

Is Jesus God?

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God has attributes or characteristics that distinguish Him from all other beings, whether angels, other celestial beings, or humans. Jesus **claimed** to be God, so does He have those unique characteristics? Lee Strobel, in his book *The Case for Christ* sums up the subject in the following chart (p. 22, Zondervan Publishing Company). If you are truly interested in learning about Jesus and whether or not He was Who He claimed to be, then you have two jobs: (1) Look at Jesus' claims in the Bible; (2) Determine whether or not the Bible is a credible source of truth. Good luck!

If you are a Christian and have just *accepted* the fact that Jesus is God and the Bible is the Word of God, then you might recall **1 Peter 3:15** - *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”* Furthermore, your own faith may be on shaky ground and may fail you in times of testing (see **1 Corinthians 3:13-13**). You need a strong foundation for what you believe and why!

Attributes of God	Claims About Jesus
Omniscience (all-knowing)	In John 16:30 the apostle John affirms of Jesus, “Now we can see that you know all things.”
Omnipresence (everywhere)	Jesus said in Matthew 28:20, “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
Omnipotence (all-powerful)	“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me,” Jesus said in Matthew 28:18
Eternality (no beginning or end)	John 1:1 declares of Jesus “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
Immutability (unchanging)	Hebrews 13:8 says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

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