

# Biblical Proofs for the Deity of Christ

John was not alone in his declarations that Jesus Christ was God incarnate. Both the Old and New Testaments contain so many witnesses to the deity of Christ that it makes it virtually impossible to read the scriptures and miss this important truth. The following is a chart that organizes and tracks the biblical references to the deity of Christ. It is certainly not exhaustive but is ample enough to back any arguments for the deity of Christ. Since many of these passages are repeated in the topical headings we will also include at the end a list of all the relevant passages dealing with the deity of Christ.

## **Preexistence**

Ephesians 1:4 Chosen us in him before the foundation of the world.

Philippians 2:5-8 Made himself of no reputation...Being found in fashion as a man.

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things.

2 Timothy 1:9 Called us...before the world began.

Hebrews 1:2 By whom also He made the worlds.

## **Creator**

John 1:3 All things were made by him, without him not anything was made ...

I Corinthians 8:6 Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things.

Ephesians 3:9 God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:16 By him were all things created...by him all things consist.

Hebrews 1:2 By whom also He made the worlds.

Hebrews 1:10 You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth.

## **Divinity**

Matthew 1:23 Call his name Immanuel, which means, God with us.

Acts 20:28 Feed the church of God which he has purchased with his own blood.

Romans 9:5 Who is over all, God blessed forever.

Philippians 2:6-8 Being in the form of God.

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of God.

Colossians 2:9 In him dwells all the fullness of the godhead bodily.

I Timothy 3:16 God was manifest in the flesh.

I Timothy 6:15 Blessed and only Potentate, King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Titus 2:13 Looking for...glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 1:8 Unto the Son he says, Your throne O God is forever and ever.

I John 5:20 This is his Son Jesus Christ, the true God, and eternal life.

Jude 25 To the only wise God our Savior.

## **Eternity**

Colossians 1:17 Who is before all things.

II Timothy 1:9 Our calling...given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

I Peter 1:20 Who was foreordained before the foundation of the world.

I John 1:1 That which was from the beginning.

I John 2:13 You have known him that is from the beginning.

### **Exalted Position**

Philippians 2:9-11 Highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.

### **Power to Forgive**

Matthew 9:2-8 Jesus heals sickness and forgives sins.

Mark 2:10 Son has power on earth to forgive sins.

Luke 5:24 Son has power on earth to forgive sins.

Luke 7:49 They asked, Who is this that forgives sins also?

### **Worshipped**

Matthew 2:11 The Magi worshipped him.

Matthew 14:33 The disciples worshipped him after he stilled the sea.

Matthew 28:9, 17 The disciples worshipped him after the resurrection

Luke 24:52 The disciples worshipped him after the resurrection.

John 20:28 Thomas calls him "My Lord and my God."

Hebrews 1:6 "All the angels of God worship him."

Philippians 2:9-11 "Every knee shall bow."

### **Power over nature**

Matthew 28:18 All power is given unto me in heaven and earth

Colossians 1:17 By him all things consist

Ephesians 3:20-21 Exceeding greatness of his power

### **Jeremiah 32:17, 32**

17. **"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.**

18. You show love to thousands but bring the punishment for the fathers' sins into the laps of their children after them. **O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, (Gibbor)**

19. great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds.

Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve. 20. You performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt and have continued them to this day, both in Israel and among all mankind, and **have gained the renown** that is still yours. 21. You brought your people Israel out of Egypt with signs and wonders, **by a mighty hand and outstretched arm** and with great terror.

## God Names of Jesus Christ

1. Alpha and Omega - Rev. 1:8
2. Almighty - Rev. 1:8
3. Blessed and Only Potentate - 1 Tim. 6:15
4. Brightness of His Glory - Hebrews 1:3
5. Emmanuel - Matthew 1:23, Is 9:6
6. Everlasting Father - Is 9:6
7. First and Last - Rev 1:7, Is 41:4
8. God manifest in flesh - 1 Tim. 3:16
9. God our Savior - 1 Tim. 2:3
10. God with us - Matthew 1:23
11. I Am - John 8:58
12. Image of His Person - Hebrews 1:3
13. King of kings - 1 Tim. 6:15, Rev 17:14
14. Lord of lords - Rev. 17:14, 19:16
15. Lord God Almighty - Rev. 15:3, Is 9:6
16. Lord of the Sabbath - Mark 2:28
17. Mighty God - Is. 9:6
18. Only Wise God - Jude 25
19. Only Potentate - 1 Tim 6:15
20. Word of God - John 1:1, Rev 19:13

# Theophanies (or Christophanies)

It is upon this declaration the theologians have gone back to the Old Testament to search for appearances of the pre-incarnate Jesus. They are scattered throughout the Old Testament. Jesus said, "No man has seen God at anytime, but the son declares or reveals Him. (John 1:15) This agrees with Jewish theology that no man has seen God and lived. It also agrees with many other New Testament passages. (Hebrews 1:3, 1 Timothy 3:16, John 1:1-3) These pre-incarnate appearances of Jesus before his birth are known as "Theophanies" or "Christophanies."

They are not angelic appearances but special manifestations of God in human form - a God appearance, a Theophany. **Micah 5:2** *"But you Bethlehem Ephrata, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose going forth have been from old, from everlasting."*

**1 Timothy 3:16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

(ie) Brazilian expression "Dar a luz" – give light.

**John 1:9** *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

**1 Timothy 6:15** Which in his times he shall shew, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, (dunastes) the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

# Bible Passages of Theophanies

## **In the Garden of Eden**

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

## **Abraham's Visitors**

Gen 18:1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

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31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

## **Jacob's Wrestling Match**

Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

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Gen 32:32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

## **The Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament (not an angel because 1)Assumes God titles, 2) Assumes God's power and authority, 3) Accepts worship**

Exo 14:19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

Exo 3:2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

Num 22:22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.

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Num 22:35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

Judg 6:11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

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Judg 6:23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

## **Captain of the Lord's Army**

Josh 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

## **Tossed into the Fire**

Dan 3:23-25 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said unto his counselors, Did't we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.