

There are many verses in scripture that prove Jesus was and is God based on what He said, others said and the works and miracles He did.

Why then did Jesus not clearly, plainly and publicly say He was **GOD?**

If He had convincingly did, along with proof, then the people's perception, expectation, response and demand of Him would have been different. He then would **NOT** have been crucified and we all would still be in our sins and died as a result.

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There are **five reasons** why Jesus did not clearly, plainly and publicly claim from His own mouth to be God.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus turned to the sea in front of a very large gathering of Jewish leaders and said to it, **“OPEN!”** Immediately, it obeyed His voice as it did when Moses stretched out his hand over the sea in Exodus 14:21-22. Afterwards, He turned towards a small army of Roman Soldiers in the distance who were approaching them to enquire of the reason for the strange gathering at the sea and what had just taken

place. He said, **“Fire, destroy those men!”** Suddenly, a frightening stream of fire like a lightning flash came crashing down out of heaven (with a loud noise) upon them, shaking the ground like an earthquake and completely disintegrating them to ashes.

Jesus then turned to the gathering of leaders and loudly called out one of their names: **“Zorobael!”** His voice was very powerful as though it echoed from the heavens. The men were frightened from the sound of it and began moving to the sides until Zorobael was visible and standing alone before Jesus. **“What happened two weeks ago in the same spot you are now standing?”** He stared at Jesus with a surprised look on his face but remained silent. Jesus then said, **“You raped Lillian then just to keep her silent, you push a digger into her stomach that instantly killed her and it severed the head of her unborn child. She begged and pleaded with you not to kill her, but you ignored it. You had no mercy after humbling her. Why did you do that to her? You had the power, prestige and wealth to marry many beautiful girls and lay with them, but instead, you destroyed a man's wife and his unborn child. You thought no one knew or saw you but you were wrong; your earth-friendly, insect neighbors over there did.”**

Jesus pointed His finger at Zorobael, and said with a loud voice, **“Bees, return the blood of Lillian on his head!”** Suddenly, swarms of bees came out from trees nearby and flew towards where Zorobael was standing. When He saw them coming, He began running as fast as his legs can carry him. However, the bees caught up with him and covered his entire body; stinging him all over it. Every time he tried opening his mouth to cry out, many bees went inside causing him to swallow and choke on some of them; this prevented him from screaming out loud.

There were so many bees as he was running until they completely covered his face causing him to trip and fall hard on the ground. His hands kept frantically swinging and pushing hundreds of them away from his face and lower body but to no avail. Each time he removed many of them, hundreds more came.

After a few minutes of fighting with the bees, his hands slowed down and fell to the ground beside him. The bees continue to attack until there was no more life in him; he died from a very large presence of bee venom in his body.

As all of this was happening, there were some of the Jewish leaders present who ran as fast as they could back towards the city. Others fell to the ground before Jesus and begged him for mercy and forgiveness. Jesus simply looked at those who were running back to the city and said, "Their days, will come!"

Now, how you the reader think these leaders would respond to Jesus afterwards? Do you think they would later try to kill Him or even think of it because God knows all thoughts? Do you think they would ever say, "Crucify Him?" Do you think they would later say He blasphemeth?

The above illustration is what Jesus could have done to prove who He was after claiming (from His own mouth) to be God or the Son of God.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being...equal with God...made himself of no reputation...took upon him the form of a servant...he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

ONE

¹There are five reasons (according to this writer) why Jesus did not clearly, plainly and publicly claim from His own mouth to be God.

²**Firstly**, if Jesus had claimed to be God or the Son of God early in His ministry without **publicly proving it before a massive crowd of Jews**, then His messages along with miracles He did would **not** have been heard or

performed and therefore not **written**. This would have happened because the religious leaders along with others would have stoned Him to death very early into His ministry if it was possible and silenced by force any witnesses to the miracles that were already done. Jesus therefore not wanting to **cause changes to the order of events or things that were prophesied to occur** often claimed the Son of man title instead of the Son of God. However, He concurred with others who called Him the Son of God.

Jesus was called: The Son of God.

Notice that demons (devils or unclean spirits), who were once with God but cast out of heaven, called Him the Son of God in Matt. 8:29, Mark 3:11, 5:2-13, Luke 4:41 and 8:28; His disciples called Him the Son of God in Matt. 14:33. God the Father revealed to Peter that Jesus was and is the Son of God in Matt. 16:16-17 and John 6:69; Jesus confirmed that He was and is the Son of God to the high priest in Matt. 26:63-64 and the people present heard Him loud and clear according to Matt. 27:43; the centurion even called Him the Son of God in Matt. 27:54 and Mark 15:39. The writer Mark called Jesus the Son of God in Mark 1:1; the angel Gabriel called Him the Son of the Highest and the Son of God in Luke 1:32 and 35; the writer, Luke called Him the Son of God in Luke 3:38. John the Baptist called Him the Son of God in John 1:34; Nathanael called Him the Son of God in John 1:49; Martha called Him the Son of God in John 11:27; John the writer who was also His disciple called Him the Son of God in John 20:31; Jesus called Himself the Son of God in John 3:18, 9:35-37, 10:36 and 11:4.

³**Secondly**, we have to first ask ourselves this question after reading the Old Testament in its entirety: What did Jesus really come to the earth to do? **Old Testament**

Scripture showed where He was coming as a conquering king. (More on this in the document called: *“What would have happened if Jesus Christ didn’t die?”* found at www.apublicviewing.com.) But as we read the New Testament, we discovered that **He indeed came to conquer; but, first and foremost, He came to conquer sin; then death; afterwards, His enemies; all of them before reigning as King of the Universe.** He came to die **first**; to shed His blood for the remission of sins: to pay our sin debt; afterwards, to conquer death by dying and raising from the dead.

