

# What Christ Said About Himself

***Those Who Hold that Jesus Christ WASN'T God and that He Never Made Such a Claim Need to Consider the Many Amazing Direct Statements Spoken to and through the Beloved Elder Apostle John in the Book of Revelation.***

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The full identity of the Person of the Son of Man is as much a part of the 'Nature of God' issue as is any consideration regarding His Divinity.

Recently, I became aware of a Protestant organization which is non-Trinitarian, but which is so due to being un-accepting of the premise that Jesus is or at any time was God. Their position is that to believe so would establish that there are TWO Gods! Like various Judaic influenced persuasions, they hold to the strict monotheistic view which disallows any but God the Father as being the One True God.

A question was posed by one of this persuasion, asking whether or not Christ ever claimed to be God. Did He ever directly make such claim?

## **See That You Tell No Man!**

What is important to consider is the religious climate during Christ's ministry. If someone were to make such a claim in today's society, he'd be written off as a kook or a mental case. Not so in the first century society in Judea. Such claim would be regarded as blasphemy, a serious capital offence deserving of a death sentence. As a result, it was necessary to word any such inference very carefully, lest it provoke a violent reaction, even a premature lynching. (see places such as Luke 9:18-22) (Such claim of believing that Christ was God on the part of a disciple could also put them in a certain jeopardy.) This explains why there is a dearth of direct claims on the part of Christ during His physical ministry and in the immediate decades thereafter. But afterward, the situation changed, at least as it involved things written to the believing community.

What we need to consider are the many potent and clear statements made by Christ Himself in His late era revelation to the elderly and much beloved

Apostle John in the late 90's AD. (The gospel and epistles of John were written much later.) Had the understanding that there was but one Being in the Godhead been the prevalent opinion in the first century, you'd think that John would have been deferential toward that position. But apparently such was not the case! The following quotes are compilations of the many revealing and unequivocal statements Christ made about Himself, as quoted by John, just within in the last-written book of the Bible.

## **Who IS the Son of Man?**

*"I saw ...one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. (Compare this with Daniel 10:5-6) And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. Revelation 1:13-16, "Fear not; I am the first and the last: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Rev. 1:17-18*

*"Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Revelation 1:5-7 There can be no mistaking. These passages are not in any way*

referring to God the Father!

### Who IS the Alpha and Omega?

*“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8.*  
*“I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: Rev. 1:11. Concluding the book, He again states: “And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Rev. 21:6-7. (Consider also John 1:12) “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Rev. 22:13.*

The Alpha and Omega states plainly that He IS the Almighty, and will be our God! That leaves us with either of two possibilities: That He IS God, or that He is making a false claim, one His contemporaries perceived, as they saw it and reacted to it as being, blatant blasphemy! (Matt. 26:65)

Regarding ‘inheriting all things’, in His benediction to the Church of Laodicea He states: *“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”* Christ also has a Throne!

### To the Seven Churches:

In each of the messages to the seven churches, we are given a glimpse into the many faceted aspects of Christ’s identity.

To **Ephesus** He says: *“He...holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;” Rev. 2:1,*

To **Smyrna** He says: *“These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;” Rev. 2:8,*

To **Pergamos** He says: *“These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;” Rev. 2:12,*

To **Thyatira** He says: *“These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;” Rev. 2:18,*

To **Sardis** He says: *“He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars;” Rev. 3:1,*

To **Philadelphia** He says: *“These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;” Rev. 3:7,*

And to **Laodicea** He says: *“These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;” Rev. 3:14.*

In each of these we are introduced to an aspect of Christ’s varied characteristics: He holds the seven churches in His right hand and walks among them; He is the first and the last, who was resurrected from the dead; He wields a two-edged sharp sword; being the Son of God, He exactly fits the description of the Being in chapter 1, verses 13-16; He has unto Himself the seven Spirits of God and God’s Churches, controlling their doors of opportunity to evangelize. He, the Amen, presents Himself as ‘the beginning of the creation of God’!

(What is this final statement revealing to us? Is He saying that in the process of God creating more beings for the God Family, that He is the first? Would Romans 8:29, Colossians 1:18, James 1:18 and Revelation 14:4 help answer the question?

Some translations have the word ‘beginner’ in place of beginning. Does that change the question? Is God being created? If so, created out of what? (John 1:12 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet. 1:4) Are we empowered to become the sons of God, partaking of His Divine Nature?)

