

Where in the Gospel did Jesus say he was God?

Nowhere in the Gospel does Jesus say the words, “I am God.” However, Jesus did say—in *many other words*—that he and God the Father, were One!

Jesus said, “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. [29] My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. [30] I and my Father are one.” [31] Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. [32] Jesus answered them, “Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?” [33] The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. [34] Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? [35] If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; [36] Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? [37] If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. [38] But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.” (The Gospel, John 10:28-38)

Jews and Christians believe we are the “children” of God in Spirit because God referred to us as His children in the Old Testament:¹

That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. (The Old Testament, Genesis 6:2)

I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. (The Old Testament, Psalm 82:6)

Jesus confirmed that we are the children of God in the New Testament:

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” (The Gospel, Matthew 5:9)

Jesus said, “That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” (The Gospel, Matthew 5:45)

Jesus also confirmed that he was not only a child of God in humanly form like the rest of us, but also the only *begotten* Son of God in the Divine form. *Begotten* meaning that Jesus was of the same “substance” as God, and of the same Divinity. Mankind was created by God, but Jesus was created out from God, a manifestation of God Himself:

Jesus said, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [17] For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. [18] He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [19] And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. [20] For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. [21] But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.” (The Gospel, John 3:16-21)

1. For those who doubt the authenticity of the Bible, please see, “Proof from the Qur'an the Bible is not Corrupt” at www.MuslimsSeekingJesus.com.

The power and authority of Jesus, a Royal Family

In order to try and understand how Jesus and God the Father are one, and that Jesus had all the power and authority of God, lets think of the lineage of a royal family.

The King of the family has all authority over all his people. And if the King were to venture outside his castle to visit his people, everyone would bow down before him and listen, and do, whatever the King commanded them to do.

Now if the son of the King, the Prince, were to venture outside of his father's castle, the people upon seeing the Prince would treat the Prince in the same manner as the King. Without question, they would recognize his authority because the Prince comes from the King's own flesh and blood. The people would honor the Prince (Son), just as they would honor the King (Father). And they would do whatever the Prince commanded them to do, especially if the King (Father) told his people to listen to His Son:

And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son: hear him." (The Gospel, Luke 9:35)

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (The Gospel, Matthew 3:17)

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias (Isaiah) the prophet, saying, [18] Behold my Servant, whom I have chosen; my Beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. [19] He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. [20] A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. [21] And in his name shall the Gentiles trust. (The Gospel, Matthew 12:17-21)

However, when it comes to who has greater authority between the King (Father) and the Prince (Son), the final authority and honor would, of course, be given to the King. This is why Jesus made it clear to his followers that he was not above God's authority when he said, "...for my Father is greater than I." (John 14:28)

Now that we have a better understanding of the lineage of power and authority in a family, lets read how Jesus exercised this authority:

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. [19] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (The Gospel, Matthew 28:18-20)

And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? [5] For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? [6] But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." [7] And he arose, and departed to his house. [8] But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men. (The Gospel, Matthew 9:4-8)

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. [20] For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. [21] For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. [22] For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: [23] That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath

sent him. [24] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. [25] Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. [26] For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; [27] And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. [28] Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, [29] And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. [30] I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. [31] If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. [32] There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. [33] Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. [34] But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. [35] He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. [36] But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. [37] And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. [38] And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.” (The Gospel, John 5:19-38)

More evidence of Jesus being God on earth

There were miracles performed by other prophets of God² but they pale in comparison to the number and magnitude of miracles that Jesus performed. It is also important to note that the miracles Jesus performed had power over life and death—just as God has. Below is a list of miracles performed by Jesus that were witnessed by his apostles and followers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Turning water into wine (John 2:1-11) ▪ Healing of a nobleman's son (John 4:46-54) ▪ Delivering a man in the synagogue from demonic spirits (Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37) ▪ Healing Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39; Matthew 8:14-15) ▪ The first of two nets of fish and the calling of His first disciples (Luke 5:1-11) ▪ Cleansing a leper (Mark 1:40-45; Matthew 8:1-4) ▪ Healing a paralytic (Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 9:2-8; Luke 5:17-26) ▪ Healing of the man at Bethesda (John 5:1-15) ▪ Healing a man with a withered hand (Luke 6:6-11; Matthew 12:9-13; Mark 3:1-5) ▪ Healing the Centurion's servant (Luke 7: 1-10; Matthew 8:5-13) ▪ Raising from the dead the widow's son (Luke 7:11-16) ▪ Casting out a dumb and blind spirit (Luke 11:14-26; Matthew 12:22-32; Mark 3:22-30) ▪ Calming a storm (Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 8:18-27; Luke 8:22-25) ▪ Healing a man possessed by demons at Gadara (Mark 5:1-20; Matthew 8:28; Luke 8:26) ▪ Healing a woman with an issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34; Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 8:40-56) ▪ Raising Jairus' daughter from the dead (Mark 5:21-43) ▪ Healing of two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Casting out a spirit (Matthew 9:32-34) ▪ Feeding 5,000 with five loaves and two fish (John 6:1-14; Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17) ▪ Walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33; John 6:15-21; Mark 6:45-52) ▪ Delivering the Syrophenician's daughter (Matthew 15:21-28) ▪ Healing a deaf and dumb man (Mark 7:31-37) ▪ Feeding another 4,000-plus (Mark 8:1-10; Matthew 15:32) ▪ Healing the blind man of Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26) ▪ Casting demons out of a lunatic boy (Mark 9:14-29; Matthew 17:14-21; Luke 9:37-42) ▪ Pulling a coin from the mouth of a fish (Matthew 17:24-27) ▪ Healing a man born blind (John 9:1-41) ▪ Healing a woman with an 18-year infirmity (Luke 13:10-17) ▪ Healing a man with dropsy (or edema) (Luke 14:1-6) ▪ Raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-46) ▪ Cleansing of ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19) ▪ Healing blind Bartimeaus (Mark 10:46-52) ▪ Cursing the fig tree (Mark 11:12-26) ▪ Healing of Malchus' ear (Luke 22:49-51) ▪ A second net of fish (John 21:1-12) ▪ Healed many diseases Mark 1:34 |
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2. Remember, Jesus held many titles just like any leader does. He was the Prophet mentioned in Deuteronomy 18:18; he was Emmanuel in Matthew 1:23; he was the Son of Man in Matthew 18:11, the Lamb of God in John 1:29, etc. There are many names for God as well like Jehovah, Yahweh, Lord, the Almighty, etc. and Jesus is no different since he fulfilled many roles and prophecies. see, "The Prophecy of Jesus Fulfilled" at www.muslimsseekingjesus.com).

Jesus was very clear about who he was, and what his purpose was for coming into this world. Jesus was sent by our heavenly Father to show us the path to eternal life. All those seeking eternal life in the Kingdom of God would very wise to get to know what Jesus taught, and why:

The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple. (John 8:57-59)

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:37-40)

And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me does not believe in Me, but in Him who sent Me. And he who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me. I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness." (John 12:44-46)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father?'" (John 14:6-9)

Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." They said therefore to Him, "Lord, evermore give us this bread." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." (John 6:32-35)

Jesus therefore said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." (John 10:7-11)

Martha therefore said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother shall rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world." (John 11:21-27)

Still wondering if Jesus is God?

To read more of Jesus' words and to understand why he came into our world, read the Gospel of Jesus as recorded by John who was one of his first apostles: <http://www.everystudent.com/word/john1.html>