Isaiah 53:7 said: He came (humbly) **as** “a lamb to the slaughter...**so he openeth not his mouth...**” meaning, He did not reveal to them from **His own mouth**, clearly, plainly and publicly that He was and is God. Since He actually spoke at times (before the religious leaders, to Pilot, to the people who followed Him to Calvary and to persons after He was nailed to the cross), the statement “**he openeth not his mouth**” had to have meant, ‘He did not clearly, plainly and publicly revealed Himself to them.’ Also, He obviously opened His mouth to scream, cried out loud, painfully and grievously wept as the Roman Soldiers viciously administrated intense beating. (For more information on this, read the document called: *“The Physics of Jesus’ Suffering...”* and *“A Public Viewing of Jesus’ Body During the Beating”* at www.apublicviewing.com.)

⁴We can now comprehend this by examining the symbolisms of animal sacrifices He commanded to be performed in the first five books of Moses. This pointed to the ultimate sacrifice of Himself for the payment of all sins as prophetically stated by Abraham in Gen. 22:8. God had no pleasure in animals’ burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin and therefore He prepared a human body for Himself as stated in Hebrews 10:4-6 and also verse 10. But, “...almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood** is no remission” of sins”. A perfect human (body) sin and therefore a perfect human (body) must pay the sin debt and not an innocent animal (body).

⁵The people had to act on their own free will without God’s interference, influence or intervention; He stepped back, so to speak, **He openeth not His mouth** and allowed the consequences of humanity’s sin to take its own course; to give its own suffering and death sentence that brought about an acceptable payment for our sins. God allowed sin to do her own bidding before He stepped in and did His.

⁶So then, what would have happened if Jesus clearly and plainly said He was God and presented undeniable evidence as proof like those mentioned in the story above? How would the Jews respond to this? Would they hate Him because of the changes He began making to their traditions? Do you think they would still try to kill Him? Do you think they would believe that He could be killed?

⁷If Jesus had convincingly revealed to them that He was God, along with demonstrating undeniable evidence that can only be performed by God to prove it, He then would have NOT been crucified and we all would still be in our sins and died as a result. His suffering and bloodshed to pay our sin debt, along with His death and resurrection to conquer the grave would **NOT** have happened. For this reason, all of the blood sacrifices of the Old Testament would be in vain. Jesus’ **main** and **foremost** purpose for coming to the earth would be in vain. We all would have eventually died and be on our way to Hell. If He had not died, our faith would be in vain; we would still be in our sins.

⁸The religious leaders then would have **demanded** (expressly or silently) many things of Him to be performed. If He had caused anger and hatred among the people for not following through with these demands, even though they would have been afraid to kill Him, the people (all humanity) would not have wholeheartedly kept His sayings neither His commandments. If He had convinced them that He was and is God, they then knew He would have known all evil thoughts and intentions. The people would have been afraid to even think of bringing harm to him.

⁹Finally, “...if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain...And if Christ be not

raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins...if the dead rise not? Let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.” (1 Corinthians 15:12-32)

TWO

¹⁰A **third** reason why Jesus did not clearly, plainly and publicly said that He was God was because of how demanding, laid-back and lazy we humans would become.

¹¹God showed us a very disturbing picture of ourselves in Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers for how we respond to a sustaining God, who meets **all** of our (sinful humanity's) needs, especially, our greatest need of food, water, clothes and shelter.

After subsequently convincing and proving to be their GOD, what did they still end up doing? Similarly, this is what the people would have ended up doing in Jesus' day had He proven to them He was and is God?

¹²God in the Old Testament was so undeniably clear and plain that He was God of the universe; yet look at what the children of Israel did afterwards. (Keep in mind that Goshen was where the children of Israel resided. See Genesis 45:10, Exodus 8:22 and 9:26.)

¹³God smote the river and it became blood in all Egypt except in Goshen (the Egyptians had to travel to Goshen if they wanted water); He covered Egypt with frogs except Goshen; He turned the dust to lice in all Egypt except Goshen; He smote the Egyptians with swarms of flies that practically covered them (The Egyptian's only escape from this torture was to travel to Goshen. Imagine each time you open your mouth to eat, several flies enter along with the food); He killed all of Egypt's cattle

that were left in the fields; boils cover all of the Egyptians and not any of the Jews were affected (traveling to Goshen did not protect them from this plague); He sent a hail storm in Egypt; He sent locusts that covered Egypt and destroyed their crops; God send thick darkness that was felt for three days and there were absolutely no light in Egypt, neither light that is humanly created like fire (no one left their home as a result); God killed all first born sons in Egypt (fleeing to Goshen was no escape from this plague).

¹⁴God faithfully (even though they were a very rebellious people) fed them with angel food (manna) in the wilderness; God led them by day and by night from the sky (a cloud by day and fireball at night); God opened up the sea and Israel went through it on DRY ground; God drown all of Pharaoh's army who dared to follow His people through the sea; God provided water in the dry wilderness for all to drink; God preserved their shoes and clothes that did not wear out; God conquered and defeated the Amalekites before their very own eyes. The people ALL heard the frightening voice of God and were very much afraid; they begged to hear His instructions from Moses instead because of how strong, powerful and fearful His voice sounded.

¹⁵Now after all of these visible and audible events as proof of God's demonstration of who He was and His great and mighty powers, the children of Israel still turned their backs on Him, rebelled and wanted to return to Egypt (a type of the world, bondage and slavery). After all God's displays of His great and mighty powers, in Exodus 32:4-5, they "...made...a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." They all part-took of a feast dedicated to this molten god afterwards.

¹⁶For further proof that these people represented all humans, even us, all of us living today, let's briefly look at the wisest man to ever live second to Jesus. He witnessed the power of God with his own eyes and yet still turned his back on Him

and began worshipping idols. (1 Kings 11:4-12)

¹⁷Do you think Jesus' claim to be God would have changed the minds of the people if all of the events above occurred when He was upon the earth? It would have to some degree, but their wicked and sinful habits still would have been present. The people would have believed Him after proving Himself but dare not try to kill Him; even entertaining the thought of doing so because He would be all-knowing. Instead, they would not have obeyed all of His commandments, but followed their own lustful ways at times.

¹⁸The Children of Israel were very laid-back because they saw what God can do for them and only followed His instructions out of fear of death or becoming an outcast, (or excommunicated) if they didn't follow them. Also, they enjoyed all the easy benefits and prestige for being a part of God's great nation that was protected by Him and feared by all surrounding nations. Their arrogance and pride were so out of control until their council and mindset caused all of them (with exception of only two persons) to die in the wilderness.

