

[1] Jesus' life & teachings are unique.

1 Peter 2:21-23 // John 20:30

[2] Jesus' claim is unique.

³⁰"I and the Father are one."

³¹Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, ³²but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

³³"We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." (John 10:30-33, NIV)

JESUS' INDIRECT DIVINE CLAIMS:

God in OT	Claim	Jesus (as God) in NT
Ps. 23:1 / Ez. 34:12	<i>Shepherd</i>	John 10:11
Joel 3:13 / Deut. 32:35	<i>Judge</i>	Matt. 25:31ff / John 5:27
Isa. 62:5 / Hos. 2:16	<i>Bridegroom</i>	Matthew 25:1
Psalm 27:1	<i>Light</i>	John 8:12
Isaiah 43:11	<i>Savior</i>	John 4:42
Isaiah 42:8	<i>God's Glory</i>	John 17:5
1 Sam. 2:6 / Deut. 32:39	<i>Giver of Life</i>	John 5:21
Isaiah 44:6	<i>First & Last</i>	Revelation 1:17

JESUS' DIVINE ACTIONS:

Jesus claims attributes that belong only to God	Reference
To raise the dead	John 5:21
To request prayer	John 14:13-14
To forgive sin	Mark 2:5-11
To have all authority	Matthew 28:18-19
To receive worship	Matt. 15:25 / John 9:38
To be eternal	John 8:58
To perform personal "signs" & "miracles"	Mark 4:35-41
To be equal with God	John 5:18 / John 10:33

³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being. (Hebrews 1:3a, NIV)

[3] Jesus' sacrificial gift is unique.

Romans 5:7-8

[4] Jesus' bodily resurrection is unique.

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (2 Peter 1:16, NIV)

⁴and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 1:4, NLT)

Either Jesus was . . .

- a liar,
- a lunatic, or
- the Lord.

[5] Jesus' impact is unique.

³⁶Everyone who has faith in the Son has eternal life. But no one who rejects him will ever share in that life. (John 3:36a, CEV)

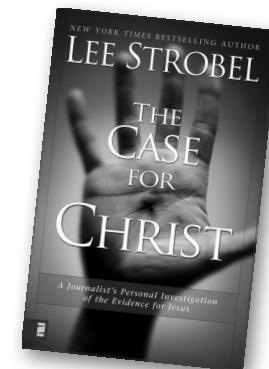
ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

John 11:23-27 // John 17:3 // Matthew 16:15-16
 John 14:6-9 // Mark 14:60-62 // John 20:19-31

Recommended resource:

The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus, by Lee Strobel

More on this and last week's recommended books at willamettechurch.com/roadblocks



Discussion Questions:

1. What proof of Jesus' being God is most compelling in overcoming your road block?
2. How is Jesus being the only way to God actually good news for the world? (We no longer have to guess what God demands of us.)
3. We who have the Gospel must go with Jesus' message to the ends of the earth (and the ends of our cul-de-sacs). How will you respond and join in God's mission through His church?