

Why Jesus?



What does Jesus say?

How does Jesus Speak?

- “Truly, truly, I say to you...”
 - He says this 25 times in the gospel of John alone.
- “In Judaism you needed the testimony of two witnesses, so witness A could witness the truth of witness B and vice versa. But Jesus witnesses to the truth of his own sayings. Instead of basing his teaching on the authority of others, he speaks on his own authority.”
 - Lee Strobel, *The Case For Christ*.
- The result: People are astonished at his teaching

How Does Jesus Describe Himself?

- “I am...”
 - Uses these words 7 different times in the gospel of John to describe himself
- “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”
 - John 8:58
- “I AM WHO I AM...I AM has sent me to you.”
 - Exodus 3:13-14

The Door to Salvation

- “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”
– John 10:9



The Door to Salvation

- Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, **“Who then can be saved?”** But Jesus looked at them and said, **“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**
 - Matthew 19:24-26



The Good Shepherd

- I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
 - John 10:11,16
- I will feed them with good pasture
- I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep
- I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed
- And I will set up over them one shepherd
 - Ezekiel 34

The Authority

- For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it 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.** This charge I have received from my Father.
– John 10:17-18

The Son of Man

Mark 14:62

- But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

Daniel 7:13-14

- “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him...

The Authority

- Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? **But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins**—he said to the paralytic—**“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”** And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, **“We never saw anything like this!”**
 - Mark 2:9-12
- And he said to her, **“Your sins are forgiven.”** Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, **“Who is this, who even forgives sins?”** And he said to the woman, **“Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”**
 - Luke 7:48-50

Without Sin

- Which one of you convicts me of sin?
– John 8:46
- The only fault that they find in him is that he claims to be God

His Relationship with God

- No one takes it 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. This charge I have received from **my Father**.
 - John 10:17-18
- This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, **making himself equal with God**.
 - John 5:18

What He Doesn't Say

- Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the **Son of Man?**” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” **He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.**
 - John 9:35-38
- “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”
 - Matthew 4:10

What Other Men Say

Peter, Acts 10:25-26

- When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am a man.”

Paul, Acts 14:11-15

- And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!”
But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God.

The Works

- “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me,
 - John 10:24-25
- If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.
 - John 10:37-38

Jesus is God

- “I and the Father are one.”
– John 10:30
- The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you **but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.**”
– John 10:31-33

Resources for Further Research

- *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- *Swim with the Sharks* by John Myer
- **THE BIBLE!!!!!!**