

Is Jesus Really God?

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BIG IDEA

Jesus does not fit into our map—He fulfills the map Scripture has already drawn. He is Immanuel, God with us.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Genesis 18:1–2,33; 19:24; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Matthew 1:23; 14:33; 28:17; John 1:1,14; 2:19; 5:23; 8:58; 9:38; 10:29–33; 14:9; Romans 6:4; 8:11; Colossians 1:15–20; 2:9; Philippians 2:6; Hebrews 1:3,8; Revelation 1:17; 22:13

1. When you hear the name Immanuel—“God with us”—what emotion rises first: comfort, skepticism, longing, or something else? Why?
 2. Jesus steps into Old Testament patterns where God appears in visible, personal form. How does Genesis 18–19 reshape your understanding of what the one God is capable of?
 3. Many people misread Jesus because their “map” has no category for God stepping into His world. What assumptions in your own worldview might limit your ability to recognize how God shows up?
 4. Jesus’ words in John 10:30, “I and the Father are one,” sparked outrage among monotheistic Jews. What does their reaction reveal about how clearly His claim was understood?
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5. Christians believe that the earliest believers didn’t upgrade Jesus from teacher to deity; they responded to what He said and did. What evidence in the Gospels pushes you toward a definitive conclusion about His identity?
 6. Think about a moment when God felt strangely near—unexpected, unforced. How does the doctrine of “God with us” help you interpret that moment?
 7. If Jesus is truly God-with-us, what changes about the way you pray, especially when you face something that feels impossible or unmoving?
 8. Bring to mind an area of your life that feels beyond repair, too stuck, or too heavy for change. How might believing that God Himself shows up move you beyond resignation and into bold trust?