

# Jesus: One of a Kind



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Author	Date Written	Earliest MSS	Time Span	No. MSS
Caesar	100–44 BC	AD 900	1,000 yrs	10
Plato	427–347 BC	900 AD	1,200 yrs	7
Thucydides	460–400 BC	AD 900	1,300 yrs	8
Tacitus	AD 100	AD 1100	1,000 yrs	20
Suetonius	AD 75–160	AD 950	800 yrs	8
Homer ( <i>Iliad</i> )	900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs	643
<i>New Testament</i>	AD 40–100	AD 125	25–50 yrs	>24,000!

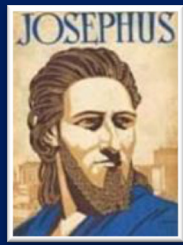




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# Secular Historians Mentioning Christ

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Tacitus	AD 55–120
Lucian	AD Second Century
Suetonius	AD 69–122
Pliny the Younger	AD 112
Thallus	AD 52
Mar Bar Serapion	AD 70
Josephus	AD 78

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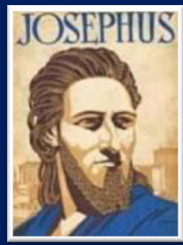


## Luke 24:44

“Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”







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<b>Prophecy</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Years in Advance</b>
Manner of Birth	Isaiah 7:14	700 years
Place of Birth	Micah 5:2	700 years
Nationality	Numbers 24:17	1400 years
Tribe	Genesis 49:10	1800 years
Time of & Response to His Messiahship	Dan. 9:25-26	600 years

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Crucified Between Thieves	Isaiah 53:9	700 years
Pierced	Isaiah 53:5	700 years
No Broken Bones	Psalms 22:17	1000 years
Gamble for His Clothing	Psalms 22:18	1000 years
Buried in Rich Man's Tomb	Isaiah 53:9	1000 years

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## John 13:19; 14:29

“<sup>19</sup> From now on I am telling you before *it* comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am *He*... <sup>14:29</sup> Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.”





