

**The Bible** teaches that there is one God who eternally exists in three coequal persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It teaches that Jesus, God the Son, came down to the earth 2,000 years ago to pay the penalty for mankind's sin. The Watchtower Society (also known as the Jehovah's Witnesses), the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (known as Mormons) and other groups deny this. Twisting the scriptures, or inventing their own scriptures, these groups teach that Jesus was/is merely a man, an angel, or one of many gods that exist. Below are twenty reasons why Christians believe Jesus was God. Notice that each reason is taken directly from the inspired, infallible Word of God. For more help on this or related topics go to [www.AlwaysBeReady.com](http://www.AlwaysBeReady.com)

**1. The Apostle Thomas called Jesus God.**  
**John 20:27-29**

"Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**2. The Apostle Peter called Jesus God.**  
**2 Peter 1:1**

"Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:"

**3. The Apostle Paul called Jesus God.**  
**Titus 2:12b-14**

"...we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."

**4. The Apostle John called Jesus God.**  
**John 1:1-3,14**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

**5. God the Father called Jesus God.**  
**Hebrews 1:8**

"But to the Son He says: 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.'"

**6. Isaiah the Prophet said the Messiah would be God.**  
**Isaiah 9:6**

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
*God in the Old Testament is also called "Mighty God" in Isaiah 10:21.*

**7. The Jews who crucified Jesus understood Him to be saying that He was equal with God.**  
**John 5:18**

"Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God."

**John 10:33**

"The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

**8. Jesus called Himself "I AM", the OT name for God [Exodus 3:14].**  
**John 8:58-59**

"Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by."

**9. Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and Omega," the name of Almighty God.**  
**Revelation 22:12-13**

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

**Revelation 1:8**

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**10. Like God [Gen. 1:1] Jesus created.**  
**Colossians 1:16-17**

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

**John 1:3**

"All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."

*Yet God says...*

**Isaiah 44:24**

"I am the LORD, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens all alone, who spreads abroad the earth by Myself"

**11. Like God, Jesus forgives sin.**  
**Mark 2:5-7, 10-11**

"When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ... But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go your way to your house."

**12. Like God, Jesus gives eternal life.**  
**John 10:27-28**

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

**13. Like God, Jesus received, receives and will receive worship.**  
**Matthew 14:32-33**

"And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."  
*(also see Mtt.28:9,17, Jn.9:37-38)*

**Revelation 5:13**

"And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

**Hebrews 1:6**

"But when He again brings the firstborn [JESUS] into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

*Jesus never rebuked any of His followers for worshiping Him and yet worship of anything or anyone other than God is absolutely forbidden in the Bible...*

**Luke 4:8**

"And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

**14. Jesus said that only God was good; and Jesus was good.**  
**Mark 10:17-18**

"And as He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and began asking Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone."

**John 10:11**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

*Jesus was as good as they come. He was "sinless," "holy," "righteous," "innocent," "undefiled," and "separate from sinners." (Hebrews 7:26) That's pretty good!*

**15. Like God, Jesus can be present in more than one place at the same time.**  
**Matthew 18:20**

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (See also Mtt. 28:20)

**16. One of Jesus' titles is "God with us."**  
**Matthew 1:23**

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."