

Secular historical evidence proves Jesus lived on the earth and that he was worshipped as God. He founded the church which has worshipped him for 2,000 years. Over a billion people today call themselves Christian and believe that they have a relationship with Him today. He has changed the course of human history.

**“So who was this Jesus and who did he claim to be?”**

One thing is clear:- however we answer that question, the life and claims of Jesus demands a response. Either it is true and Jesus is the Son of God who came to this earth to bring us back to God and therefore we need to open our hearts to Him – Or he is a con man who had deceived billions of people for 2 thousands years.

**Discuss** – If you believed in God and he came to earth as a human being what would you expect him to be like? / What would you expect him to do?

### **Famous Quote :-**

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Jesus, “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who is merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic on the level of a man who says he is a poached egg or else he would be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either Jesus was and is the Son of God, or else a madman or something more.” **C.S.LEWIS.**

### **Teaching point 2 : - “ The claims of Jesus” (Who did Jesus claim to be?)**

We know that Jesus existed historically, but what evidence is there that he is God? If God became man what would he look like?

All the major experience of his life bear witness to the fact that Jesus was God. The gospels were written by eye-witness accounts of people who knew Jesus, saw what he did and heard what he said.

### **What the Bible says:-**

#### **His Life.**

The whole of Jesus birth, life, death and resurrection show us that Jesus was no ordinary human being.

**His birth was unusual:** – He was Special from birth :- Luuke 1 v 30 – 32, 35

“The angel said to Mary, “Do not be afraid Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son and you will give Him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High..... “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So The Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.”

**His baptism too :-** Matthew 3 v 13 – 16

“The Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.” The John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

**His ministry of sign and miracles and healings :-** Matthew 4 v 23 – 25

“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon possessed and those having seizures, and the paralysed, and he healed them.”

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