



Just a Man?

What does Jesus claim?

Who does Jesus say that He is?

- John 8:58
- Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Who uses “I AM” in the Old Testament

- Exodus 3:14
- And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” and He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Where does Jesus say He came from

- John 6:51
- I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

What does Jesus claim and What does He do?

- John 8:12
- Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

What does Jesus say He is?

- John 14:6
- Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through Me.”

With these claims Jesus is

- A Liar
- A Lunatic
- What He claims He is

Was He a Liar?

- Jesus claimed to be God
- The claim to be God gets Him killed
- Would Jesus be willing to die for a lie?

Was Jesus crazy?

Symptoms of Insanity

Inappropriate Emotions
Misperceptions or Paranoia
Thinking Disorders

Depression for no know cause	Jesus Wept at funeral (John 11)
Irrational Anger	Got Angry with people taking advantage of poor in God's name (Luke 19:45-46)
Scared of the imaginary	accused friend of plotting to betray him and was correct (Matthew 26:14-25,47-50)
Can't carry on logical conversation	People were amazed at his teachings (Matthew 7:28-29)

- It is only crazy to claim to be God if you are not really God
- Jesus shows no sign that He is crazy

What did others say?

What did a skeptic say?

- John 20:28
- And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

What did a relative say?

- John 1:29
- The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

What did Peter claim?

- Acts 4:12
- Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

What did an ex-enemy say?

- Acts 26:22-23
- Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come - that the Christ would suffer, the He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.”

Can we trust these
claims?

Why die for someone else's lie

- Thomas
- John the Baptist
- Peter
- Paul

All died for their claim about Jesus

Where did they get the courage?

- The disciples were scared at the the death of their master (Ma 26:56 & John 20:19)
- Then a few weeks later they get the courage to face death for Jesus. They even die for Jesus
- Why would this happen if they lied?

Why die for the hated?

- Paul was a zealous Jewish fanatic
- He then later turn around and dies for the cause he hated.
- Why would he die for something he despised?

Just show me the body

- The fact that Jesus said He would resurrect bodily would be easy to disprove. If the disciples lied about it, just pull the body out of the tomb. The disciples could not steal the body because of the Roman guard and the huge stone covering the tomb.

Biggest Reason to
Believe in Jesus
Prophecy

Where did it say the Messiah would be born?

- Micah 5:2
- But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."
- (See Luke 2:1-7)

What would the Messiah's ministry be like?

- Isaiah 61:1-3
- "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn

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- Isaiah 61:1-3
- To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."
- (See Luke 4:16-21)

How would the Messiah come into Jerusalem?

- Zech 9:9
- "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you; He
is just and having salvation, Lowly and
riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a
donkey.
- (See Matthew 21:5)

Who would betray Him?

- Ps 55:12-13
- For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him. But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.
- See Matthew 26:47-50

How much was He betrayed for?

- Zech 11:12-13
- Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter" -- that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.
- See Matthew 27:3-9

What would be His attitude while He is sacrificed for us?

- Isaiah 53:4-7
- Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray;

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- Isaiah 53:4-7
- We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.
- (See John 1:29; Acts 8:32-35)

What would happen to the Messiah during His death?

- Ps 22:16,18
- For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet...They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.
- (See Luke 23:33, 24:39; Matthew 27:35)

During His death what would not brake?

- Ps 34:20
- He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.
- See John 19:36

Was it a coincidence?

- It is possible that someone might have fulfilled two or three of the prophecies, but it would be insane to say that about someone who fulfilled all 48 major prophecies of the Messiah.