¹⁹This is a general sin problem with humanity which is why the Bible said, if a man does not work, he should not eat. (2Thes. 3:10) If God supplied our needs without us making any effort to do it ourselves, we all would become lazy, complacent and very demanding.

²⁰We appreciate what we have more, when we work hard or suffer hard to painfully acquire it, than if it was just given to us free on a platter, so to speak. We see this lazy and laid-back attitude when the spies brought back their evil report of the Promised Land. Because they just wanted God to destroy the people of the land and give the land to them on a silver platter, they brought up an evil report so that they, neither their children nor their wives had to face war or hard work to get it.

²¹**For proof it was just simply laziness**, look at what they did after Moses said what he did in Num. 14:22-39. They knew God was able to deliver the land to them but because their needs and demands were met in the wilderness, creating a lazy and laid-back attitude, they did not want to fight or work hard

for anything afterwards. It was only after God passed judgment on them, out of the fear of not entering the Promised Land, they raced forward to fight. (See, Num. 14:40-45.) When it was too late to change God's mind, in essence, many of them boldly stood out and said with God's help, we can do it; we can defeat them. After many of these lazy complainers charged forward to fight, they were defeated and lost their lives as a result.

²²Because of their (including all of us) sinful personal value mindset, God wanted them to work hard, sweat to some degree and feel the aches and pain of acquiring the Promised Land. Yes indeed, God gave it to them; but they can also claim that they fought along with God to physically and mentally own it as theirs. If He had just destroyed the people of the land and gave it to them without having them to fight for it, then they would NOT have been possessive as they became over their land; even as their mindsets are today in the Middle East. Also, later, they may have freely given it away to others. It would have been an "Easy come; easy go!" kind of attitude.

²³Even though their land was eventually invaded and taken over by heathen nations, they did not freely give it away. Therefore, God then justifiably or rightfully reclaimed it for them. If they had freely given it away, then it was **legitimately**, no longer theirs; they would have had to then buy it back from the heathens.

²⁴We see this attitude many times in our children: giving them something instead of having them work hard and sweat to get it. Most things that come about on a free platter are not cherished as much as things that were acquired through pain, suffering or simply working hard for it. Generally, it is taken care of or lasts much longer than things freely received where there was no price paid to earn it.

THREE

²⁵Welcome, to our sinfully natural and habitual mindset! To all of them (the people who Moses lead through the wilderness), even to all of us (including this writer) who are here alive this day as the people were in Jesus' day;

with very few of us, (for example: Job as described in Job 1:8) being exceptions.

²⁶What further proof Israel needed to demonstrate and prove that Jesus was indeed their God after seeing and hearing all the miracles that were performed. Was it a laid-back or a “don’t-care” kind of attitude towards God? Proverbs 9:10 says: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom...” They had no fear for Jesus (this very young, “poor” and “uneducated” young man); their immunity towards a reverential fear for Him and the great and mighty power displayed by Him, was evident.

²⁷For further proof of our sin problem towards a sustaining, a mighty and powerful God, look at the children of Israel’s response the next day towards God in Number 16:41-42. After **the ground opened up** and swallowed or consumed Korah and 250 princes, the people came up against Moses; but they knowingly and conscientiously came up against God. Our human nature eventually becomes immune to events and knowledge over time.

²⁸If Jesus had clearly and plainly said He was God and then proved it, what kind of request do you think the people would have demanded of Him? If He had ignored their demands, how do you think over time, they would have responded to Him?

Jesus gave twenty-nine effective parables to clearly illustrate and explain important lessons. Therefore, this writer will present below important stories to clearly illustrate the sinful nature that is within all of us and that causes all of us to do what we do. (Jeremiah 17:9, said, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”) These stories are to show us what we would have done if we were also present when Jesus came to the planet and had claimed and convinced us that He was and is God. They are also soul-searching exercises.

Your mother or someone you love dearly!

²⁹She worked hard and got you where you are today. If it wasn’t for her hard work, dedication and endurance, you would not have

been in the comfortable financial position that you found yourself in today. All because of a hard-working and dedicated mother. In your view, she is the most wonderful person in the world. If you could, you would have promoted her as such; around the world; her name would have been written across the skies.

³⁰Suddenly, one day she became very ill with a terminal disease that was consuming her body. She is fifty years old; still very energetic and with lots more life. You wept out loud and like a baby because you will soon be without her presence and cannot accept the fact of not having her ever again in this life; you cannot live without her.

³¹You prayed to God (Jesus Christ) the one who hears all prayers and who lives in Jerusalem, the Holy City. Your prayers seem to go on deaf ears; there is no healing and no response from Him. You quickly traveled to Jerusalem and on your knees you enter into His presence begging Him to heal your mother because she is dying and will be dead in just a matter of days. To your total shock, Jesus said, **“There will not be any healing for her at this time; but my grace is sufficient for you as strength.”**

³²Later, she painfully suffered greatly and died. You wept uncontrollably and bitterly. The pain of losing her was too great to bear. How will you handle this? If Jesus wanted to heal her, He could have; just by speaking the words. He healed many persons daily, even on the day you were in His presence begging for the healing of your mother; but He declined to do so for her; but did for others. He even raised the dead on several occasions but not her. The thoughts of hate for Him slowly began taking roots inside of you. You almost cannot help it, but, fight this emotional enemy. Then finally and **naturally**, it consumes your thoughts, your whole being and you never want to see or hear from Jesus again. No! Never! He was responsible for her death you thought because He could have healed her if He wanted to but didn’t. He denied your request (your demand).

³³What you were unaware of was what your mother did to get both you and her to your current financial status. **(Also, the wicked things she would do in the future that only**

Jesus could know and see.) She destroyed the marriages of wealthy men; she seduced them with her beauty and body, and then blackmailed them; she was a terror in her early days to get to the top; she lied and stole money when the opportunities arose; she did many wicked things to others before turning over a “new leaf.” But this was only done after amassing great wealth and having you. Now the sowing and reaping law has come; she now has to pay for what she did in her youthful days.

