

Liar, Lunatic, or God

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John 16:7 (ESV)

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

Hook – Jesus is either Liar, Lunatic, or God!

Jesus has a pretty good reputation worldwide. HE considered a good man with moral teachings. However by Jesus' own mouth being a good man was not an option HE left for us to believe. It is best stated by— C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

“I am trying here **to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing** that people often say about Jesus: (which is) **I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher,** but I don't accept his claim to be God. **That is the one thing we must not say.** A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. **He would either be a lunatic** — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else **he would be the Devil of Hell.** “**You must make your choice.**” Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, **or else a madman** or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, **but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.** He did not intend to.”

Look at what Jesus said:

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The religious Jews new exactly what Jesus said:

John 10:31–33 (ESV)

³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" ³³ **The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."**

As Christians, we cannot casually, intellectually acknowledge Jesus Christ. John clearly declares that Jesus is God. However, we have to make the personal, heart determination. Is Jesus a Liar, Lunatic, or God?

Liar – Says HE is God but does not believe HE is.

Lunatic – Says HE is God, but is not, but HE believes HE is.

God – Says HE is God and HE is God.

I ask you the question. Is Jesus Liar, Lunatic, or God? If God then this is an absolute true statement.

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Look #1 Warning: Christianity without the Holy Spirit is just like secular humanism.

Secular Humanism – Humanist beliefs stress the potential value and goodness of human beings, emphasize common human needs, and seek solely rational ways of solving human problems.

Christian Humanism – Denies the power of the Holy Spirit and like Secular Humanism emphasize common human needs, and seek solely rational ways of solving human problems.

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John 16:13 (ESV)

When **the Spirit of truth** comes, he will **guide you** into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you **the things that are to come**.

Look at what the Apostle Paul says:

1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)

Do you not know that you are **God's temple** and that **God's Spirit dwells in you**?

Look at the Apostle Paul's declaration of the importance of the tools the Holy Spirit gives us to carry out the ministry of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV)

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

LOOK #2 Christianity is empowered by the coming of the person and power of the Holy Spirit. True Christianity is not another form of humanism.

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John 16:23 (ESV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

Look #3 Jesus says, "Whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you."

This statement is more controversial than the Holy Spirit and Speaking in Tongues. I believe to realize this truth of receiving whatever we ask, Christians must embrace the reality of the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. We started off in John 16:7, where Jesus said it was good that HE went away because HE would send us the Holy Spirit. We have the Holy Spirit living in us and empowering us.

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John 16:33 (ESV)

In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Took – Therefore when you face life, when you face the impossible, your first question should be is “Jesus Liar, Lunatic, or God”. Your answer will determine your actions.

Is Jesus Liar, Lunatic, or God? Our decision is that Jesus is God, therefore we believe:

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**As a church we believe the “Holy Spirit” lives in us!
As a church we believe that the “Holy Spirit” gives us gifts of the Spirit. We have a Prophetic Team that believes Jesus is God and is exercising the prophetic gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future!