

# The Deity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

## INTRO:

Who Jesus is matters! The Christian apologist C.S. Lewis famously stated, “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.

The Bible Ascribes the characteristics of deity to Jesus Christ. He is described as eternal, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, and immutable.

## TRANS:

### I. **Prophetic Identifier. Isaiah 9:6 NKJV**

“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

A. The promise of a king child.

B. His divine names

1. Wonderful **Counselor**
2. Mighty God
3. Everlasting Father
4. Prince of Peace

C. Why this is Jesus

In context, this verse is proclaiming the redemption of Israel and the activities, titles, and blessings of the **Messiah** who is to rule the earth and usher in a reign of blessing and peace that will have no end. One of His titles is “Everlasting Father.”

### II. **Eternal Existence. John 1:1, 14 NKJV**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:1 NKJV

“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.” John 1:14 NKJV

A. When time began:

1. The **word** existed in the beginning.
2. The word was with God. Is ‘a’ God legitimate?
  - a. Definite article problem.
  - b. 1 John 4:8 <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know (no ‘a’) God, because (no ‘a’) God is love. (No definite articles)

c. John 1:6 <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from (a) God, whose name was (a) John.

B. Implications for deity

1. The word was (is) God.
2. The word is Jesus. Therefore, Jesus is God.

III. He was Worshipped. Luke 24:50-53 NKJV

*“And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.” Luke 24:50-53 NKJV*

- A. Jesus blesses them.
- B. Jesus ascends to heaven.
- C. The disciples worship him.

IV. Thomas’ Confession John 20:28 NKJV

“And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”” John 20:28 NKJV

A. Lord = Κύριος (Kyrios)

**My Lord**

- “Lord” is not a polite title here; it is a declaration of absolute authority.

- Personal surrender: the possessive “My” echoes Romans 10:9, where salvation is tied to confessing “Jesus is Lord.”
- Fulfillment of messianic prophecy: Psalm 110:1 speaks of the Messiah as “my Lord,” a text Peter cites in Acts 2:36 to preach that Jesus is “both Lord and Christ.”

B. God = Θεός (Theos)

**and my God!**

- Thomas moves beyond lordship to full deity.
- Jesus confirms his deity as the beginning and the end. Revelation 1:17-18.

V. Divine Pronouncement. Hebrews 1:8-9 NKJV

““But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”” Hebrews 1:8-9 NKJV

God is speaking; But of the son he says...

- A. The father calls the Son ‘God’
- B. The father doubles down. “God, your God”