³⁴You are not aware of all of this but Jesus is and He says nothing about it to you. You are completely blown away by Jesus’ response and left His presence greatly depressed. (As is written in John 6:60, “...**This is a hard saying; who can hear it?**”) What do you think the average person would do? What would they believe afterwards? What would they say after this? (You the reader need to seriously think deep here: The statement Jesus made in the story above would have destroyed the natural man’s faith and wiped out any future possibilities of following Him.) As far as you are concerned, your mother was the most perfect person on the planet besides Jesus; and you strongly believe this.

³⁵This type of problem will become frequent that would turn many away from Jesus no matter how many miracles He did. (See King Asa in 2 Chronicles 16:12 for proof of this. After everything God did for the king, in his exceedingly great disease, he did not seek the LORD but the physicians until his own death.)

³⁶Imagine, people approaching Jesus knowing He could raise loved ones from the dead and back to life because He did it for many others and is still doing it. They humbly request that He do so for their loved ones, but, to their shocking surprise, He declined. What do you think many of us would do? You may say that you will humbly accept Jesus’ response; but seriously, do you think you would? Many of us would turn our backs on Jesus and never look to Him again for anything because He did not raise our loved ones from the dead or grant us our request (truthfully, our demands). You would begin thinking: He is doing it for others, but not for us.

³⁷Humanity usually resort to what God can do and therefore worship and follow Him as a result. But if He does not respond to our request (demand), our sinful nature usually manifest’s itself causing most of us to never approach Him for anything again. **Some of us would even publicly protest against His decisions.** When protesting, He may then have to step forward and destroy thousands of lives just to bring about order to things that must occur as prophetically recorded in scriptures.

³⁸Remember there would still be greed, lust and pride in all of us (which are the foundation of all our sin problems). Sin would still rain in our lives. No humans would escape God’s wrath over time. Eventually, sooner or later and on the spur of the moment, our sinful nature would somehow discharge whether small or great exposing us to God’s wrath. (For proof, see what happened to Moses for simply striking the rock instead of speaking to it which resulted from a built-up of anger towards the people in Num. 20:7-12.)

“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” (Psalm 14:1)

³⁹This writer knows a woman who actually turned her back on God only because one night, her **grandson** was killed about 2 am in the morning. It happened in a place where he should not have been. His parents always allowed him to come home any time of the night after drinking, nightclubbing, partying and enjoying the pleasures of the flesh. He staggers’ home when his flesh was satisfied and his own greedy desires were fulfilled.

⁴⁰Because she was very active in the church she attended thinking that God should have protected her grandson **as a result**, when he got killed, she blamed his death on God. **(Active in church does not truly mean that you are a born-again Christian. Also, it does not mean that you or your loved ones are protected from evil consequences. We need to just look at what happened to Jesus.)**

⁴¹When this writer spoke with her, she claimed that she had renounced her belief in God and began searching for comfort from Hinduism, Buddha, Atheism; etc., anything else

except the God of the universe. If God spared not His own Son (Rom. 8:32) but delivered Him up for us all, then who is this foolish woman (or all of us) accusing God for something she (or all of us) inadvertently caused? Who is this fool that accused God without knowledge?

⁴²This type of reasoning is happening among us today; even now! Imagine then if Jesus had revealed Himself as God and proven it, our demands to feed our very own selfish desires would be prevalent. We would expect him to perform everything we request or demand that appears to be “good” in our own opinion; and if He doesn’t, our attitudes would change towards Him.

The forgiving power of God versus the forgiving weakness of men.

⁴³Jim murdered several members of Roy’s family (his wife, daughter and only son); all of them before his very own eyes. The pain of witnessing and remembering their deaths was unbearable and brings about mourning for days that never seem to end. One day Jim regretfully acknowledges his crime and is deeply saddened by what he had done. He was young at the time and it was on the spur of the moment to get rich, avoid prison and to enjoy the pleasures of the flesh.

⁴⁴He then without any persuasion from others or fear of losing his own life, approach Jesus and acknowledge and confesses his terrible crime. He also presented himself to the family of the victims and requested from them to administer on him the punishment they thought would fit his crime and what he deserved. The memories of it hunted him for days which caused a sincere and serious confession for forgiveness from Jesus. Jesus granted Him the request and sent him free on his way. The question is: **How would you respond to this action of Jesus? How do you think the people would respond to it?**

⁴⁵You the reader may say that God would never forgive him for what was done. But this forgiving power of God can only be genuinely carried out by Him; and rarely by us naturally; only somewhat on the basis of a command from Him to love and forgive your enemies.

⁴⁶In scripture, no one had sunk deep in sin as King Manasseh in 2 kings 21. His sins were so deep and widespread, it corrupted the entire nation of Judah; thousands of babies were murdered as a result. God refused to forgive Judah as a nation because of what Manasseh did. Nevertheless, He personally forgave the king but Judah was eventually, completely destroyed because of what he did as king. (Jer. 15:4, Eze. 14:14, 20)

“...he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries...” (Deu. 32:43)

⁴⁷Imagine, sometime after convincing the Jews He was God, the religious leaders quickly came to Jesus and said, “Caesar, just invaded a northern village of our people and murdered over 500 of them; some of whom are related to us; women and children; everyone massacred. What shall we do?” Jesus then very calmly said: **“My grace is sufficient and is strength for you; leave Him alone; his day will come!”** How do you think the people will all respond to His answer? What do you think they will do afterwards? It occurs to them that Jesus will do nothing to resolve the problem.

⁴⁸We all fail at times to comprehend God’s ways and timing which is far different from ours. Sinful humans are programmed to respond immediately (or revenge their adversaries right-away). NOW! Not later!

⁴⁹You then leave His presence greatly disappointed with His response. You may begin wondering whether He is indeed God or Satan in disguise. This may have been exactly how some of the leaders were thinking when Herod the king killed John the Baptist and Jesus did not retaliate (like Samson or David “naturally” did towards the enemies of the LORD).

⁵⁰God sometime responds immediately; other times He responds sometime later; all because He has a specific agenda. He knows the future and everything rises and fall according to His will and not ours.

A public protest or an uprising against Jesus.

