

# How can can Jesus be both God and Man at the same time

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# Why does it matter?

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\_ The biggest gap that prevent humanity and God is human's sin. Being the bridge that connecting the two, Jesus has to be both.

\_ If, Jesus was not a human, then we would not be able to unite with God and no salvation can be made. "For the validity of the His death, depends upon the reality of his humanity, just as its efficacy depends upon the genuineness of his deity"  
(Errickson, 2013).



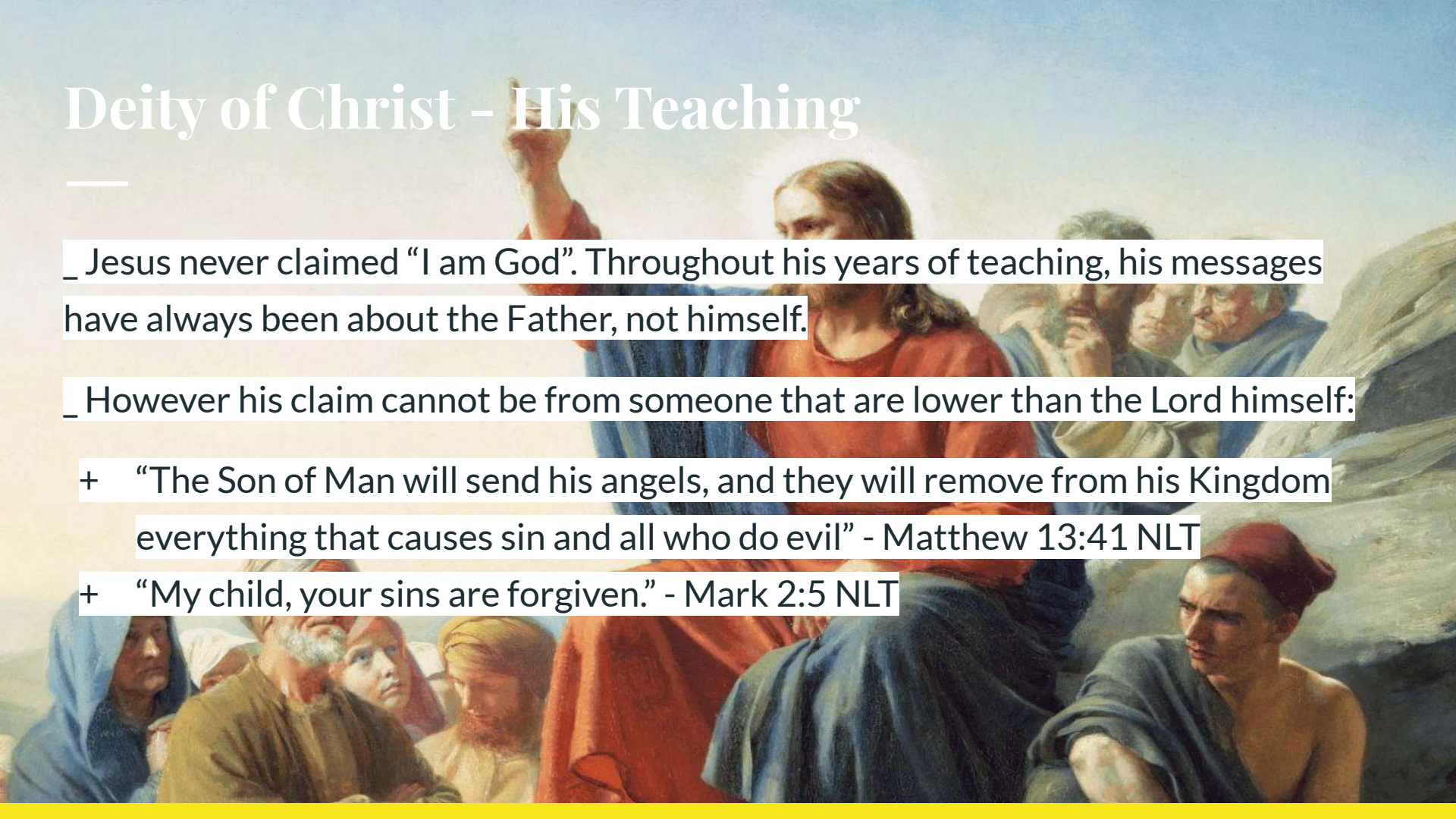
# Deity of Christ – His Teaching

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\_ Jesus never claimed “I am God”. Throughout his years of teaching, his messages have always been about the Father, not himself.

