

Lord, Liar or Lunatic?



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**Did Jesus
Claim To
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© The Son of God -
John 5:16-18



(16) For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. (17) But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." (18) Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 11:27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one

“My Father” in the New Testament

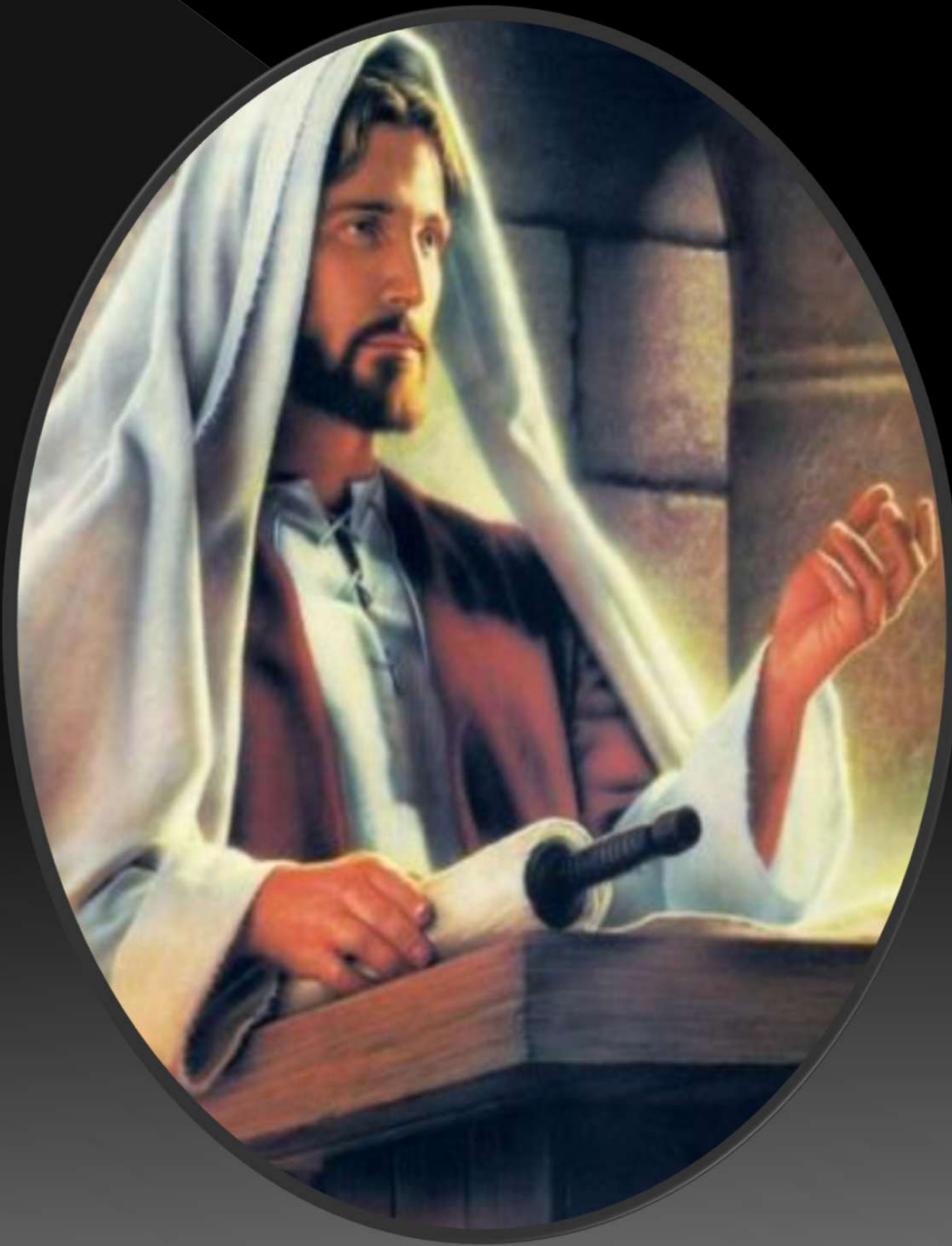
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| Matthew | 15 | 15 |
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(30) I and My Father are one." (31) Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. (32) Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" (33) The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."



