

***Jesus Christ's Relationship to God his Father***

**Introduction:**

1. The claims that Jesus made concerning himself as set forth in the Gospel of John, if sustained, are such that prove him to be the Son of God.
2. The Gospel of John is the strongest book in the New Testament as evidence to the deity of Jesus.
3. The evidence convinced John and many others.
4. It has been recorded and preserved that it may convince all who will fairly consider it, that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God.

**I. Jesus Claimed That He Came From God**

- A. Jesus told Nicodemus that he came from Heaven (John 3:1-13).
  1. Jesus expressed his right to speak of heavenly things on the ground that he had descended out of heaven.
  2. Jesus had come from heaven; therefore, he had brought first-hand information about the kingdom of God.
- B. Jesus claimed to be the "bread of life" that came down from heaven (John 6:22-66).
- C. In Jerusalem, Jesus taught that God, his Father had sent him to this earth (John 7:25-31).
- D. Jesus claimed a supernatural entrance into this world (John 8:21-30).
- E. Jesus said the lack of faith by the Jews was due to their lack of faith in God and love for God (John 8:42-47).
- F. The Apostle John believed that Jesus had come down from God (John 13:3).
- G. Jesus claimed that he came from God, that he would return to God, that God had sent him, that the bread of life which he offered was from God and that he had brought that bread down from God.

**II. Jesus Claimed That He Alone Had Seen God (John 1:18; 6:46; 1 Timothy 6:16; John 14:9)**

**III. Jesus Claimed That He Knows God (John 7:29; 8:14; 8:55; 10:14-15; 17:25)**

**IV. Jesus Claimed That He Reveals God To Mankind (John 1:18; 12:42-50; 14:7-14)**

- A. Jesus claimed to be the complete and final revelation of God and his will to man.
- B. If God was in Christ and if to see Jesus was to see the Father, there would be nothing more that God could reveal of himself that would be comprehensive to man in the flesh.

**V. Jesus Claimed That He Is Equal With God (John 5:16-23; 10:22-39)**

- A. Probably no claim made by Jesus was greater or more shocking to the Jews than the one in which he claimed equality with God.
- B. However, this should be expected in the light of the claims already presented.
- C. In spite of his claim, Jesus recognized that in some sense the Father was greater than he (John 14:28; Philippians 2:5-8).

## **VI. Jesus Claimed That He Did The Works Of God – Possessing the Powers of God**

- A. Jesus claimed that all his works were by the direction of the Father and proved him to be the Son of God (John 5:18-20).
- B. Jesus makes some of his most stupendous claims regarding the work he had come to do
  - 1) He would give spiritual life (John 5:21-26).
  - 2) He would judge the world (John 5:22-23; 30; 3:17-20; 12:48-50).
  - 3) He would raise the physically dead (John 5:28-29).

## **VII. Jesus Claimed That He Possesses The Attributes Of God**

- A. Eternity (John 8:56-59; 17:4-5).
- B. Omnipotence (John 11:4, 11).
- C. Omniscience (John 2:25; 7:29; 12:23, 32-33).
- D. Omnipresent (John 14:14-18).

### **Conclusion:**

- 1. Jesus was a man with all the characteristics of man; yet he claimed the attributes of deity.
- 2. The claims of Jesus in his relation to God are such that either he was and is the Son of God, or he was an impostor.
- 3. He was not simply a good man or a prophet.

## **Questions**

1. What was Nicodemus question of Jesus in John chapter 3?
2. What is the “bread of life?”
3. What was Jesus claim concerning his entrance into this world (John 8:21-30)?
4. What did the apostle John believe about the entrance of Jesus into this world (John 13:3)?
5. Explain Jesus claim concerning seeing God the Father.
6. What knowledge did Jesus claim to possess concerning God?
7. What was Jesus claim concerning his purpose in coming to this world?
8. How does Jesus reveal God to mankind?
9. Will there be a future revelation of God’s will to man? Why?
10. Why did Jesus claim to be equal with God?
11. In what sense is the Father greater than Jesus Christ (John 14:28)?
12. What was Jesus claim concerning his works upon earth?
13. Explain Jesus claim concerning spiritual life?
14. Who will be the judge of all men? What will be the standard of judgment?
15. List the attributes of God that Jesus possessed and explain each one.