

“Jesus Christ Is God’s Son”
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Introduction:

1. “Don’t believe anything you hear and only half of what you see” is a quotation I have heard many times.
2. Even though this statement is very negative, it does encourage us to evaluate and prove what we believe.
3. Jesus told His disciple, Thomas: *John 20:29: “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”*
4. Jesus also encourages us to try the spirits before we believe. *I John 4:1: “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life.”*
5. How can we know Jesus is God’s Son?

I. Old Testament prophesy concerning the birth, life, and death of Jesus Christ.

- A. Dozens of events concerning Jesus Christ are described in the Old Testament in great detail hundreds of years before His birth.
 1. The majority of these events, as they happened, could not have been controlled by the people experiencing these events.
 2. Many of these events were described and recorded by people not closely associated with Jesus and the Jewish religion.
- B. Consider a few of these Old Testament prophecies:

Prophecy

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” – Isaiah 7:14

“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” – Genesis 22:18

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.” –Micah 5:2.

Fulfillment

“She was found with child of the Holy Spirit...Then Joseph...did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.” –Matthew 1:18,24,25.

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.” –Matthew 1:1

“Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And the seeds,’ as of many, but as of one,’ And to your Seed,’ who is Christ.” –Galatians 3:16.

“Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea.” – Matthew 2:1

“Because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors.” – Isaiah 53:12

“Then the two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.” – Matthew 27:38.

“He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken.” –Psalm 34:20

“But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.” – John 19:33

“And it shall come to pass in that day,’ says the Lord God, ‘That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight.’” –Amos 8:9.

“Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.” –Matthew 27:45.

II. The life/events of Jesus Christ are confirmed by secular historians.

- A. The best way to find the truth is to ask unbiased witnesses what happened.
- B. The Bible is written by individuals who were closely involved in the events they are recording.
 1. I believe they are trustworthy and honest.
 2. Additional witnesses who are not directly involved are additional proof that erases any doubts that may exist.
- C. Josh McDowell has done an in-depth study on the entire Bible, especially the life of Jesus Christ. The following information is from his book entitled The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict. **The Testimonium of Josephus** “In his *Jewish Antiquities*, a passage occurs that has created heated debate among scholars. This is how it reads: Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ, and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians so named from him are not extinct at this day.”

III. Everything Jesus Christ taught His disciples works then, and it still works today.

- A. The commands of the Bible, especially what Jesus has taught us, are not easy, but they work!
 1. “Love your neighbor as yourself.” *Matthew 19:19*.
 2. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God.” *Matthew 6:33*.
 3. “Pray for those who persecute you.” *Romans 12:14*.
 4. “Give, and it shall be given unto you.” *Luke 6:38*.
- B. I have seen these principles lived out in the lives of people.
 1. Yes, we sometimes fail and fall short.
 2. But when we are successful in following the teachings of Jesus, they work perfectly.

Conclusion:

1. I believe Jesus Christ is God’s Son for the following reasons:
 - A. The Bible is a believable book.
 - B. The Bible predicted the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus several hundred years in advance.
 - C. Secular historians have recorded the life of Jesus.
 - D. I have observed lives changed because of a personal relationship people had with Jesus.
 - E. My life was changed, and the events of my life have been greatly altered by the counsel of Jesus Christ.
2. When I consider the total scope of life, God, the Bible, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and righteousness, these things make the most sense to me.
3. Do you believe Jesus Christ is God’s Son?
4. Can you explain why?