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- ◉ He Received Worship As God – Matt 28:9; John 5:23

(Mat 2:11 NKJV) And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

(Mat 8:2 NKJV) And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

(Mat 9:18 NKJV) While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on

“Worshipped Him” in the New Testament

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| Luke | 2 | 2 |
| John | 1 | 1 |
| Revelation | 1 | 1 |

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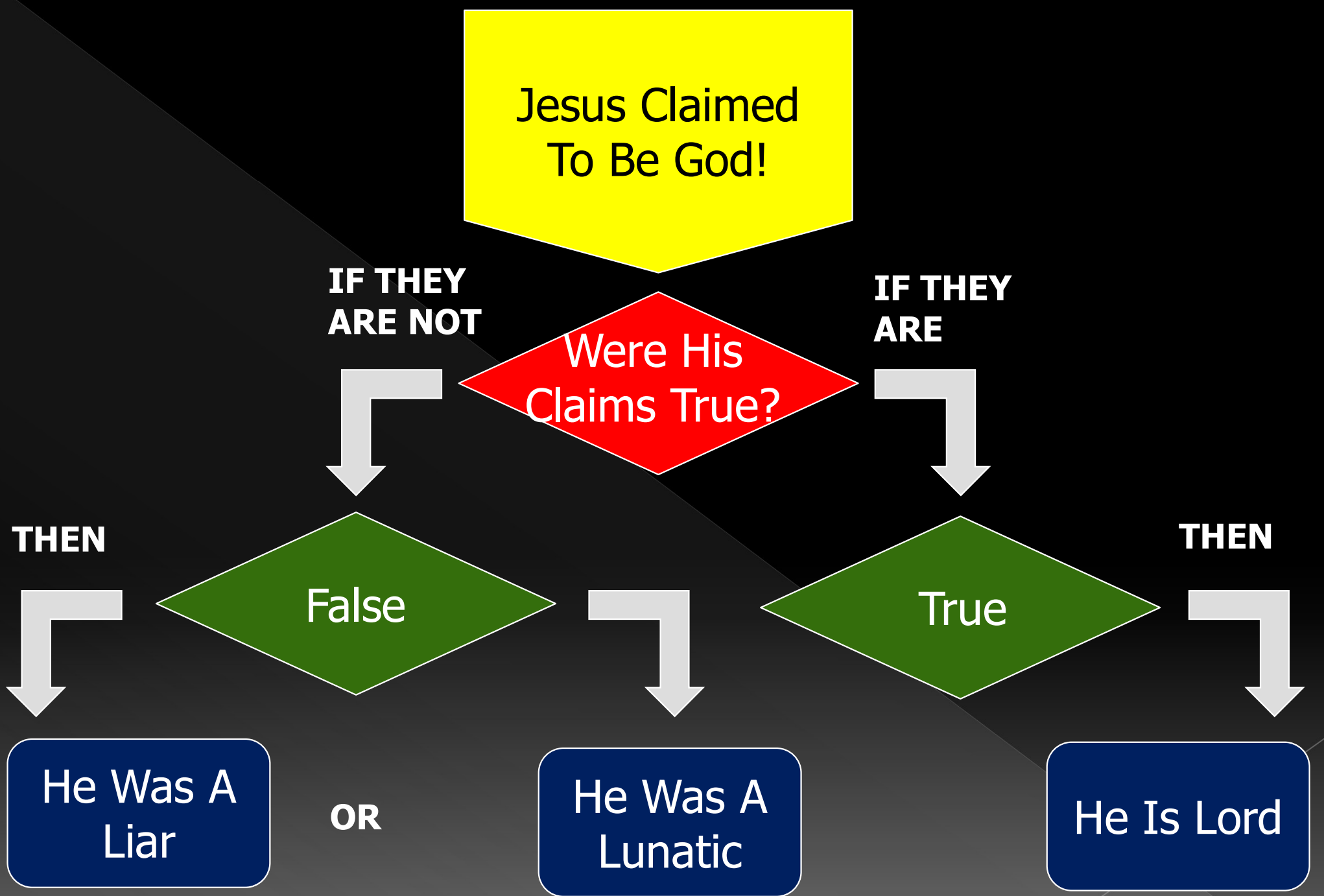
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(44) You are of *your*
father the devil, and the
desires of your father you
want to do. He was a
murderer from the
beginning, and does not
stand in the truth,
because there is no truth
in him. When he speaks a
lie, he speaks from his
own *resources*, for he is a
liar and the father of
it. (45) But because I tell
the truth, you do not
believe Me.

If Jesus Was A Liar...

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- He Was A Hypocrite! (John 8:44ff)
- He Was Wicked! (Matthew 10:32,33)



(32) "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. (33) But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. (34) "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. (35) For I have come to 'SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW';

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- He Was A Fool!
(Mark 14:61-63)



(61) But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" (62) Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." (63) Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?

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If Jesus Was a Lunatic...



- ◎ He Believed He Was God, But Was Mistaken.
- ◎ He Wasn't Fooled, He Was Mad!
- ◎ He Should Not To Be Worshipped, But Pitied!

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Is He The **LORD**?

- ◉ Logic Must Conclude It!
- ◉ His Words, His Reason, His Life Support It!
- ◉ His Disciples Believed It



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you are Peter, and on
this rock I will build
My church, and the
gates of Hades shall
not prevail against it.

If Jesus Is The **LORD**



- ◉ You Must Decide...
- ◉ To Accept Him And Be Saved?
- ◉ Or Reject Him And Be Lost?

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