

Quick Guide: The Deity of Jesus Christ in the Bible¹

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Paul Calls Jesus God

Romans 9:5 of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, **Christ came**, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed **God**. Amen.

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great **God** and Savior **Jesus** Christ.

Peter Calls Jesus God

2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our **God** and Savior **Jesus** Christ.

John Calls Jesus God

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God**.

John 1:14 And the **Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the **only begotten God** who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

1 John 5:20 “And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” The last phrase is oblique enough that it can be debated because of the pronouns.

Thomas Calls Jesus God

John 20:28 Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Every place that the New Testament calls Jesus *Lord* is another witness to the deity of Christ.

Matthew Calls Jesus God

Matthew 1:23 “Behold, the Virgin shall be with child and shall bear a **Son**, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**,” which translated means, “**God** with us.” The name “Im-manu-el” is transliterated from Hebrew. The three parts are Im=with, manu=a suffix meaning *us*, and el=God.

Matthew 28:18-19 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, “**All authority** has been given to Me in **heaven** and on **earth**. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in **the name** of the Father and the **Son** and the Holy Spirit.”

The Sons of Korah Call Jesus God

Psalms 45:6-7 “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of joy above Your companions.” Notice that the Psalmist is addressing God

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as “you” and then says “your God.” There is “you”—God—and “your God,” so two designated as God!

Hebrews 1:8 confirms: “But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever...”

Luke, Mark, and Paul Call Jesus the Son of God

Luke 3:23-38 When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph...the **son of God**.

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the **Son of God**.

Romans 1:4 who was designated as the Son of God in power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This phrase refers to the fact that (a) He partakes of all the qualities of deity, not that He is inferior to God and (b) that He has the closest possible personal relationship with the Father.

The Title *Lord* is used for Jesus When Quoting Old Testament Yahweh (LORD)

Passages

Joel 2:31 The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood Before the great and awesome day of Yahweh comes.	Acts 2:20 The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. [<i>Lord</i> is Kurios, the title applied throughout the NT to Jesus.]
Joel 2:32 And it will be that everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be delivered.	Romans 10:13 for “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” [It is clear from the context that <i>Lord</i> refers to Jesus Christ, for Romans 10:9 says, “if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord .”] Acts 2:21 “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” The very next verse tells us who Peter is speaking of: Jesus the Nazarene.
Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel! Yahweh is our God, Yahweh is one !	Ephesians 4:5 one Lord , one faith, one baptism [and the Lord is referring to Jesus]
Isaiah 45:22-23 Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God , and there is no other...to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.	Philippians 2:11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord , to the glory of God the Father.
Isaiah 40:3 A voice is calling, “Prepare the way for Yahweh in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a high for our God .”	John 1:23 He said, “I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the LORD ,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.” [The context makes it clear that John is referring to the Lord Jesus, the Light of 1:7-8, the Word of 1:1 and 14, and the Lamb of 1:36. See also Mark 1:2-3, in which the context is likewise clear that Jesus is the One whose way is made straight.]

The Angels Worship the Lord Jesus

Hebrews 1:6 And when He again brings the **firstborn** into the world, He says, “And Let all the **angels** of God **worship Him**.”

Revelation 5:11-13 I heard the voice of many angels around the throne...saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the **Lamb that was slain** to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing..."To Him who sits on the throne, and to the **Lamb**, be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever."

John says that Isaiah Saw Jesus's Glory in Isaiah 6:1-5

John 12:36-41 These things **Jesus** spoke, and He went away...But though **He** had done so many signs before them, the still were not believing in **Him**, so that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report?" And to Whom has the Arm of the Lord been revealed?"...These things Isaiah said because he saw **His** glory, and he spoke about **Him**.

Jesus Is or Does Things Only God Is or Does

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst" (omnipresence).

Matthew 9:4 And Jesus knowing their thought said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?" (omniscience).

Matthew 12:25 And knowing their thoughts he said to them... (omniscience again).

Matthew 8:27 And the men marveled, and said, "What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" (omnipotence).

Mark 2:5, 7 And Jesus seeing their faith *said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." ... "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (forgiveness of sins).

John 5:22, 27 For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son...and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man." (judgment of all mankind)

John 8:58 "Before Abraham was, I am" (eternality).

John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being (creator).

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God (shared divine essence)

Colossians 1:16 For in Him all things were created...And He is before all things, And in Him all things hold together (creator, sustainer).

Hebrews 1:3 who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power (shared divine essence, sustainer).

Jesus is One with the Father

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

John 14:10-11 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me?...Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me..."