

The deity of Christ

1. Jesus is God

a) Jesus made divine claims

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him... (John 8:58-59; cf. John 5:17-18; The "I am" statements; Matthew 22:41-45; Revelation 22:13).

b) Jesus does divine stuff

divine authority

No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. (John 10:18; cf. Matthew 8:26-27; 14:19; John 2:1-11; Mark 2:5)

divine knowledge

"Now we know that you know all things." (John 16:30; cf. 1:48; 4:17-18; 21:17)

divine presence

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20; cf. 28:20)

c) Jesus accepts divine worship

"Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28; cf. Matthew 28:17; Revelation 5:12; Philippians 2:10-11)

d) Jesus is given divine titles

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1; cf. Titus 2:13; Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 45:6-7 quoted in Heb1:8. Also LORD Isaiah 45:23 quoted in Philippians 2:10-11; Isaiah 40:3 in Mark 1:3; Joel 2:32 in Romans 10:13).

2. ...so He can truly reveal

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (John 1:18; 14:9)

3. ...and truly redeem

...to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12; 20:17). "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself." (John 5:25-26)