⁵¹Imagine two of the religious leaders abruptly came before Jesus and said, Master, the Roman Soldiers had just raided Caiaphas' the High Priest home, killing him his wife and all his children. What must we do about it? But Jesus just simply went into another room and prayed. How do you think the religious leaders would react to this supposed "laid-back" kind of response or approach? No-doubt, these leaders were unaware that the high Priest may have had a dark side. He murdered several high-ranking officials during his priestly office defiling his duties in the temple. Jesus knew but withheld this information from them at the time.

⁵²However, we humans would demand answers from Jesus; and if they are not provided, an uprising would be fast-approaching.

Getting fired or being demoted.

⁵³Imagine Jesus removing the positions of all the religious leaders and replacing them with His disciples who were according to the religious leader's standards, uneducated or unlearned fishermen. They were men who did not go to the universities; men who don't have educational degrees behind their names; men who don't have any leadership credentials and skills; men who cannot speak well or eloquently. How do you think the religious leaders would respond to their very humbling experience?

God moved into a single-room apartment next to yours but you did not know who He was. What if you had known who He was?

⁵⁴A very young gentleman moved into a one-room wooden structure 12 feet by 12 feet, next to you with nothing inside for daily sustenance (bed, cooler, mini portable stove burner, dishes, eating utensils, etc.); absolutely nothing but just a shelter and blankets on the floor to rest and sleep. Early, every morning he

gets up and for long hours pray until sometimes someone disturbs him for something important.

⁵⁵This is a very poor neighborhood but for some reason based on his visitors, he may be an important person. Nevertheless, he lived in poverty next to you. After a few years of this consistent lifestyle, one day, you were curious and decided to discretely follow him on his daily routine. To your shocking surprise, he heals the sick, he feeds those who are hungry, opens the eyes of the blind, heals all form of diseases and even raises the dead.

⁵⁶However, there is one thing that is very puzzling to you and that is he never wants to be recognized as someone great. He never wants to be followed home or let people know where he lives. He always talks about his father and wants everyone he heals to honor, glorify and praise his father instead of himself for the miracles he performs. Then when his daily work is all over at night time he retires to his place next to your poverty-stricken home. Somehow, he is always successful with slipping away undetected through the crowds to make his way back home for the night.

⁵⁷What do you think you would do? How do you think you would respond to this person? Do you think you would always be his friend because of what he can do or because he is just a next-door neighbor?

⁵⁸One day you get up in the morning and without any prior notice, he never returned. He is no longer there and you never see him again. He just simply left without a trace. Rumors in the neighborhood then started spreading quickly: your poverty-stricken neighbor was God in human flesh. You are blown away. He was extremely wealthy; He created all things including you; He created wealth, etc. You are in total shock and awe because he lived next door for a few years.

⁵⁹If you had only known like everyone else; you would have been with him everywhere he went. You would have truly been there for the constant flow of free food, prestige, wealth and recognition. If you had only known he could have provided you with all of your daily needs instead of begging and looking for them; instead of going out and menially working to maintain your food, clothes

and shelter supply to survive. If you had only known, you would have been always with him only because He could have met all of your daily needs. Not just you but everyone around you would do the same. Only if you had known!

⁶⁰You then realized that **if he had publicly promoted and proved himself as God, he would have been enthroned by great crowds (people from all nations), swarming him twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week (24, 7); not giving him as a human any time to rest, sleep, have his quiet times or eat. It would be chaos.**

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

⁶¹There were times when Jesus made comments that proved who He was by the very notable responses from His interrogators. (For example, John 8:12-59)

⁶²How would listeners of those who would only follow Him because of what He can do for them respond to Jesus’ claim of being God? According to New Testament scriptures, Jesus wanted to establish a faith-love-based relationship; not just a “what He can do” kind of relationship. As we again look at what happened with the children of Israel in the wilderness; we see that because He proved to them, He was their God, they never built in their minds a faith-love relationship for Him. (Heb. 3:7-19, 4:1-3) Instead, it was a “what God can do for me” kind of mindset or attitude. If He didn’t meet their demands, then they would have simply turned their backs on Him.

⁶³Jesus said unto the people in John 6:26 that followed Him after He performed a miracle they all were attracted to: **“...Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but**

because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.”

FOUR

⁶⁴In the Old Testament, we see where God in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy introduced a command-authoritarian kind of relationship with His people. If they refuse to obey Him and His commandments, there would be serious consequences: this meant punishment by excommunication, suffering or death to persons not in compliance. Even though this was a strong type of deterrent to encourage the people not to step out of line so to speak, over time they still ended up ignoring all of His commandments and did what their sinful desires lead them to do.

⁶⁵In the New Testament, we see where Jesus introduced a faith-love base type of relationship to all people. **To help humanity with this process, He possesses their bodies with His Spirit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance, to all those who placed their trust in Him.**

What happens when someone is born-again?

⁶⁶The Old Testament **Ten** Commandment Laws were **fulfilled** (repackaged and renamed) in the New Testament **One** Commandment law that says: **“ye MUST be BORN AGAIN!”** (John 3:7) So then why obedience to these laws are no longer required when the individual is born-again? The answer is: because when true New Birth experience (born-again) occurs, several things happen. One of which is: **“God Possession!”** (John 14:16-17, 26; 1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19-20; 2 Tim 1:14) The person becomes **GOD POSSESSED!** As a result, the person began radiating the fruits of the Holy Spirit which “...is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,

gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: **against such there is no law.**" (Galatians 5:22-23)

⁶⁷Like "**demon possession**," where the evil spirit causes victims to uncontrollably do things against their will, the opposite is true with the Christian where "**God possession**" causes the believer to automatically radiate all the fruits of God's indwelling Holy Spirit and at the same time allow them (**God possessed** believers) their own free will.

⁶⁸A demon whose stronghold is lust, his victim will **radiate** an uncontrollable lustful behavior; if the demon stronghold is lying, his victim will become a compulsive liar; the same is true with theft, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, murder, disobedience, etc. On-the-other-hand, if **the fruit of God's Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance**, (Galatians 5:22-23) after **God possession** (after conversion or the new birth: born-again), the born-again believer will **radiate** these attributes of God's Holy Spirit which is why II Corinthians 5:17 said what it did. ("Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.") If you (or someone you know) do not display these qualities of God's Spirit, then God is not living inside; there is/was no new birth: born-again. Examine yourself!

