

**Why believe in Jesus Christ?**

# Because of His Claims



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**He claimed that He  
and God are one**

**He claimed to be able  
to forgive sins**

**He claimed to be the  
judge of all the earth**

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**He claimed to have  
existed for forever**

**He claimed He will return  
at the end of history**

**He said He was I AM, the  
Jewish name for God**

**He said he alone could  
bring eternal life**



**He claimed we will be  
judged, in the end, by our  
attitude towards him**

**He received human worship  
and did not correct those who  
worshipped Him as God**

**He claimed to be the Son of  
God, a Jewish claim to  
equality with God**



*What do you do  
with those claims?*

“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 was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the 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.”

**CS Lewis**

Mere Christianity

**Was He a legend?**

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“Let me get this straight. You think that your client, one of the wealthiest, most powerful men in the world, is secretly a vigilante who spends his nights beating criminals to a pulp with his bare hands; and your plan, is to blackmail this person? Good luck.”

**Lucius Fox**  
The Dark Knight

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**What if He was a lunatic?**

**What if he was a liar?**

**“Interviewer:** Jesus Christ has value and is ranked among the great thinkers of the world. But Son of God, don't you think that's far-fetched?

**Bono:** No, it's not. The secular response to the Christian story always goes like this: He was a great prophet, had a lot of good things to say along the lines of others, like Mohammed, Buddha and Confucius, but Jesus does not allow you to say that. Christ says, “No, Don't call me a teacher or a prophet, I'm saying I'm God incarnate.” So we are left with this: Either Christ is who He says He is, or he is a complete nutcase on the level of Charles Manson. And I'm not joking here- the idea that the entire globe, one-half of the human race, has had its history completely changed by a nutcase- for me, that's far-fetched.”

**Bono: In Conversation with Michka Assayas**

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