

No human or angel has these capabilities. Only God does. Then, what did Christ try to tell us about himself? He also said, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life”** (The Gospel according to John 14:6). All philosophers spend their lives searching for the truth, but no one have proclaimed reaching the truth. No one dares to say that he is the truth except Jesus. He also said that he is “the life,” in other words, “the source of life.” Who could proclaim that? he did not say, for example, I show you one-way among many other ways, but said that he is the way; there is no other way, except through him.

**10. Jesus’s integrity:** So far, we have examined his proclamations, and a couple of his miracles. Now we need to examine Jesus’ integrity. Although Jesus had many enemies who were trying to find something against him, he stood among them and challenged them saying, **“Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me?”** (The Gospel according to John 8:46). Who is without sin except God?

### ***Did the prophets foretell about Jesus?***

Yes, there are about three hundred prophecies about Jesus written from about 1800 BC to 400 BC by different prophets, and they were all fulfilled in Jesus. A mathematician calculated the probabilities of having all these prophecies to be fulfilled in one person, and found it to be 1 in 10<sup>28</sup>.

This shows you the accuracy of the Bible in general and the prophecies about Jesus in particular. For more information about these prophecies, please visit the following web pages:

<http://www.godonthenet.com/evidence/messiah.htm>  
<http://www.godandscience.org/apologetics/prophchr.html>

### ***How does the New Testament answer the question “Who is Jesus Christ?”***

1. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the

beginning with God. All things were made through him, **and without him nothing was made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (The Gospel according to John 1:1-14).

2. “In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets, many times and in various ways; but in **these last days He has spoken to us by His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word” (Hebrews 1:1-3).

### ***What did other early historical documents tell us about Jesus Christ?***

There are many reliable historical documents from the first two centuries mentioned Jesus Christ. Here are a few examples:

1- **Thallus, the historian**, presented the crucifixion of Christ and its accompanied darkness as a definite historical event. Similarly did **Phlegon** and **Justin Africanus**.

2- **Josephus, a famous historian** and contemporary of Jesus, wrote in his *Antiquity*, 18.3.3:

**“About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. He won over many Jews and Greeks. He was the Messiah. !**

When Pilate, upon hearing him accused by men of the highest standing amongst us, **had condemned him to be crucified**, those who had in the first place come to love him did not give up their affection for him. **On the third day he appeared to them restored to life, for the prophets of God had prophesied these and countless other marvelous things about him.”**

# Who is Jesus Christ?

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## Who could be Jesus Christ?

Is he a teacher, a prophet, a miracle worker, a super human being, or a person beyond the comprehension of many?

Why is answering this question important?

Since Jesus Christ's message is for every human being, it is important to know who Jesus is in order to determine the significance of the message. Here are some important facts that could help in answering the question.



an extraordinary birth. Why was Jesus not born as every other human being?

**1. Unique birth:** He is the only person in history (not mythology) who was born of a virgin. No other human is thought to have had such

**2. He was raised from death:** Every human being dies. Yet, Jesus died to come back again after three days. He did not come back as a ghost, but as a full human being. He is the only person in history who conquered death. So, who is Jesus? Evidence of Jesus' resurrection is numerous. Proof can be summarized with the following corroborations:

- He appeared to his disciples, talked with them, ate with them, and even performed a miracle.
- He appeared once to more than 500 gathered people. Perhaps, one person could see things or imagine things, but how could 500 persons together be mistaken about one certain person.
- The total number of those who had seen Jesus was between 600 and 700, a number that puts the resurrection beyond any doubts.

- Although a great stone covered Jesus' tomb and armed guards surrounded it, Jesus rose from death and left the tomb empty.

- **The annual miracle of light** appearance from the tomb of Christ in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem during the celebration of Easter, a light that is used to light hundreds of candles (Read about its details in: <http://www.holyfire.org/eng/velich.htm>).

- The power of Jesus' resurrection changed the followers of Jesus from scared people to courageous witnesses of the resurrection, even when faced with death.

**3. When Jesus was crucified**, a great darkness covered the whole earth. When Jesus died, **"the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after his resurrection, they went into the holy city (Jerusalem) and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'"** (The Gospel according to Matthew 27:51-54).

**4. His authority over nature:** We have never seen or heard of a person who stopped a storm with an order of his mouth. The gospels- that stood against all sorts of attacks for centuries- recorded the following, **"Then he arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!' And the wind ceased and there was a great calm... And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, 'Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey him!'"** (The Gospel according to Mark 4:35-41). Who could have authority over nature except the creator of nature?

**5. His authority over death:** The only incident in history where a dead person was raised from death after being buried for four days was written in the Gospel

according to John, chapter 11. Jesus stood in front of the tomb and called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. Who is this person who can call the dead to come back alive?

**6. Challenged natural laws:** He walked on the water without any help or instruments and ordered Peter to do the same (The Gospel according to Matthew 14: 32-31). No one else could do that. So, the question that challenges us is: Who is Jesus Christ?

**7. Created eyes:** Jesus created eyes for a man who was born without eyes. The amazing thing is that Jesus created the man's eyes from dust (The Gospel according to John 9:1-11). In the beginning, God created man from dust. Who can create eyes without the help of labs or instruments? Of course, nobody can. Why did Jesus use the same material that was used by God in creating man? Did Jesus want to send us a message about himself?

**8. Fed about 15,000 people using five loaves and two fish:** Five loaves and two fish could hardly feed five people, but how could they feed about 15,000 persons? There is no way to explain it, especially when you know that all people ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over (The Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21). No prophet, or teacher or wonder worker is known to have done anything similar. In fact, no one comes close to performing the miracles of Jesus.

**9. His amazing announcements:** What Jesus announced no one could ever claim. He said, **"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"** (The Gospel according to Matthew 18:20). Who could ever say that whenever any two in any part of the world and at any given time, now and in the future, will gather in his name that he will personally be with them? Only a person who lives forever and can overcome all barriers of time and place, and can be in so many places at the same time,