

Jesus is Lord (Liar, Lunatic, Lord argument)

[Go through argument naturally then teach them the parts allowing them to take notes on the last page. Let them practice with each other the basic argument.]

“Jesus is a good guy, great teacher, maybe even a prophet...but the Messiah or God, not really.”

#1 If he is a good teacher or a prophet then we must seriously consider all the things he says and claims, especially about himself. (who is a better expert on me, than me.)

Claims of Jesus (pick the top 5 that come most natural to you)

1. Without sin- jn 8
2. Forgive sin in others- mk 2
3. Son of God- comes in nature of God...jn 5
4. Bar Eshna- Son of Man- very significant; Jewish means embodied humanity...God with a human face, best of man...the hope of humanity; ruler of earth Daniel 7
5. Equal to God- seen me you see the father jn 10
6. Giver of eternal life- jn 3,
7. Saves from sin & death- resurrection and life john 3, jn 11
8. I am the way- Torah means “the Way” ...Jesus Jn 14
9. God in flesh- jn 8:58...before Abraham “I am” elohim...Jews would reverse to “am I” to avoid using God’s name. Jews tried to kill him.
10. From heaven and going back- jn
11. Judge of the earth- matt 25, Son of Man; jn 5
12. Life giver- gives life and has life in himself Jn 5

#2 If not God then what is he?...a liar or Lunatic. He can not be both a liar or lunatic and a good moral teacher or prophet.

#3 We have a choice how we will perceive him.

1. Lunatic- thought he was God...but
 - a. you would only follow a crazy man for so long before it was proven he couldn’t heal...
 - b. his teachings were too lucid for a crazy person...If a lunatic...psychology of lunatics can not fault him or find evidence of a crazy person
2. Liar- knows he is not who he says he is
 - a. Did not lie...detractors could not find his lies...
 - b. what does he gain by lying? Doesn’t make sense for him to lie, unless crazy but we’ve already shown that to be too much of a stretch
3. Lord- he is who he said he was...God, Savior, exclusively.
 - i. All other doctrines flow from this point

According to Jesus, Jesus is God and Lord of all.

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I see it but because, by it, I see everything else."

- C. S. Lewis

Jesus is Lord. He is trustworthy infinite in grace and power and we need to proclaim him. If this is true about Jesus then we should be excited about proclaiming him on campus.

Reasons we should be excited to share Jesus

1. He is awesome
 - a. His presence destroys the work of the evil one...obliterates darkness. (there is not enough darkness in the world to snuff out the smallest candle.)
2. He is the most prolific historical figure and most unifying religious icon the world has ever known
 - a. The world is intrigued by Jesus. Cover of Time magazine more than anyone else.
3. He has sent us
 - a. We represent him, sent in the way he was sent...into the world to love, sacrifice and serve
 - b. You have his blessing to speak love, hope, forgiveness into a lost and broken world.
 - i. We point with our lives... there is a way home to the Father!
4. He **is** the hope of the world
 - a. The world, this campus searches for fulfillment...if only I had _____. Jesus is the filler for the God-shaped hole.
 - b. He is the best thing for those freshmen, your classmates
 - c. To truly love someone is to share with them the hope of Jesus.
5. He accomplishes what we can not
 - a. Only he has the power to save, transform, move and shake.

We should be excited about Jesus: who gives life, & love, shepherds the lost, and who has compassion on the lonely...walks aside the bent and binds up the broken...He is Jesus the Messiah...our friend...our master. A Teacher who places his teachings within our hearts...and gives us power to live them out.

- b. Our everlasting hope. Our never dying light. He is our truth, our way and our life.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Stand with me. Confess this Jesus. The real one. Invite him in your heart, every crack. Get excited about what HE will do this year in your friends, through your small groups.

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