\_ However his claim cannot be from someone that are lower than the Lord himself:

- + “The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil” - Matthew 13:41 NLT
- + “My child, your sins are forgiven.” - Mark 2:5 NLT

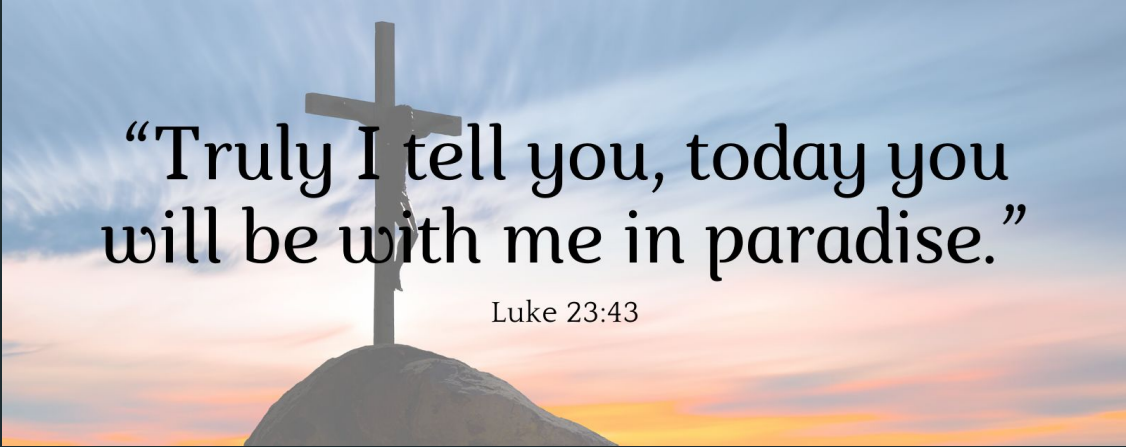


# Deity of Christ – His Standing

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\_ His divinity can also be pointed out through his way of teachings. His wording was different from the prophets in the Old Testament, who was given the words from god, wrote “Then the Lord said to me...”(Jeremiah 1:11 NLT).

\_ His teachings did not cite the Lord, but simply “I tell you...”

A photograph of a cross standing on a tombstone, set against a dramatic sky with orange and blue hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The cross is dark and silhouetted against the lighter sky.

“Truly I tell you, today you  
will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:43





# Deity of Christ – His Claim

\_ “I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I am!” - John 8:58 NLT

\_ Similar to “I am who I am” - Exodus 3:14

\_ When He was asked whether he is the Messiah - Son of God, He proclaimed “You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God’s right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.” - Matthew 26:64 NLT

