**Unique Claims of the Lord**

**Disciple of Christ - Remember the Unique Claims of the Lord**
A disciple of Christ sometimes needs to remind himself of Who his Lord really is. C.S. Lewis and other great Christian thinkers have summed it up well. Jesus Christ made unique and outrageous claims...

***Jesus claimed the right to receive worship from men and angels*** (Matthew 2:2, 2:8, 2:11, 8:2, 9:18, 14:33, 15:25, 28:9, Mark 5:6, Luke 24:52, John 9:38, and Hebrews 1:6); while the Word of God commands us not to worship man or angel, but God alone (Matthew 4:10, Luke 4:6-8, Acts 10:25-26, 12:20-23, 14:11-16, and Revelation 19:10, 22:8-9).

***Jesus claimed to be sinless*** (John 8:46); while the Word of God tells us that no mere man is without sin (Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Romans 3:10,23).

***Jesus claimed the power to forgive sins*** (Mark 2:5-12; Luke 7:46-50); but the Word of God tells us that only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:7).

***Jesus claimed to be higher than all other ties, including family ties*** -- He claimed the right to a greater allegiance (Matthew 10:37; Luke 14:26).

***Jesus claimed that He would judge the world*** (John 5:17-23; Matthew 7:21-23; 25:31-32).

***Jesus claimed to give eternal life*** (John 6:47-51,58).

***Jesus claimed to be Almighty God, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End*** (John 8:58, 14:8-9; 20:26-29; Also compare, Revelation 1:8,13-18, 21:4-7; 22:6-7,12-16,20).

These claims do not prove that Jesus Christ is God. That's only one of three legitimate options:

* Jesus was a LIAR (He wanted people to think He was God though He really wasn't); or
* Jesus was a LUNATIC (He honestly thought He was God though He really wasn't); or
* Jesus was, and is, sovereign LORD (He was who He claimed to be, God the Son -- God Almighty).

These claims logically rule out the following options:

* Jesus was a good man but not God (if He wasn't God, He was either crazy or a relentless liar).
* Jesus was a great teacher but not God (if He wasn't teaching the truth, He was either crazy or a relentless liar).
* Jesus was a profound prophet but not God (if His claims weren't true, and He was merely a lunatic or a liar, He was certainly nothing more than a false prophet).