# Christ's Short-Term Predictions

## Prophecy

## Scripture

Betrayal by a Friend

John 13:21

Three-fold Denial by Peter

Matthew 26:34, 75

Manner of His Own Death

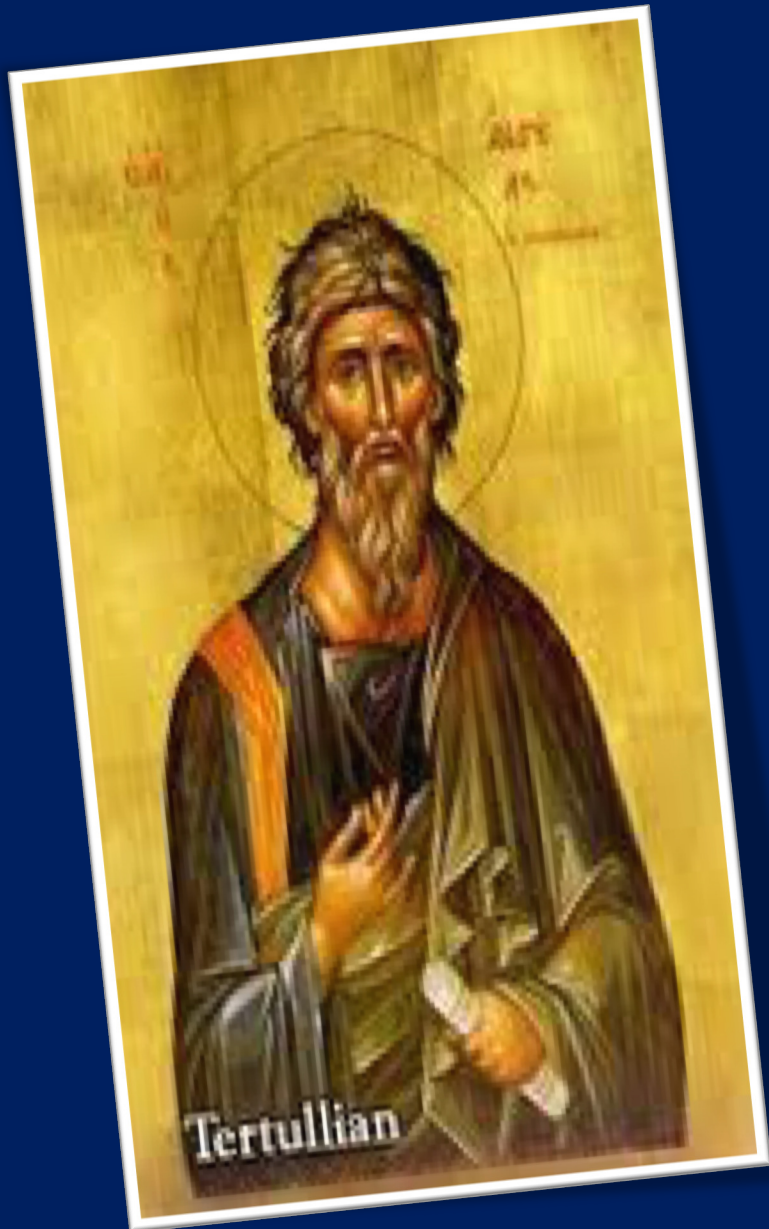
Matthew 20:18-19

Manner of Disciples' Deaths

John 21:18-22

AD 70 Events

Luke 19:41-44



*“...where the Apostle John was first plunged, unhurt, into boiling oil, and thence remitted to his island-exile!”*

*Tertullian, Prescription Against Heretics, 36*

# The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11







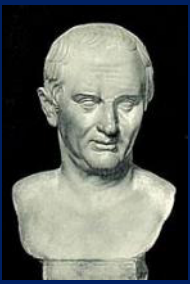




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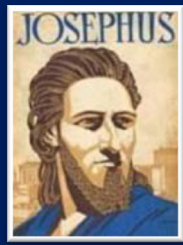




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“(Po)ntius Pilatus, the prefect of  
Judaea, (erected) a (building dedicated)  
to (the emperor) Tiberius”.





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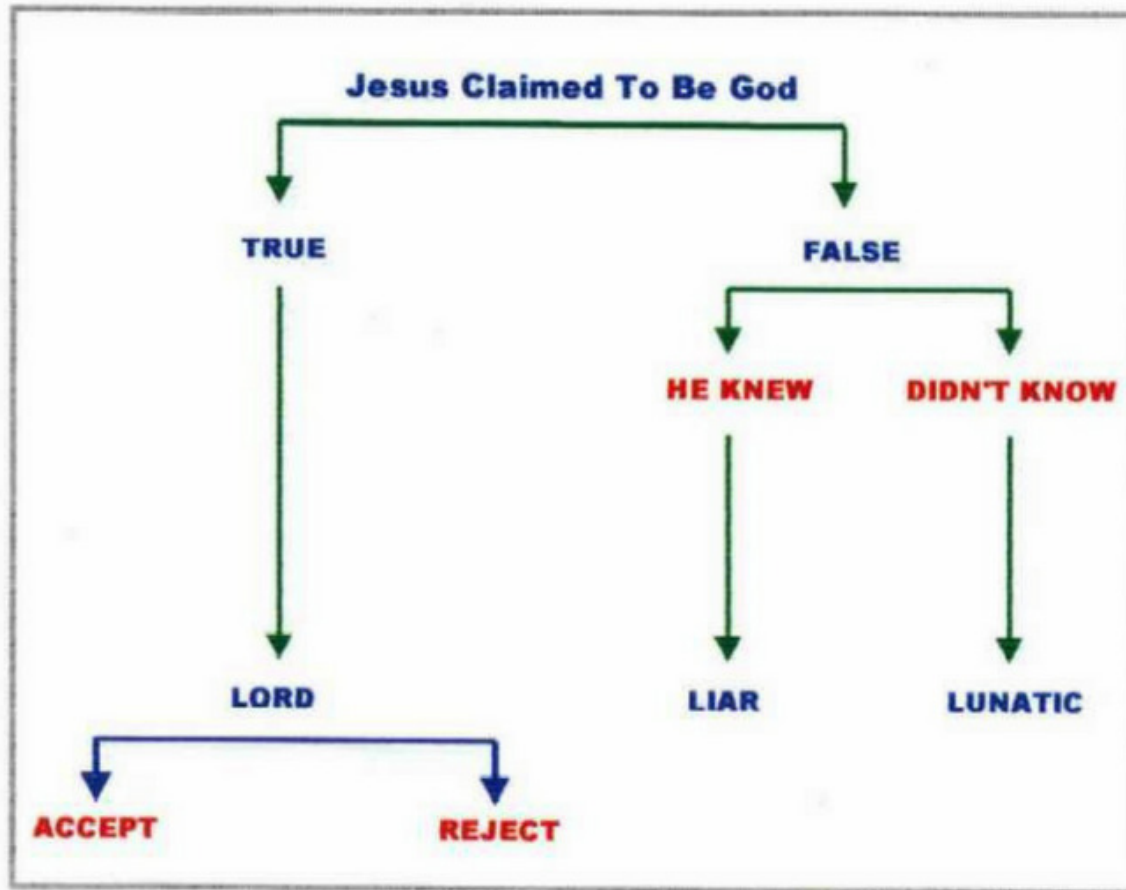
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# Who is Jesus to you?

