

The Gospels

MORE THAN A MAN

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Questions of Divinity

Of all the gospels, John was written last. Because many Christians in John's world had begun to downplay the Divinity of Jesus, he included in his narrative stories of Jesus' life and many of His words that made it clear He was God.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. — John 1:1, 14

"They tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God."

— John 5:18

"Before Abraham was born, I am! At this, they picked up stones to stone him."

— John 8:59 (See Exodus 3:14)

"I and the Father are one.' Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him ... they replied, 'but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.'" — John 10:30, 31, 33

"Jesus answered, 'If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him ... Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.'" — John 14:7, 9b

"The Jewish leaders insisted, 'We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.'" — John 19:7

"Thomas said to [the resurrected Jesus], 'My Lord and my God.'" — John 20:28

After two and a half years ministering in Galilee, Jesus headed to Jerusalem for the last time. In Jerusalem, He angered the religious leaders by claiming to be God (see John 8:59 and 10:30, 31, 33 above) and they sought to stone Him. Because the time had not come yet for Jesus to die, He left Jerusalem and spent the last few months of His life in Judea and Samarita.

Raising of Lazarus

The last miracle/healing of Jesus' life was the raising of his friend Lazarus in Bethany, just a few miles outside Jerusalem. In this story, we witness the deep love Jesus had for individuals. Jesus wept in sadness outside of the tomb. John also states that Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha (11:5). In the same way, He loves each of us individually. Also, this last miracle foreshadows the final resurrection to which Jesus will call humans by name after His death and resurrection.

"We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father."

— Nicene Creed

Jesus is also portrayed as God in the Gospels in His authority to forgive sins (Mark 2:5) and that He allowed people to worship Him (Matthew 2:2).

"I am the resurrection and the life. [Those] who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

— John 11:25-26

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