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Why Believe Jesus is God?

- 1000's don't believe this, perhaps think he was a holy man.
- 1000's don't care, or even think about it.
- Some so called Christians may doubt it.

So why is this question so important?

Because if he is God and we don't believe it, we are in big trouble if we don't heed his message.

Why people are unbelievers?

Here are some reasons:

- He's just a man in history, no longer relevant.
- Have seen suffering in the world, so can't understand why God allows it.
- At the time of Jesus people weren't educated so they believed in their ignorance.
- Perhaps experienced disappointment so have doubts about God, because He didn't appear to answer their prayers.
- Never looked into the facts of the gospel or did so without honest appraisal.
- Sought of believed, but don't want to change life style.

Does your Christian faith have a solid foundation?

Many believe because they were born into a Christian culture, had a healing, saw a vision, or responded to an emotional moment. These may all be very sincere and valid, but can be shaken by the arguments of a sceptical non believer. However if we look at indisputable facts in the Bible, we'll have a sound basis for our belief. The Bible doesn't need things from outside of it to prove it to be true, just as the Sun doesn't need a greater Sun to prove it is the Sun, it is true because of its own shining.

In Jesus day many doubted.

- John the Baptist wasn't sure -- Matthew 11:3
- Jesus answered, "Go back a tell John what you see & hear....."
- The two going to Emmas doubted..... Jesus rebuked them for doubting, "O

foolish ones and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken” Then he expounded to them all the scriptures the things concerning himself. The evidence he gave was solid.

The Old Testament prophesies were given over 3000 years by different people mostly from different countries and at different periods. This prophetic witness of accurate details in Jesus’ life is amazing.

Peter the Apostle wrote: 1st Peter 1:10-12 *The prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired about this salvation; they inquired what person or time was indicated by the Spirit of Christ within them when predicting the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things which have now been announced to you by those who preached the good news to you through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.*

Be assured, these truths are not cleverly designed fables.

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

What scriptures did Jesus use?

Here are some he may have used; awesome O.T. Scriptures that prophesy about himself (Jesus), and were fulfilled in His life:

- Job 19:25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
- Psalm 22: 1 My God, my God, why have they forsaken me? Why are you far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? See the fulfilment -- Mat 27: 46
- Psalm 22:16-18 they have pierced my hands and feet — they count all my bones — they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots. See Mat. 27: 35, 36
- Psalm 34: 20 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken See John 19: 32 – 36
- Isaiah 53: 9 His grave was with the wicked, and he was with the rich in his death. See Mat 27: 57- 60
- Zech 12: 10 They shall look on him who they pierced. See: John 19: 34
- Micah 5: 2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. See Luke 2: 4 – 7
- Isa. 7: 14 The Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel . See Luke 1: 26-31

Now look Daniel's amazing revelation about Jesus coming:

1. **The exact day of His public revelation to Israel**—and subsequent death.
 1. The precise timing of Jesus' [crucifixion](#) was also given to the Jews when [God](#) revealed to the [prophet Daniel \(9:24\)](#) how the Jews could calculate the day of the revealing of the Messiah. Talking of a 490 year period, the prophet foresaw that it would begin "from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build [Jerusalem](#)" ([9:25](#)). In the [book of Nehemiah](#) we learn that this command was given "in the month [Nisan](#) [on the Hebrew calendar], in the twentieth year of the [king](#)" ([2:1](#)).
The [king](#) was [Artaxerxes Longimanus](#) who ruled from 465 to 425 B.C. The prophet Daniel said that 483 years from that date, the Messiah would be revealed to Israel, but He would then "be cut off, but not for himself" ([9:26](#)). This prophecy refers to the [crucifixion](#) when Jesus died, or was cut off, for the [sins](#) of the world.
 2. 483 years later, to the day, was Sunday, April 6, 32 A.D. On that day, which we commemorate as Palm Sunday, [Jesus](#) rode into [Jerusalem](#) on a [donkey](#) and revealed Himself as [Israel's Messiah](#). He was killed four [days](#) later, thus fulfilling the [prophecy](#) that He would be revealed and then slain.

1. **He will enter [Jerusalem](#) riding a [donkey](#)** (the colt of an [ass](#)) ([Zechariah 9:9](#)).
Fulfillment: [Matt. 21:5](#); [Luke 19:32-37](#).
 2. **He will be hated for no reason** ([Psalm 69:4](#)). Fulfillment: [John 15:25](#).
 3. **He will be betrayed** ([Psalm 41:9](#)). Fulfillment: [Matt. 27:3-10](#).
 4. **More specifically, He will be betrayed by a friend** ([Psalm 41:9](#)).
Fulfillment: [Matt. 27:3-10](#); [26:47-48](#).
 5. **The price of his betrayal will be thirty pieces of [silver](#)** ([Zech. 11:12](#)).
Fulfillment: [Matt. 27:3-10](#).
 6. **The betrayal money will be cast onto the floor** ([Zech. 11:13](#)). Fulfillment: [Matt. 27:5](#).
 7. **More specifically, it will be cast onto the floor of the Temple** ([Zech. 11:13](#)).
Fulfillment: [Matt. 27:3-10](#).
 8. **The betrayal [money](#) will be used to buy a [potter's field](#)** ([Zech. 11:13](#)).
Fulfillment: [Matt. 27:6-10](#).
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9. **He will not open his mouth to defend himself** ([Isaiah 53:7](#)). Fulfillment: [Matthew 27:12](#).
 10. **He will be beaten and spit upon** ([Isaiah 50:6](#)). Fulfillment: [Matthew 26:67](#); [27:26-30](#).
 11. **He will be "numbered with the transgressors"** ([Isaiah 53:12](#)). Fulfillment: Jesus was [crucified](#) as a criminal in between [two thieves](#) ([Mat 27:38](#)).

12. He will be pierced ([Zechariah 12:10](#)). Fulfillment: [John 19:34](#)
13. His hands and feet will be pierced ([Psalm 22:16](#); cf. [Zechariah 12:10](#); [Galatians 3:13](#)).

Also Paul's choice of argument concerning Jesus was also the O.T. scriptures:

- Acts 17: 2-5 Then Paul, as his custom was, went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "*This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.*" Some of them were persuaded; a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas. But the Jews who were not persuaded set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason.

- Acts 17: 11-12 The Bereans were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out whether these things were so*. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

If you are now persuaded that Jesus is God, what should your response be?

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