## Logical Syllogism: Tri-Lemma



*Campus* Kairos

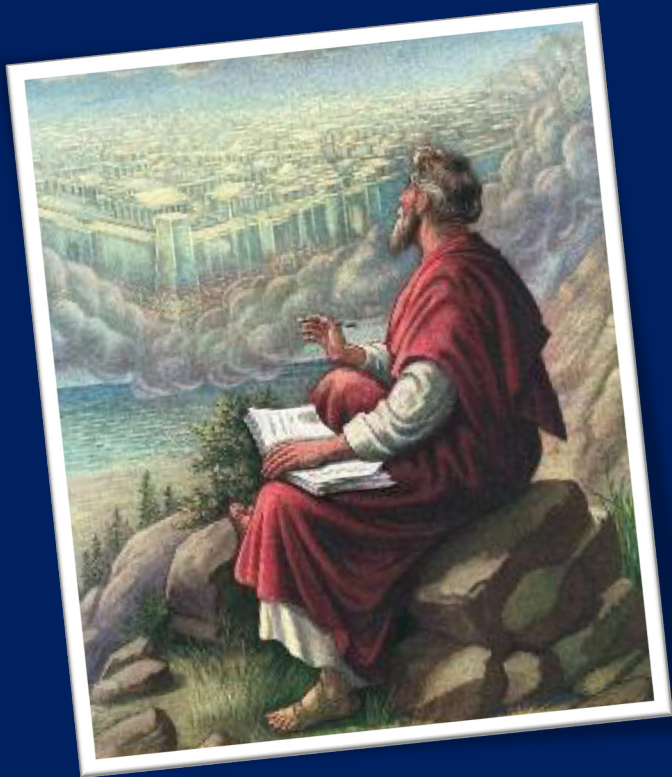
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# John 20:30-31



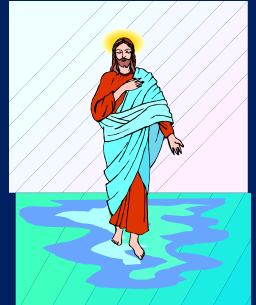
“Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

# “SEVEN SIGNS” in Gospel of John



Changing Water into Wine

2:11



Healing official's son

4:46-54



Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda

5:1-18



Feeding the 5,000

6:5-14



Walking on water

6:16-21

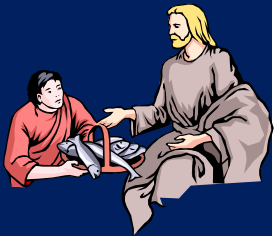
Healing a blind man

9:1-7



Raising dead Lazarus

11:1-45

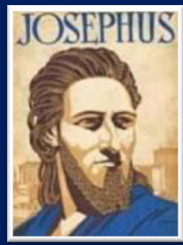


## Matthew 12:24

“But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, ‘This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.’”



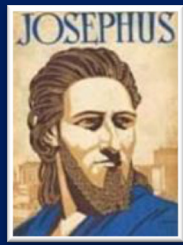




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## 1 Corinthians 15:6-7

“<sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup> then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles...”



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A. Rome



B. Jews



C. Disciples



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# How Does Jesus Compare?

<b>Deity</b>	<b>Tomb Status</b>
Confucius	Occupied
Buddha	Occupied
Mohammed	Occupied
Jesus	<b>***EMPTY***</b>

G.B. Hardy, *Countdown*

Conclusion



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## John 11:25-27

“<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’ <sup>27</sup> She said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world.’”





“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)