### A Certain Identity

*“...behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. Rev. 5:5-6, “Thou art worthy ... for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the*

**Lamb that was slain** to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. **Rev. 5:9-12,**

### God Placed Rulership with His Son

“And the **seventh** angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our **Lord**, and of **his Christ**; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O **Lord God Almighty**, which art, and wast, and art to come; (This is the Christ! See Rev. 1:8) because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. **Rev. 11:15-17,** “And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, **Lord God Almighty**; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. **Rev. 15:3-4** Here, the Lord’s Christ is called “Lord God Almighty”! (See also Isaiah 9:6. The Son is there called “the Mighty God”.)*

In establishing **His Throne on Earth**, the Son, Christ, must first subdue all rebelliousness in the nations! “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a **white horse**; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God**.<sup>1</sup> And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a **sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and **he shall rule them with a rod of iron**: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.<sup>2</sup> And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**. **Rev. 19:11-16**

<sup>1</sup> The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:1&14

<sup>2</sup> This on **three** separate occasions: At the Second Coming, then at Satan’s rebellion after the 1000 years, and finally at the very end of time as we read in Revelation 14:17-20.

“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the **Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings**: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. **Rev. 17:14**

### His Many NAMES:

Just within this one book, we are introduced to these many names, titles or attributes directly and in most cases uniquely referring to Christ.

Son of man: **1:13, 12:5, 14:14**

Son of God: **2:18**

Word of God: **19:13**

Beginning of the creation of God: **3:14**

God: **11:4, 14:7, 21:7**

Lord God Almighty: **1:8, 4:8, 11:15, 15:3, 16:7&14 (see also Isaiah 9:6)**

Alpha and Omega: **1:11, 1:8, 21:6 & 22:13**

First and last: **1:11, 1:17, 2:8 & 22:13**

Beginning and end: **1:8 21:6**

Lamb (slain): **1:5, 5:5, 5:6&12, 5:12, 6:1&16, 7:14&17, 13:8, 14:1&4, 17:14, 19:7&9, 21:27, 22:3**

One who Was dead: **1:18 & 2:8**

First begotten of the dead: **1:5,**

Faithful and True witness: **1:5, 3:14, 19:11**

Is, was, and is to come: **1:4, 1:8, 4:8, 16:5**

Prince of earthly kings: **1:5**

King of Saints: **15:3**

King of kings / Lord of lords: **17:14 & 19:16**


### The ‘Strict’ Monotheist’s Enigma

How many of these names or titles can we find that apply to God the Father exclusively **or at all**? Where is the Father identified as being the One who will reign over all the nations on Earth, its kings and its lords? The Father was never dead, so all references to having been slain, or dead or resurrected from the dead must refer to Christ only.

John 5:22 tells us all judgment is committed unto the Son. May we then conclude that any execution of God's judgment and wrath is to be Christ's purview? If that is the case, then those verses which refer to judgment being carried out also refer to Christ's actions! Some examples we find are: **6:16, 11:18, 16:7, 18:8, 19:2 & 11 & 15 & 21.**

Many of these are internally cross-referenced, such as Revelation 2:18 with verses 1:14 and 19:12. (Daniel 10:5-6 appears to be this same Being as is described in Revelation 1:13-16.) This One with eyes like flames of fire is in 19:13 identified as the Word, and in 19:16 as the King of kings and Lord of lords. The Word, of course, is identified in John 1:1-2 & 14 as the Being who was God in the beginning, and was with God, who became flesh.

### A Profound Conclusion

In light of all of these, it's difficult to draw any other conclusion than that the Son of God also was and is God. That there are two Beings in the God-head, both having shared an existence together "in glory" as John 17:5 so clearly establishes. It's inescapably clear that all these references frustrate the viability of a single Being God concept. 

**Daniel 10:5-6** *"Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a **certain man** clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude."* Then compare...

**Revelation 1:13-16** *"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the **Son of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."*

**Romans 16:25-27** *"Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the*

*world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen."*

**John 17:3-5** *"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the **glory which I had with thee before the world was.**" (This spoken while Christ was still in the flesh!)*

**1st Timothy 1:17** *"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."*

**1st Timothy 6:15-16** *"Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which **no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.**"*

**Jude 4** *"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."*

**Revelation 11:15-17** *"And the **seventh** angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our **Lord**, and of **his Christ**; and **he shall reign** for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O **Lord God Almighty**, which **are, and was, and are to come**; because **thou** hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. (Comments: This passage is interesting, as it mentions two God Beings in the same sentence, and the One the 24 prostrate themselves before is the One who at a specific point in time takes power over the nations and reigns, referring to Him as "The Lord God Almighty"! (See Isaiah 9:6, which attests to the correctness of this understanding.) The Lamb, the King of Saints, the nations' Judge is referred to again by the same name in chapter 15.)*

**Revelation 15:3-4** *"And they sing the song of Moses*

*the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.”*

**Revelation 21:6-7** *“And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”* (Comment: Being that this passage falls within the Millennial Age, these ‘sons’ are the future progeny of Christ and His Bride, a generation after the Church Age. See verses 21:3 and 22:17)