⁶⁹Ephesians 5:9 says: "For the fruit of the Spirit is in **ALL** goodness and righteousness and truth." What does this verse mean? What does "in all goodness," "in all righteousness" and "in all truth," mean? Certainly, it DID NOT say, neither did it mean "**in all things that are.**" It said, in all goodness, righteousness and truth. This simply meant that because the fruit of the Spirit is EVERYTHING or **ALL** (no more and no less) that is good; **ALL** that is righteous and **ALL** that is truth, there is really no need for anything else. Once you **internally** have the fruit of the Spirit you have **ALL** the GOODNESS, **ALL** the RIGHTEOUSNESS AND **ALL** the TRUTH you will ever need. Everything inclusive! Everything you need! No need for anything else! No further need for any **external** laws.

⁷⁰This brings us to the **fourth** reason why Jesus did not clearly, plainly and publicly say He was God.

⁷¹When someone goes around bragging about who he or she is, this does not come across in a positive light to others. This writer knew the son of a very wealthy and well-known person who would go around in social groups and gatherings and market himself as the wealthy and well-known person's son just to get status, recognition, respect, "worship," reverence, attract women, etc.

⁷²Jesus "...Who, being...equal with God...made himself of no reputation...took upon him the form of a servant...he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Phil 2:5-8) Yet, at times for the record, He made statements or comments that one can evidently claim that He must be, claim to be or can only be God by these statements.

⁷³God wants a free-will, faith-love base type of relationship and not one that is falsely displayed out of fear as was the case with the Children of Israel in the wilderness. An example of this is revealed in the following story.

GOD wants a FAITH-LOVE relationship with His children and NOT one that is falsely displayed out of fear.

⁷⁴David never revealed who his parents were to no one, neither his best friend. He lived on campus, keeping his identity a secret and literally experiencing college struggles like other students: working on campus to help pay his tuition; owing or borrowing funds from friends and paying them back shortly afterwards. No one suspected that his actions were abnormal for the type of person he was. One day as both he and a very close friend name Jonathan were traveling in David's car, driving to town to do a little shopping, he received a very urgent call causing a very concerned look on his face. David had to quickly turn the car around, changing plans

and drove in the opposite direction. (His car was small, economical and several years old with several mechanical issues along with scraps and dents around its body.)

⁷⁵David told Jonathan he had to make an emergency trip to the airport and to his parent's home and cancel shopping until another day. Jonathan agreed with no problem going for the ride. Because time was of the essence, David had forty-five minutes to get critical documents from the airport and deliver them home to his father. There was absolutely no way along the route (neither a familiar place nearby) of dropping Jonathan off until he returns to pick him up. There was no legitimate explanation he could use for the drop-off in an unknown location with the pickup being almost two hours later. Jonathan was his best friend and to do such a thing would have resulted in a strain on the relationship. Therefore, in David's mind, Jonathan had to go for the ride and hopefully keep his discovery a secret.

⁷⁶David arrived at the airport and effortlessly drove through a security gate and headed to a private jet that had just arrived and parked. David quickly parked the car next to the jet, came out of the car and ran to the jet while its door was opening to welcome him. He collected a large envelope, thanked the pilot who closed the jet door and proceeded to run back to the car. David threw the envelope in the back seat and sped off exiting the airport security gate as fast as he entered it.

⁷⁷Jonathan was stunned and began asking questions. David avoided the questions and promised to answer them all, later. Jonathan then allowed David to switch the conversation that led them to talk about an incident that happened earlier on the college campus.

⁷⁸After about thirty minutes of racing through traffic, David turned off the highway and drove towards the entrance to an exclusive wealthy neighborhood that many persons talked about but never had the privilege of visiting. Jonathan just casually heard over the years, magazines and rumors claimed that all of the houses built in this area started from 20 million dollars and up. The security gate quickly opened and David raced through blowing his car horn as he drove past security. After about

10 minutes of maneuvering behind, next to and in front of very luxury cars, he finally stopped at the gate of a huge palace Jonathan never thought existed in this area; it was never seen in any of the magazines. (Jonathan estimated it to be no less than 100 to 200 million dollars, just by looking at the outside alone.) David repeated to Jonathan to please save all of his questions for when he was driving back to the university's campus.

⁷⁹Again, David sped through the gates and park his car in one of the garages that were vacant but next to several very expensive-looking luxury cars. Jonathan also noticed that there was a helicopter parked on the property but later learned that the pilots were not within the area and could not have made the trip in time. David then turned to Jonathan and asked him if he could wait in the car for a few minutes; he will be back as quickly as possible. Jonathan agreed to stay in the car and the air-conditioning was left on. Upon opening the car door, an elderly gentleman came to the car along with a very large and well-fed dog that came jumping on David making dog noises as though he knew him and as to say he missed him and was happy to see him again.

⁸⁰Instead of handing the envelope package to the man, David ran from the garage and up the stairway to the front entrance of the palace with the dog running closely behind him. He disappeared as the front door quickly opened where he and the dog went inside. During the short time David was gone, Jonathan felt humbled as he looked around him and at all the "dripping" scenes of luxury that surrounded him in the garage. There were now lots of questions waiting to be asked as soon as David returns to the car.

⁸¹After about seven minutes, David returned to the car, with a worried look on his face. He began speaking before Jonathan asks any questions. David said, "Jonathan, can you promise me something?" Jonathan said, "What?" David said, "That you will not mention to anyone what I did at the airport or at this residence?" He continued: "Please, can you keep it a secret and tell no one, especially students or faculty at the university until after graduation which is to occur in seven months?"

Furthermore, would you continue to treat me the same as you have always done?"

