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- 40 **Many** of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. (cf. Deut. 18:15)
- 41 **Others** said, This is the Christ. But **some** said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?
- 42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? (cf. Mic. 5:2)
- 43 So there was a division among the people because of him. (cf. Matt. 10:34-39; I Pet. 2:7)
- 44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

John 7:45-52

- 45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?
- 46 The officers answered, ***Never man spake like this man.***
- 47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?
- 48 Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?
- 49 But this people (“rabble” – NET) who knoweth not the law are cursed.

John 7:45-52

- 50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)
- 51 Doth our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?
- 52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

Jesus – Not Only The Uniter, But the Divider

- Lk. 2:34 → And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed
- Matt. 10:34 → “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

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- In terms of human relationships.
 - Matt. 5:44 → Love your enemies.
 - Matt. 22:39 → Love your neighbor as yourself.
 - Matt. 7:12 → Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you.
- In terms of material wealth.
 - Matt. 6:19-20 → Lay up treasures in heaven, not on earth.
 - Lk. 12:15 → Beware of covetousness...
- In terms of morality.
 - Matt. 5:28 → Lust is sin.
 - Matt. 19:3 → Do not divorce.
- In terms of greatness.
 - Matt. 20:27 → the greatest is the servant.
- With such authority.
 - Matt. 7:28-29 → He taught as having authority

John 7:37-38

- 37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.
- 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37-38)

Claims of Jesus

- ***Jesus claimed to be God.***

- John 8:24 → I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.
- John 13:19 → Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*. (cf. Ex. 3:14)
- Jn. 10:30 → “I and the Father are one.”

Claims of Jesus

- **That he existed before he was born.**
 - Jn. 8:58 → “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.”
- ***That he would die to save the lost.***
 - John 10:10b -11 → I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Claims of Jesus

- ***Jesus claimed to be the only way to God.***
 - Jn. 14:6 → Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
 - Jn. 8:12 → Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (Matt. 25:42,46)
 - Jn. 12:46 → I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Claims of Jesus

- ***Jesus claimed to be the bread and water of life.***
 - Jn. 6:35 → And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
 - Jn. 4:14 → But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Claims of Jesus

- ***That without him we can do nothing.***
 - Jn. 15:1,5 → I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Claims of Jesus

- ***To be the one who will raise the dead at the end of time.***
 - John 11:24-25 → Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
 - Jn. 6:40 → And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Claims of Jesus

- ***That he would come again.***
 - Jn. 14:1-3 → Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. (cf. Jn. 17:24)

Claims of Jesus

- ***That He would be raised from the dead.***
 - Jn. 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Liar, Lunatic or Lord

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” (*Mere Christianity*, 55–56)

What Does It Mean To Believe On Jesus?

- 37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
 - Matt. 7:21 → Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
 - Acts 16:31,33-34 → And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.