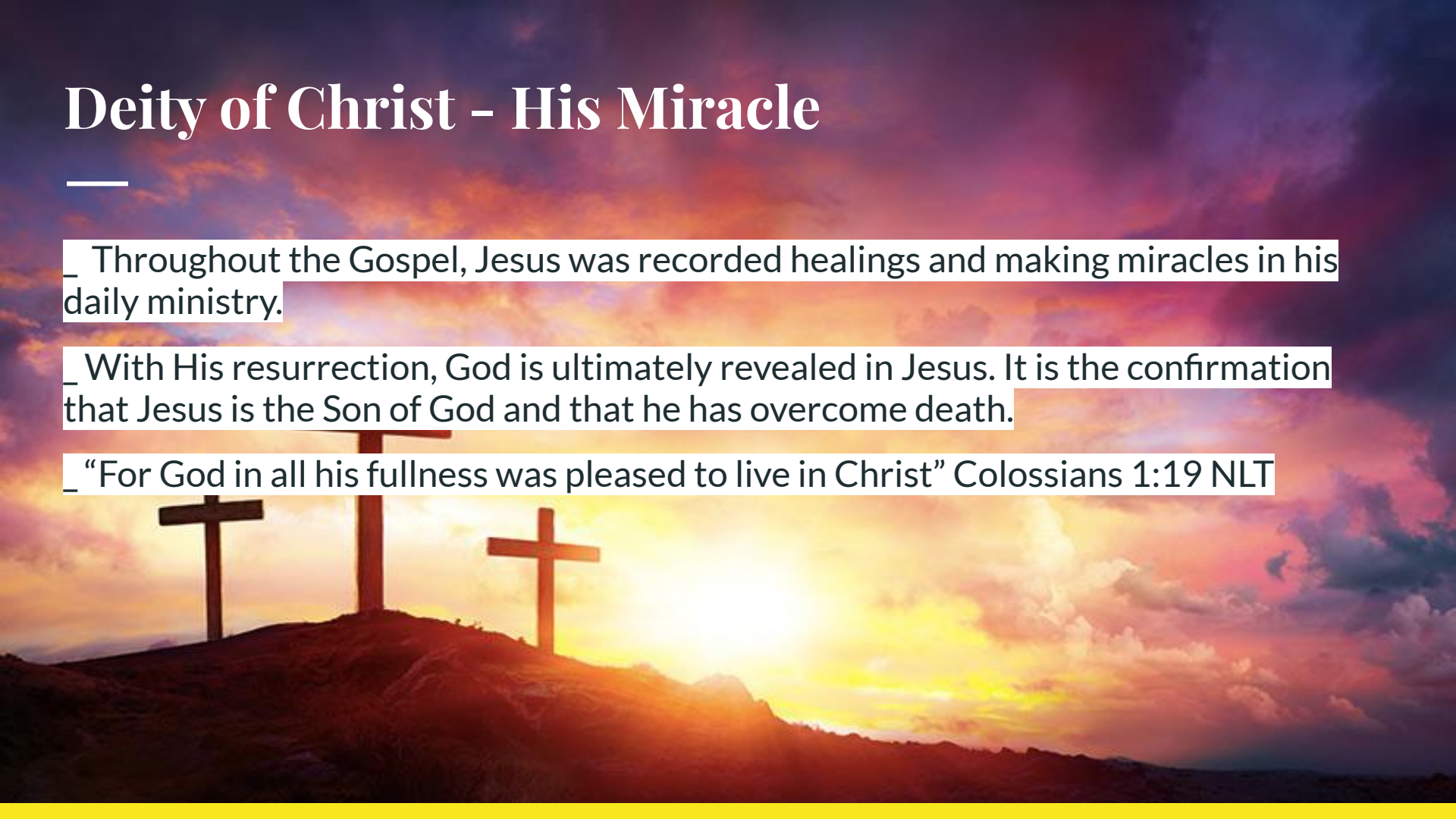
# Deity of Christ – His Miracle

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\_ Throughout the Gospel, Jesus was recorded healings and making miracles in his daily ministry.

\_ With His resurrection, God is ultimately revealed in Jesus. It is the confirmation that Jesus is the Son of God and that he has overcome death.

\_ “For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ” Colossians 1:19 NLT



# Humanity in Christ – His Origin

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\_ He did not descend from the heavens nor did he suddenly appear. He was born into this world, as a human baby, with an exception of his “virgin birth”.

\_ He also had a family tree which was written in both Matthew and Luke.

\_ He had a physical body. His disciple described Him as “whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life” (1 John 1:1 NLT).



# Humanity in Christ – His Suffering

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- \_ He experienced hunger (Matthew 4:2), thirst (John 19:28), fatigue (John 4:6)
- \_ He experienced loss and grief through the death of Lazarus. “Then Jesus wept” (John 11:35 NLT)



- \_ In the garden of Gethsemane, before his crucifixion, he experienced weariness, stress just like a normal human being (Matthew 26:26, 40-41)



# Humanity in Christ – His Sinlessness

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\_ Despite living as a human, Jesus was free of sin

\_ “This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin” (Hebrews 4:15 NLT).

\_ Peter, one of his disciples, claimed “He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone” (1 Peter 2:22 NLT)

# Contrasting arguments

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\_ Ebionism: Rejected the virgin birth, believe that Jesus was born to Joseph and Mary. Then later was gifted righteousness and wisdom to become the Messiah, denying his deity from the beginning.

\_ Docetism: Reject his humanity. Since all matter is evil, God cannot become material. Therefore Jesus was more like a spiritual ghost.



# Summary



\_ “For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body” (Colossians 2:9 NLT).

\_ The resurrection would have established that the Son of Man is none other than the man Jesus. Before Easter, Jesus was understood to be a man who walked visibly upon the earth; the Son of Man was a heavenly being who would come in the future on the clouds of heaven. After Easter, however, the two were regarded as identical.

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