

# LIVE A NEW LIFE WITH JESUS

- \*An interdenominational Christian Outreach paper.
- \*Evidence that Jesus is the Son of God — Divine as well as human.
- \*Reasons why we can trust the Bible.

## EVIDENCE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

The Christian faith rests secure upon an unshakeable rock — the fact that Jesus is the Son of God. As well as the Old Testament prophecies of his deity (Godhood) we have the combined evidence of his claims, his character, and that greatest sign of all — his resurrection (coming alive again) from the dead.

ALONE AMONG THE RELIGIOUS TEACHERS OF THE WORLD, JESUS CLAIMED TO BE THE SON OF GOD, AND MADE HIMSELF EQUAL WITH GOD.



### He said, God is my Father.

They said to Jesus. . . Abraham died, and the prophets died, yet you say that whoever obeys your teaching will never die. Our father Abraham died; you do not claim to be greater than Abraham, do you? And the prophets also died. Who do you think you are? Jesus answered, If I were to honour myself, that honour would be worth nothing. The one who honours me is my Father — the very one you say is your God. . . Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see the time of my coming; he saw it and was glad. They said to him, You are not even fifty years old — and you have seen Abraham? I am telling you the truth, Jesus replied. Before Abraham was born, I Am (I Am is God's name). Then they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and left the Temple. John 8.52-59

How long are you going to keep us in suspense? Tell us the plain truth: are you the Messiah (the One the prophets foretold was coming)? Jesus answered, I have already told you, but you would not believe me. The things I do by my Father's authority speak on my behalf. . . The Father and I are one. Then the people again picked up stones to throw at him. Jesus said to them, I have done many good deeds in your presence which the Father gave me to do; for which one of these do you want to stone me? They replied, We do not want to stone you because of any good deeds, but because of your blasphemy! You are only a man, but you are trying to make yourself God! Jesus answered. . . As for me, the Father chose me and sent me into the world. How, then, can you say that I blaspheme because I said that I am the Son of God? Do not believe me, then, if I am not doing the things my Father wants me to do. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, you should at least believe my deeds, in order that you may know once and for all that the Father is in me and that I am in the Father. Once more they tried to seize Jesus, but he slipped out of their hands. John 10.24-39

The High Priest questioned him, Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed God? I am, answered Jesus, and you will all see the Son of Man seated on the right of the Almighty and coming with the clouds of heaven! Mark 14.61-62.

### His teaching centred on himself.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness. John 8.12

I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. John 14.6

If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget self, take up his cross every day, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his own life will lose it, but whoever loses (spends) his life for my sake will save it. Will a person gain anything if he wins the whole world but is himself lost or defeated? Of course not! If a person is ashamed of me and of my teaching, then the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. Luke 9.23-26

When I am lifted up from the earth (crucified), I will draw everyone to me. John 12.32

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Mark 13.31

### He claimed what belongs to God — to give life, to accept worship, to forgive sin and to judge the world.

I am the bread of life, Jesus told them. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6.35

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. John 11.25-26