⁸²Johnathan was very curious and asked, "Why it was so important to keep this a secret? Is this where you live? Are the occupants of this palace your family? Was that your father's jet at the airport? Are these his cars? Why are you not driving one of them instead? David, are your family wealthy? How come no one at school has any clue of this? You drive a cheap small car that is mashed in a few places; you wear clothes and shoes that are not brand names; you borrowed money from your friends to help pay your bills which of course, you pay back. You work on the college compound to help pay your bills. You went hungry several times during our friendship and I loan you some money to buy groceries; monies you paid back when you made sufficient from the school, to do so.

⁸³Why did you put yourself through all of what you went through? You did not have to live the way you did? Why did you kept your personal secret and not reveal them to me? If your father did not have this emergency, I would have probably never known this because you were very good at hiding your true identity. I would have never known your parents were awfully rich. Why David? Why did you hide this from your best friend?"

⁸⁴David looked down somewhat sorry and humbly said, "**I kept it a secret because I did not want you as my friend because of what I had or what I can do for you. I wanted you to be a true friend to me and not treat me any different from anyone else.** Please Jonathan, this is so important to me; I really do not want you to expose who I am until after graduation. Can you promise you will keep it a secret without even giving a hint that my parents are very wealthy?" Jonathan promised he wouldn't and began asking questions about what he had seen so far. David then quickly asks Jonathan if their conversation can be directed on something else and not on anything he saw until after graduation. Jonathan agreed and they left David's parents' residence.

A false and superficial request to God.

⁸⁵This writer knows a woman who went on a trip by plane to another country. The plane got into very bad weather and began rocking, almost out of control. Most of the people on board began crying; some of them even screaming including this woman. For fear of death from a possible plane crash, she began praying to God with all of her might; begging and pleading with Him to save her and the plane. She went as far as making lots of promises to Him. If He would save the plane and her life, she would turn over a new chapter in her life and begin serving Him.

⁸⁶This promise was loudly repeated over and over again as she wept. Fate had it that the pilots managed to maintain control of the airplane and land it safely at the airport. The woman practically kissed the ground when she exited the plane and went about her usual self. That night she had quickly forgotten all of her promises (the things she prayed to God for) and continued her vile and partying lifestyle.

⁸⁷This woman's heart was not sincere. She only made these promises out of fear and not out of true love for God.

⁸⁸The truth of the matter is that if God demanded an authoritarian type of relationship of submission; or suffer and die. Many of us would have sooner or later, **tried in secret** to do the things we wanted to do and disobey the things God wanted us to do. If this was not possible without God knowing about it, we then would have always been complaining to ourselves on why is God controlling our lives and not allowing us to control our own lives. We would have eventually complained to Him that we want to do what we wish, not what He wants us to do. This attitude is clearly seen throughout the Old Testament scripture.

⁸⁹Jesus wants a faith-love-based relationship with us and not an authoritarian-based kind of relationship that is very often falsely displayed from fear of non-compliant consequences. If man had not killed Jesus; instead made Him King of the planet, then an authoritarian type of relationship would have existed between humanity and God as is recorded in many places in scripture. (More on Page 13 | Why Jesus did not clearly say He was God

this in the document called, “**What would have happened if Jesus Christ didn’t die?**” found at www.apublicviewing.com.) Over time, neither of us would have survived or complied totally for very long periods of time. Sooner or later because of our sin problem, our relationship with God would eventually fall apart temporarily or even permanently.

⁹⁰Jesus, therefore, came to fix this problem. He took care of our sins which no longer required a blood sacrifice. (He paid our sin debt; conquered death; will change our bodies from mortal to immortality; He will then destroy evil completely (casting it into the Lake of Fire; remembering it no more, forever). What happened with Lucifer and the one-third of angels who were cast down from heaven with him, (Rev. 12:7-9) will never reoccur; sin will never manifest itself again.

⁹¹According to scripture, this is the way He will restart a new creation with us (a new heaven and a new earth) that will never know evil or sin again; never, ever again in all eternity.

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⁹²A **fifth** and final reason why Jesus did not clearly, plainly and publicly said He was God was because of the Father-Son relationship status He established.

⁹³God created the family model as one of the few components used to redeem man back to Himself. The family model consists of a father (man), a mother (woman), and from both of them together, a child (also, children or **adopted children**). Christians became adopted children as a result and therefore “...heirs of God, and **joint-heirs** with Christ...” as stated in Romans 8:15-17. As such, we can now **legally** and correctly address God as Father, my Father or our Father as Jesus did. We are then no longer called servants, but sons or children of God in Galatians 4:1-7; **never slaves!** (In reality, slaves are **NOT automatic** heirs; biological and/or adopted children are.)

⁹⁴In Leviticus 25:39-46 and 1 Kings 9:22, the children of God were **COMMANDED** never to be called, sold or treated as slaves.

They were slaves once in Egypt, but were never supposed to become or return to slavery again. Slavery and freedom from it are a type or pattern of Salvation: a freedom from the slavery of sin.

⁹⁵Jesus as the Son did not want to display a father and son authority as being equal. This does not sit well with fathers, sons (and daughters) or adopted children in the authority structure He established or in reality. Instead, all sons ought to be in submission or subjection towards their fathers, because authoritative equality between them ought NOT to be so or perceived to be so in the world He created.

⁹⁶This no-doubt was the reason why Jesus did not clearly and plainly say that He was and is God (or the Son of God); even though He was equal with the Father. If He had revealed Himself as God, then the examples and messages He preached relating to the father-son authority structure would have somewhat collapsed in the minds of His listeners. It would have somewhat diluted this most important teaching among the people. Revealing He was equal with God (even though He sometimes did which was **ONLY** publicly revealed later in written form) would have somewhat weakened His Father-Son messages and therefore ruined a Father-adopted son lesson. A relationship towards a father from a son ought to be seen as true love, obedience, respect, submission, subjection, etc.

⁹⁷As a result of Jesus’ intended family mission (Father, Son and adopted children becoming heirs) and to successfully carry it out, if He had said, “I am God!” (or “I am the Son of God!”), what do you think it would do to God’s established Father-Son relationship concept in the minds of his listening audience?

⁹⁸This would have affected His salvation message somewhat in the minds of Christians who are **born-again** into the **family of God** and are no longer servants but **Children of God; joint-heirs with His Son**.