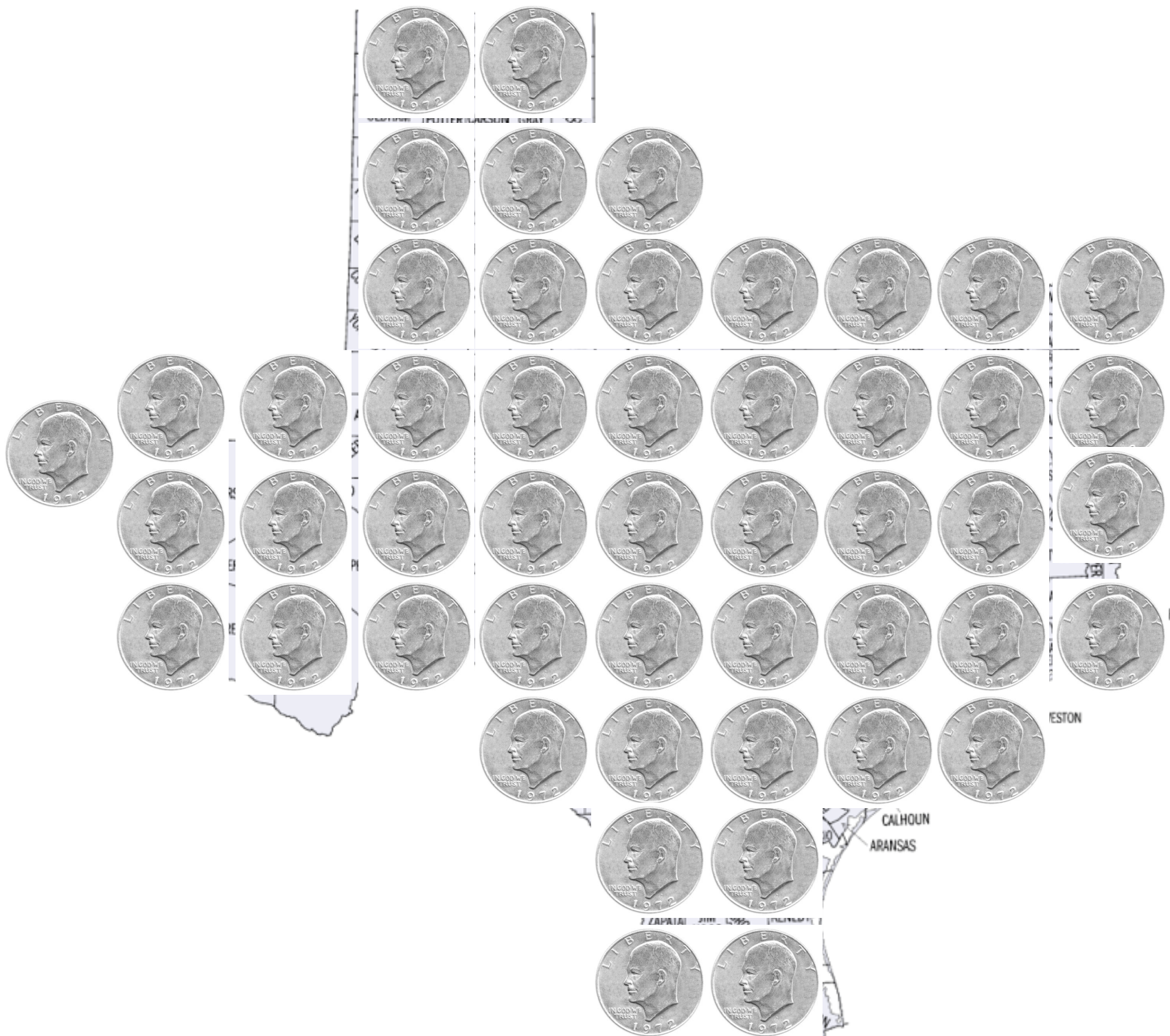
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A just man wrongly condemned and will not defend himself

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- The probability of just one person fulfilling 8 of the prophecies by coincidence would be 1 in 10^{17} . That's a 1 with 17 0's behind it. We can not even think in numbers like that.



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“In order to extend this consideration beyond all bounds of human comprehension, let us consider forty-eight prophecies, similar in their human chance of fulfillment to the eight which we originally considered, using a much more conservative number, 1 in 10^{21} . Applying the same principle of probability used so far, we find the chance that any one man fulfilled all forty-eight prophecies to be 1 in 10^{157} .”

Space, by some authorities, is supposed to extend in all directions to the distance, not of 1,500,000 light-years. but more than 4,000 times that far or 6,000,000,000 light-years. Let us make a solid ball of electrons, extending in all directions from the earth to the distance of six billion light-years. Have we used up our 10^{157} electrons? No, we have made such a small hole in the mass that we cannot see it. We can make this solid ball of electrons, extending in all directions to the distance of six billion light-years 6×10^{28} times.

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More than a good
Man



Where is God?



What is so Good?



Creation, Evolution
So What?