nation

But personal – His own Father “equal in essence”

If this belief was not true,

a misunderstanding - He could have easily corrected it.

One and only Son

Jn. 3:16

If this claim to be God ...

. Is false – condemn Him.

. Is true – worship Him!

What evidence does Jesus present that He is equal with God?

Jesus is equal in His...

1. Actions

So Jesus said to them,
“Truly, truly, I say to you,
the Son can do nothing of
His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing.
(19)

“Truly, truly” -

- . Solemn assurance
- . Nothing is more certain
- . Full confidence in its
trustworthiness
- . Strongest possible term to
declare something as true.

I and the Father are one.
Jn. 10:30

Same nature or essence.

“Know Me, Know the Father.”
Jn. 14:7

Jesus cannot act independent
of His Father
Jesus cannot act contrary
to His Father.

To see Jesus act is
to see God act.

For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all that He
Himself is doing (20)

This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.
Matt. 3:17

‘Phileo’ (John 5:20)– friendship; affection; brotherly love;
common link love

And greater works than these will He show Him, so that
you may marvel.

If the works of Jesus match what God would do, then
FOLLOW HIM!

2. Ability to give life.

For the Father raises the dead and gives them life so also
the Son gives life to whom He will (21)

O.T Stories of people coming back to life.

. 1 Kings 17:17-24 –Elijah – widow’s son

. 2 Kings 4:32-37 – Elisha – Shunamite’s son

2 Kings 13:20-21 – Elisha’s bones raised up a man – burial
in a hurry threw body into Elisha’s tomb-Alive!

N.T Stories of people coming back to life

- . Jn. 11:25-44 – Lazarus – 4 days in the tomb
- . Matt. 9:18-25 – Jairus’ daughter
- . Lk. 7:11-15 – Son of widow in Nain
- . Matt. 10:8 - sent out the 12 –
 “Heal the sick, raise the dead...”
- . Acts 9:36-42 – Dorcus raised up by Peter
- . Acts 20:7:12 – Eutichus raised up by Paul

I am the way, the truth
and the life. Jn. 14:6

“To whom He will.”
Authority within Himself.

For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted
the Son also to have life in Himself. (26)

... yet you refuse to come to Me that you may have life.
(40)

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the
Son of God does not have life. 1 Jn. 5:12

Abundant life NOW!
Eternal Life FOREVER!

3. Authority to Judge

The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son... (22)

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

Phil. 2:9

God is the judge of the earth.

Ps. 96:13

He will judge the world with righteousness and the people with equity. Ps. 98:9

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 10:42

Truly, truly , I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment but has passed from death to life.

(24)

Right now – NOT standing condemned but in LIFE!
We know that we have passed out of death into life,
because we love the brothers.

1 Jn. 3:14

4. Acceptance of worship

... that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the
Father who sent Him. (23)

When people worship ...

. God's leaders –
NO! Worship God!

. Angels –
NO! Worship God!
You shall have no
other gods before Me.
Ex. 20:3

You shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose
name is jealous, is a jealous God.

Ex. 34:14

...My glory I will not give
to another.

Isa. 48:11b

Equal in essence
Equal in actions
Equal in giving life
Equal in authority to judge
Therefore – equal worship!
Worship Jesus as God!

. They fell down and worshiped Him. Matt. 2:11

. “My Lord and My God.”

Jn. 20:28

.Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power...
and honor and glory and blessing.

Rev. 5:12