⁹⁹Remember, Jesus became the Son (Heb. 1:5) and was portraying and demonstrating all attributes of a son towards his father. Therefore, **He wants us to do the same to the Father**. He wanted us to display

and live the same examples as He did towards His Father if we are to be children of God. (This is like a husband saying, “Yes ma’am” or “No ma’am” to his wife’s questions so as to teach his children as they grow up to say “yes ma’am or “no ma’am” to them out of respect and to all their elders.)

¹⁰⁰Notice how Jesus strangely prayed to the Father but, His disciples are not recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke neither John as doing the same thing. This showed us that as long as He was physically present with them there was no need to pray (**neither fast** as is mentioned in Luke 5:33-35); only when He went back to heaven was when scripture recorded them as praying to the Father. For more information on this, read the document called: **“Evidence of Jesus (God) being conceived Human with zero wisdom, knowledge and understanding,”** at: www.apublicviewing.com.

As The Son, Jesus demonstrated true love, obedience, submission and subjection towards The Father.

¹⁰¹Now, as a 100% human and the Son of God, everything He did was either by the Father or the Father authorized Him to use His power and abilities including performing miracles on His own. Also, we see that **all through the four gospels of the New Testament, Jesus clearly demonstrated a son’s relationship and reverence towards his father with TRUE obedience, submission, deep respect, honor, etc; in other words, this is the way all sons (and daughters) relationship with fathers ought to be.**

¹⁰²For example, Jesus said repeatedly throughout the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, “my Father gave me the authority;” “my Father’s will;” “I do the will of my Father;” “my Father sent me;” “I do what my Father does;” “I honour my Father;” “my Father taught

me;” “my Father appointed me;” **“my Father is greater than I.”**

¹⁰³Even those who are fathers, **love** it when they hear their little kids honoring them to others this way: my father is this; my father is that; my dad said this; my dad said that; my dad is my hero; etc., etc. Think of how God the Father (**who took on all attributes of Fatherhood**) felt, hearing these remarks from the Son (who the very same day as is mentioned in Hebrews 1:5, took on all attributes of a son).

¹⁰⁴The office of a son towards his father was designed by God to always be one that is in submission and subjection but not equal in authority. We see this in many scriptures including the fifth commandment given by God at Exodus 20:12. Therefore, as a result, Jesus was a perfect example of His role as a son towards his father.

¹⁰⁵(The, “my Father is greater than I” statement above found at John 14:28 is basically using the same comment Joseph used in Genesis 39:9. He said, “There is none **greater** in this house **than I**,” referring to His employee’s or corporate position because he was indeed wiser, more intelligent, more knowledgeable than his employer. In Jesus’ case, the statement referred to His family or Sonship’s position. Remember that Joseph was a type or pattern of Christ. As a result, all fathers can appreciate what Jesus said at John 5:19.)

¹⁰⁶Can sons achieve greatness far beyond that of their father? King David’s son Solomon, became greater than his father in wisdom, knowledge and understanding; greater in strength and the most powerful king during his days; greater in riches and wealth; feared and well respected by surrounding nations who were once his father’s enemies; well known among the kings of the earth. David was greater (his family position as father) than his son, but his son became greater than him even though both of them were biologically equal. Imagine then if Jesus had clearly and publicly claimed to be the Son of God what this would have meant to the religious leaders? Look at what they went to do in the surrounding verses of John 10:36.

¹⁰⁷The scientific method of DNA **proves** that both biological father and son are from the same **substance**, therefore, making them equal. In John 5:17-18, the Jews perceived this very well which was why they tried to kill Jesus for calling God His Father. Nevertheless, the point here is that because Jesus Christ was the **“only begotten Son of the Father”** who was **legally conceived through the human channel of conception and birth**, this, therefore, made Him equal in **substance** with His Father.

CONCLUSION

¹⁰⁸Summarized below are the five reasons given above on why Jesus did not clearly, plainly and publicly claimed to be God. They are as follows:

1 If Jesus had claimed to be God without publicly proving it, very early into His ministry, the Jews would have stoned Him to death if it was possible, then His messages along with miracles He did would **not** have been heard or performed and therefore not **written**. [P02]

2 If Jesus had claimed to be God and provided convincing and undeniable proof, the people would NOT have killed Him and as a result, we would all still be in our sins. All animal sacrifices in the Old Testament would have been in vain. Our salvation through Christ's death, burial and resurrection for sin would be in vain. We would have still been under Romans 6:23, **“sin death sentence.”** [P03-09]

3 If Jesus had claimed to be God and provided convincing and undeniable proof, the people (including all of us today) would have demanded many things from Him. We all would then become very critical of Him when our nagging needs are not met. Furthermore, we would have developed a very laid-back, lazy attitude with lots of

requests; even publicly protesting at times if our urgently pressing needs are not satisfied. [P10-24]

4 If Jesus had claimed to be God along with convincing and undeniable proof, then most persons would superficially obey His commands and falsely follow Him out of fear. [P64-91]

5 If Jesus had claimed to be God along with convincing and undeniable proof, it would have somewhat confused the father-son (authority figure) perception (or concept) He wanted established in the minds and hearts of His **adopted children**. Keep in mind that if Jesus (the Son) had publicly claimed to be equal in authority to His Father, then this brings confusion to the father-son authority structure He established when He created the first man, Adam. [P92-107]

¹⁰⁹Finally then, as stated earlier, Isaiah 53:7 said (emphasis added): He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet **he opened not his mouth** (meaning publicly revealing to them from **His own mouth**, plainly, that He was and is God.): he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so **he openeth not his mouth** (Again, he did not plainly say He was God; others said and claimed it for Him and He concurred with them.) **If He had, openeth His mouth**, to publicly reveal who He was along with proof, He would have not been brought as a lamb to the slaughter; the people would have been afraid to kill Him.

¹¹⁰**Thank God He didn't reveal Himself outwardly. If He had, we all would still be in our sins and die as a result with no hope of eternal life with Him in heaven. Praise the LORD for His great love, His humility and His great patience towards us.**

For a more **comprehensive** look at Jesus' role as the **Son of God**, read the document called, **“The Physics of understanding GOD...”** at: www.apublicviewing.com.

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