



“The King”

John 8:57–59, Mark 14:61–64
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Four Groups of Witnesses:

1. The D

2. The B

† Matthew -

† Mark -

† Luke -

† John -

3. The O

4. The H _____ – i.e. Josephus, a Jewish historian who wrote extensively about Jewish history and life.

Any responsible searcher for truth must:

1. Weigh the Available E _____.

The prevailing evidence points to the fact that Jesus did claim to be God!

“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

Matthew 16:13

“Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” “You are not yet fifty years old,” the Jews said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself (or was hidden from them), slipping away from the temple grounds.”

John 8:56–59

“Then the high priest asked him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?’ Jesus said, ‘I Am...’”

Mark 14:61–62

2. Consider the Possible C _____.

☞ If He K _____ His claims were F _____ and He made them anyway, he would be a L _____.

☞ If He did N _____ know His claims to be God were false, you would call Him a L _____.

† But if Jesus’ claims were true? That would make Him ... L _____!

“The Word became flesh. ... We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.” Colossians 1:15

He is: ... the light of men.— John 1:4
... the Lamb of God ...— John 1:29
... the Alpha and the Omega ...— Revelation 1:8
... the Lord of Lords.— 1 Timothy 6:15
... the Messiah ...— John 1:41
... the only God our Savior ...— Jude 25

3. Make an Appropriate R _____.

Either [Jesus] was, and is, the Son of God: or else a mad man or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

“These [accounts] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:31

The point today is not who others say Jesus is. The point is who do YOU say He is?

“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?” Matthew 27:22

My Next Steps

- Read and meditate on Matthew 16:13-20
- I acknowledge that Jesus is NOT a liar or a lunatic, but is my Lord and Savior.
- I will continue through life to study the historicity and evidence of Jesus and “be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...” 1 Peter 3:15

Other: _____