

JESUS'S POWERFUL CLAIMS to DEITY

Recall & Share using the **W-I-S-E-M-A-N** Acronym

WORSHIPPED: Matt 14:33 says, “And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, ‘You are certainly God’s Son!’” In John 9, Jesus asked the man born blind, “Do you believe in the Messiah?” He replied, “Yes...who is he?” Jesus: “You are speaking to Him.” **Then, he worshipped him.** Also, see Thomas’s words and actions in John 20. *Note: Jesus accepted these acts of worship!*

I AM: Jesus used the divine name*: (1) “**I am** the light of the world” (Jn 8 & 9); (2) “**I am** the good shepherd” (Jn 10); (3) “**I am** the door of sheep” (Jn 10); (4) “**I am** the bread of life” (Jn 6); (5) “**I am** the way, the truth, and the life” (Jn 14:6); (6) “**I am** the living water” (Jn 4); (7) “**I am** the resurrection and life” (Jn 11). [*In Exodus 3, God gave Moses his covenant name, Yahweh--“I am who I am,” or “I am.”]

SINLESS: In John 8, Christ reveals three times his utter sinlessness, saying “I always please the Father, the “son will set you free”...providing freedom from sin-shackles. He asks, “who can convict me of sin?”

ETERNAL: Christ taught his preexistence in John 8:58: “Before Abraham was, I am.” This points to his eternal existence, outside of the space/time dimensions.

MESSIAH: In Mark 14:62, the High Priest asked Jesus: Are you the Messiah? He replied: “**I am.**” In Matthew 16, along with John 4 and John 9, Jesus identified himself as Messiah. But recall: OT passages say something shocking about the Messiah:

- **Isaiah 9:6**... As captured in Handel’s *Messiah*: “For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given... and his name will be called: Wonder, Counsellor, **Almighty God**...”
- **Micah 5:2**... Bethlehem is to be his birthplace, but he has been active since eternity.

AUTHORITY to FORGIVE -- In Luke 5, the paralytic lowered through the roof is forgiven of all of his sins. In Luke 7, Jesus forgives a sinful woman the same way. The listeners were shocked on both occasions. Speaking of authority, he claimed **authority** to suspend fasting and to send prophets!

NATURE-MASTER... His 35 miracles and his resurrection displayed his power over both **physical** and **spiritual nature**. In short, he controls every atom of the cosmos he created in the first place (Col. 1:16-18, Heb. 1:3-4, John 1). This cosmic control was predicted in Isaiah 35:5-6, where the coming of the messianic age would be signified by miracles of healing!

All of these claims, plus his eye-witnessed resurrection from the dead, as predicted, confirm the explosive truth of Jesus’ words in John 10:30: “I and the Father are one.”