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The Testimony of the Gospels on Jesus' Deity

- 1) The testimony of John the Baptist.
 - John 1:19, 23, 26-27, 30-34*
- 2) The testimony of Jesus enemies.
 - John 5:18; 8:56-59; 10:30-38
- 3) The testimony of God himself.
 - Mark 1:11—at the Baptism; cf. Mt. 3:17; Luke 4:22
 - Mark 9:7—at the Transfiguration.

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- Is. 53:7 - He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.
- Matt. 26:63 - But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

Jesus As the Son of God

- Readers of Mark's gospel have known this is who Jesus was throughout this book...
 - 1:1, 11, 24; 3:11; 5:7; 9:7; 12:6; 13:32
- The Sanhedrin knew of this claim at least a few days before.
 - 12:1-12—in the parable of the vineyard and the tenants, Jesus presents Himself as the Son.

Jesus' Claims in OT terms...

- Psalm 110:1 – [David says] The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."
- Dan. 7:13-14 - "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

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Jesus' Claims to be the Son of God

- In light of the clarity of Jesus' claims, there are only 3 possible options...
 - 1) Jesus was a liar.
 - 2) Jesus was a lunatic.
 - 3) Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God.

The Penalty for Blasphemy

- Lev. 24:16 - 'Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.'

The Sanhedrin's Motives

- John 11:48 - "If we let Him *go on* like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."
- Mark 12:7 - "But those vine-growers said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!'"
- Mark 15:10 - For [Pilate] was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

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