

Cults and Isms of Today:

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Outline Handout 3: Jesus Claims Deity

Jesus claims to have had glory with the Father (cf. Isaiah 42:8; 48:11)

John 17:5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Jesus claims to be the I AM.

John 8:55-59 "Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. {56} "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." {57} Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" {58} Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." {59} Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Jesus spoke with absolute authority.

Matthew 7:24-29 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: {25} "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. {26} "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: {27} "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." {28} And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, {29} for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Jesus claims that God was His Father

John 5:17-18 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." {18} Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Jesus claims to be one with the Father

John 10:30-33 "I and My Father are one." {31} Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. {32} Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" {33} The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

Jesus claims to come forth from God.

John 8:42-47 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. {43} "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. {44} "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. {45} "But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. {46} "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? {47} "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

Jesus claims to be the only access to the Father.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jesus claims to be able to forgive sins.

Matthew 9:2-7 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." {3} And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" {4} But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? {5} "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? {6} "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"; then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." {7} And he arose and departed to his house.

Jesus claims to deserve absolute allegiance.

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

Jesus claims to be the judge of all mankind, and to dishonor Him is to dishonor the Father.

John 5:21-23 "For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. {22} "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son. {23} "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

Jesus accepted worship.

John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"
Matthew 28:9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him.
Luke 24:52 And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,