

WITNESSES TO JESUS' DEITY

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Three Possible Approaches:
 1. Divine attributes
 2. Divine prerogatives
 3. Witnesses to Jesus' deity
- B. This Approach:
 1. We'll look at 13 proofs
 2. PROPOSITION: We need to be assured of the DEITY of Jesus Christ!

I. WITNESSES BEFORE HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY:

- A. Witness In Anticipation: (Isa. 9:6 - 7)
 1. Many prophets to choose from
 2. "Child BORN" - Teaches His humanity
 3. "Son GIVEN" - Declares His deity
 4. Exalted titles fit only for God
- B. Witness In Proclamation: (Luke 1:35)
 1. Angel Gabriel as God's messenger
 2. No doubt what he told Mary
 3. "The Highest" is El Elyon of Gen. 14:22
- C. Witness In Attestation: (Luke 2:8 - 11)
 1. The night of Jesus' birth
 2. Angels give corroborative witness
 3. Deity in human flesh is come to earth
- D. Witness In Presentation: (Matt. 3:16 - 17)
 1. Follows 30 years of silence
 2. Inauguration of His ministry by John's baptism
 3. Delight of the Father is made known
 4. The terms "Father" and "Son", as used of the Godhead imply co-equality in nature and co-eternality of existence

II. WITNESSES DURING HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY:

- A. Witness In Temptation: (Luke 4:1 - 4)
 1. Inadvertent testimony of the Adversary
 2. The "IF", of the KJV translation is really "SINCE" in the Greek original, indicating a state of reality
 3. Even the world's first and greatest liar bears testimony
- B. Witness In Opposition: (Mark 5:6 - 8)
 1. Any witness has some weight
 2. A hostile witness is a powerful witness
 3. Demons acknowledge who Jesus was and is
 4. Enemies of truth vouch for the truth
- C. Witness In Confession: (Matt. 16:13 - 17)
 1. Men had various views of Jesus
 2. Unbelief does not agree
 3. The GENERAL question is narrowed to a SPECIFIC question
 - A direct inquiry to the assembled disciples (Matt. 16:15)
 - An OPEN CONFESSION by Peter
 - Only possible because of divine revelation
 4. John 20:31