

IS JESUS REALLY GOD AS HE CLAIMED?

(John 10:31-38)

I. Was Jesus a LIAR?

A. What this would mean about His CHARACTER

1. He was a HYPOCRITE
2. He was a DEMON
3. He was a FOOL

B. That CONTRADICTS the RECORD

1. He had a REPUTATION for doing GOOD (Acts 10:38)
2. His CRITICS could find NO FAULT with Him (John 8:45-46; 19:4, 6)

C. That CONFLICTS with HISTORY

D. That is CONTRARY to REASON

1. Why go to the monotheistic JEWS?
2. Why LIVE in OBSCURITY?
3. Why go to the CROSS?

II. Was Jesus a LUNATIC?

A. What we would EXPECT to see in Him

1. Emotional INSTABILITY

2. Mental IMBALLANCE

3. Frequent CONFUSION

B. What we ACTUALLY see in Him

1. Perfect CONSISTENCY in His CHARACTER and MINISTRY

2. Constant POISE under DURESS/PRESSURE

3. A MESSAGE that people from all walks of life found COMPELLING

III. Was Jesus the LORD?

A. This would make ALL of His claims TRUE

1. He is the CHRIST

2. He is the KING who will RETURN to RULE

3. He is the RIGHTEOUS JUDGE who controls each person's DESTINY

B. This would make every person ACCOUNTABLE to Him

IV. The EXCLUDED Alternative

A. He was not merely a MORAL MAN

B. He was not merely a PROFOUND TEACHER