

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? AND WHO IS THE LIAR?

(AND WHY IS IT ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO OUR ETERNAL DESTINY THAT WE KNOW?)

- (Matthew 24:4-5 ESV) And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. For **many** will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead **many** astray."
- (2 John 7 ESV) For **many** deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.
- (Mark 13:5-6 ESV) And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. **Many** will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead **many** astray."



- (Matthew 7:22 ESV) On that day **many** will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?"
- (Luke 21:8 ESV) And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For **many** will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them."
- (1 John 2:18 NLT) Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already **many** such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come.



SEE THAT YOU ARE NOT LED ASTRAY. FOR **MANY** WILL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING, "I AM HE!"



Many ... a large or considerable number of persons or things; a large number of; consisting of, or amounting to, a large but indefinite number; numerous.

THE SPECIFICITY OF JESUS CHRIST (THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF GOD)

SPECIFICITY ... the quality of being specific, of belonging or relating uniquely to a particular subject; explicitly set forth; definite; clear or detailed in communicating; being clear and exact; distinctive, or unique; intended for, applying to, or acting on a particular thing; concerned particularly with the subject specified; something particularly fitted to a use or purpose.

The SPECIFICITY of Jesus Christ as the one and only Son of God in John 3:16 ...

- (John 3:16 NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave

his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The SPECIFICITY that the same Jesus who ascended from this earth after his death, burial and resurrection is the same Jesus (the one and only Son of God) who will return one day ...

- (Acts 1:11 NIV) "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? **This same Jesus**, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

1. JESUS CHRIST (THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF GOD) MAKES EIGHTEEN STATEMENTS IN HIS LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES IN REVELATION REVEALING HIS IDENTITY.

(2:1) EPHESUS ...

01. He is the one who holds the seven messengers of the churches in his right hand.
02. He is the one who walks among the seven golden lampstands of the churches.

(2:8) SMYRNA ...

03. He is the first and the last.
04. He is the one who died and came to life.

(2:12) PERGAMUM ...

05. He is the one who has the sharp two-edged sword.

(2:18, 23) THYATIRA ...

06. He is the one who has eyes like a flame of fire.
07. He is the one whose feet are like burnished bronze.
08. He is the one who searches mind and heart.
09. He is the one who will give to each person according to our works.

(3:1) SARDIS ...

10. He is the one who works in perfect unity with the Holy Spirit.
11. He is the one who has the seven messengers of the churches.

(3:7, 11) PHILADELPHIA ...

12. He is the holy one.
13. He is the true one.
14. He is the one who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.
15. He is the one who is coming soon.

(2:1) LAODICEA ...

16. He is the Amen.
17. He is the faithful and true witness.
18. He is preeminent over God's creation.

2. JESUS CHRIST (THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF GOD) MAKES TWELVE MORE STATEMENTS IN REVELATION REVEALING HIS IDENTITY IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN THE LETTERS.

01. He is the first and the last.
02. He is the living one.
03. He is the one who died and is alive forever.
04. He is the one who has the keys of Death and Hades.

(Revelation 1:17–18 ESV) When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

05. He is the Alpha and Omega.

(Revelation 22:13 ESV) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

06. He is coming suddenly and unexpectedly like a thief.

(Revelation 16:15 ESV) Behold, I am coming like a thief!

07. He is coming soon.

08. He is coming to judge.

09. He is the Alpha and the Omega.

(Revelation 22:12–13 ESV) Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first

and the last, the beginning and the end.

10. He is the root and descendant of David.

11. He is the bright morning star.

(Revelation 22:16 ESV) **I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches.** I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

12. He is coming soon.

(Revelation 22:20 ESV) He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

3. JESUS CHRIST (THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF GOD) MAKES ANOTHER THIRTY PLUS STATEMENTS IN TWENTY FOUR NT SCRIPTURES OTHER THAN REVELATION FURTHER REVEALING HIS IDENTITY.

01. He did not come to bring peace to earth but a sword.

(Matthew 10:34 ESV) Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

02. He calls us to submit to and learn from him.

03. He is gentle and humble in heart.

04. We can find rest for our souls in him.

05. His way is easy and his burden is light.

(Matthew 11:29–30 NIV) Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

06. He is the Son of God.

(Matthew 27:43 ESV) He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. **For he said, "I am the Son of God."**

07. He will be with us always.

(Matthew 28:20 ESV) Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

08. He is "I am".

09. He is the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power.

10. He is the one who will come with power from heaven.

(Mark 14:61–62 ESV) But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "**Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?**" 62 And Jesus said, "**I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.**"

11. He did not come to give peace on earth but rather division.

(Luke 12:51 ESV) Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.

12. He taught them who he was from the OT Scriptures.

(Luke 24:25–27 ESV) And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

13. His teaching was not his but the one who sent him.

(John 7:16 ESV) So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me."

14. He is "**I am he.**"

15. He is from above.

16. He is not of this world.

17. He is the one we must believe in or die in our sins.

18. He is the Son of Man.

(John 8:23–28 ESV) He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for **unless you believe that I am he** you will die in your sins." 25 So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. 26 I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." 27 They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. 28 So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, **then you will know that I am he**, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.

19. He is "**I am.**"

(John 8:58 ESV) Jesus said to them, "**Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.**"

20. He is the door of the sheep.

(John 10:7 ESV) So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep."

21. He is the good shepherd.

(John 10:11 ESV) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

22. He is the Son of God.

(John 10:36 ESV) Do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, “You are blaspheming,” because I said, “**I am the Son of God**”?

23. He is Teacher and Lord.

(John 13:13 ESV) You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

24. He is the true vine.

(John 15:1 ESV) I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

25. He is the vine apart from whom we can do nothing.

(John 15:5 ESV) I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

26. He is the resurrection and the life.

27. He is the one if we believe in him we will never die.

28. He is the Christ—the Son of God.

(John 11:25–27 ESV) Jesus said to her, “I

am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

29. He is the way, and the truth, and the life.

30. He is the only way to the Father.

(John 14:6 ESV) Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

31. If you know him, you know the Father.

(John 14:7 ESV) If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.

32. He is not of the world.

(John 17:16 ESV) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

THE CHRIST OF THE BIBLE ...

[EXCERPT FROM: R.C. SPROUL. “WHO IS JESUS?”]

There are vast numbers of portraits of Jesus in the art galleries of this world. These images are often conflicting and offer different impressions of what Christ might have looked like during His incarnation. There were no cameras back then, of course, and we have no images of Him from His time, **so any idea about Jesus’ physical form is pure conjecture.**

This multiplicity of images of Christ in art galleries parallels the widespread confusion about Jesus’ identity that exists in the world today. The many theories about Christ’s identity in circulation are attempts to answer a question that Jesus Himself once asked His disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” This question is so important that one’s eternal fate hinges upon the answer one gives.

Unfortunately, most ideas about Christ’s identity today are born of empty speculation or created to squeeze into a philosopher’s pattern rather than drawn from Scripture. The “Christs” that are born this way simply won’t do.

A recycled Christ, a Christ of compromise, or an imaginary Christ can redeem no one. A Christ who is watered down, stripped of power, debased of glory, reduced to a symbol, or made impotent by scholarly surgery **is not Christ but antichrist—because to supplant the real Jesus with a substitute is to work against Christ.**

To change or distort the real Christ is to oppose Him with a false Christ. To be redeemed, and to have assurance of our salvation, we must rid ourselves of these imitations. We need Christ—the real Christ.

- (1 John 2:22 ESV) **Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?** This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.

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