

Is Jesus the Christ?

The evidence demands a positive verdict!

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#25 John 10:22-42

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Theme of the Gospel of John

“... that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;
and that believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:30-31

Theme of John 10:22-42

The Messiahship of Jesus is challenged by unbelievers

The Messianic Biblical Credentials

Origin

Jew (seed of Abraham)	Gen 12:3
Tribe of Judah	Gen 49:8, 10
Line of Jesse	Is 11:1
Line of David	2 Sam 7:11-16
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2
Out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1
From Galilee	Is 9:1-2

Role

Prophet	Jn 12:49-50
Priest	Ps 110
King and authority:	
- King	Jer 23:5-6
- King of Kings	Ps 2
- Sovereign	Dan 7:27

Character

Righteous branch	Is 11:1-5; Jer 23:5-6
Virgin birth, God with us	Is 7:14
Son of God	Ps 2
Savior bringing peace	Jer 23:5-6
Filled with the Spirit, a servant	Ph 40, 42
Eternal reign	Is 9:6-7; Dan 7:27

Mission

Open eyes of the blind, heal the broken hearted, set prisoner free	Is 61:1-3
Redeemer even of the Gentiles	Is 49
Suffering servant, forgiver, intercessor	Is 53
Come to the temple and purify	Mal 3:1-3
Deliverer from enemy nations	Is 2
Deliverer from Sin & the Devil	Gen 3:15
Protoevangelium (1st mention of gospel)	

The Messianic Cultural Expectations

Rabbinic teachings of the day would have recognized:

- Pre-mundane existence of the Messiah
- Elevated above Moses and above angels
- Cruel sufferings and derision, violent death
- Work on behalf of the living and the dead
- Redemption and restoration of Israel
- Prevalence of his law, His own kingdom

Diminished or ignored:

- Doctrine of original sin, and the total depravity of man
- Deepest sense of salvation from sin
- Lost sight of the priestly and prophetic offices of the Messiah

Over-emphasized:

- Kingship and deliverance on a national level (geopolitical) instead of a spiritual kingdom

The Challenge by Unbelievers

[John 10:24]

_____ from a condition of blindness - John 9:39-42
_____ with a heart of doubt
_____ the finger of blame
_____ to see the truth
They came not to _____, but to _____

The Positive Evidence That Jesus is “The” Christ

[John 10:25-30]

_____ says so
The _____ say so
The _____ says so
The _____ say so
_____ said so

The Response of Unbelief

[John 10:31-33]

_____ the evidence
_____ the truth
_____ to see the larger perspective

The Case Supporting Christ as both Man and God

[John 10:34-38]

Reasoned from the whole of Scripture

Must be God:

To bear the full penalty of all sins	- The Christ would need infinite _____
To be able to regenerate corruption	- The Christ would need to be _____
To be a giver of eternal life	- The Christ would need to be _____ eternal
To be able to “keep” his sheep and never lose one	- The Christ would need to be _____
To be able to fully reveal God to man	- The Christ would need to be _____

Must be Man:

For representative obedience	Rom 5:18-19; 1 Cor 15:45, 47
To be our example and pattern in life	1 John 2:6; Rom 8:29
To be the pattern for our redeemed bodies	1 Cor 15
To fulfill God’s original purpose for man to rule creation	Heb 2:8-9
To be a substitute sacrifice	Heb 2:16-17
To sympathize as high priest	Heb 2:18
To be the one mediator between God and men	1 Tim 2:5

Argued from Scripture by Jesus

Definitive conclusion _____!

What is Your Verdict - is Jesus “the” Christ?

Others also say so - do you say so?

[John 10:40-42]

As a believer,

Do you continue to hear (and seek) his voice and follow (obey) him?
Do you faithfully share the gospel and witness about Christ as his ambassador?
Do you have compassion on unbelievers who remain in spiritual blindness?