



“THE CHRISTIAN AND JESUS”

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All verses from New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.

THREE CATEGORIES OF EVIDENCE:

#1 – WHAT JESUS SAID

Matthew 7:28-29 **"After Jesus finished speaking, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught as one who had real authority--quite unlike the teachers of religious law."**

1st – He claimed to be the Son of God,

Luke 2:49 **"But why did you need to search? You should have known that I would be in my Father's house."**

John 10:36-38 **"Why do you call it blasphemy when the Holy One who was sent into the world by the Father says, 'I am the Son of God'? Don't believe me unless I carry out my Father's work. But if I do his work, believe in what I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will realize that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father."**

2nd – Jesus claimed to be the Messiah,

John 4:25-26 **"I know the Messiah will come--the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." {26} Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!"**

3rd – He claimed the authority to forgive sin

Mark 2:7 **"This is blasphemy! Who but God can forgive sins!"**

Mark 2:10 "I will prove that I, the Son of Man, have the authority on earth to forgive sins."

4th – Jesus claimed he and the Father were ONE.

John 10:30 "The Father and I are one."

John 10:31-33 "The Jewish leaders picked up stones to kill him. Jesus said, 'At my Father's direction I have done many things to help the people. For which one of these good deeds are you killing me?' They replied, 'Not for any good work, but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, have made yourself God.'"

#2 – WHAT JESUS DID

1st – He lived a holy life,

1 Peter 1:19 "...the sinless, spotless Lamb of God."

1 Peter 2:22 "He never sinned, and he never deceived anyone."

1 John 3:5 "... there is no sin in him."

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin..."

Luke 23:47 "Surely this man was innocent."

John 8:46 "Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin?"

2nd – He demonstrated power over natural forces

Mark 4:41 "...were filled with awe and said among themselves, 'Who is this man, that even the wind and waves obey him?'"

3rd – He healed the sick and diseased.

4th – He cast out demons.

Luke 4:36 "Amazed, the people exclaimed, 'What authority and power this man's words possess! Even evil spirits obey him and flee at his command!'"

5th – He raised the dead ,

#3 – WHAT ARE THE OTHER ALTERNATIVES?

1st – Legend

2nd - Liar

Matthew 26:63-64 "I demand in the name of the living God that you tell us whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus replied, 'Yes, it is as you say.'"

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

John 8:19 "Since you don't know who I am, you don't know who my Father is. If you knew me, then you would know my Father, too.'"

3rd - Lunatic

4th – Lord

James 2:19 "...even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror!"