

The Truth of Jesus: Liar, Lunatic, or Lord?

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1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



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5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.



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9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.



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13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a human's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



Apologetics = to offer a defense for the truth that is within us.

1 Peter 3:15: “But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you.”



Bible

- Written over a period of 1,500 years.
- Over 40 generations.
- With 40 different authors.
- Spans three different continents: Asia, Europe, Africa.
- Written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.
- One theme: God's love for mankind through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of His son, Jesus.



Is Jesus a Liar, Lunatic, or Lord?

Born of a Virgin:

- Isaiah 7:14: “Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”
- Matthew 1:18, 24-25: “She was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit...and Joseph kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a son, and he called His name Jesus.”

Descendant of Abraham

- Genesis 22:18: “In your descendants (seed, singular) all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.”
- Galatians 3:15: “Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say ‘seeds,’ as referring to many, but rather to one, ‘and to your seed,’ that is, Christ.”

Born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2: “But as for you, Bethlehem, from you One will go forth for Me to be the ruler of Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.”

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

Performed Miracles:

Isaiah 35:5-6 “Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will hear, the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy.”

Matthew 9:35: “Jesus was going about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.”

Wounded, Bruised, and Crucified

Isaiah 53:5: “But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.”

Matthew 27:26: “Jesus was scourged and delivered to be crucified.”