

Jesus: Myth, Man, or God?

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Creolisation

“The relationship of the Qur’an to the Bible is like that of a creole language to its superstrate, such as, for example, the relationship between Haitian Creole and French. A great many similarities can be readily observed, but the deeper meanings and structures of the creole are not French ... Similarly Islam’s genesis, as reflected in the nature of its foundational scripture the Qur’an, did not come about by a process of organic development out of Christianity, Judaism or even a form of Jewish Christianity. Instead the Qur’an is the outcome of a uniquely creative process, the genesis of a new religion.”

Mark Durie

For the overwhelming majority of second-century Christians, the question was not whether Jesus was divine; that was widely answered affirmatively. Instead the pressing question about Jesus was in what way, if at all, he could also be thought of as having participated in real human nature.

Larry Hurtado

Lord Jesus Christ: Devotion to Jesus in Earliest Christianity (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2003) p556

“All Scripture texts assume that Jesus knew who he was and acted with sovereign authority.”

Raymond Brown

‘Did Jesus Know He Was God?’ in Craig A. Evans (ed), *The Historical Jesus: Jesus’s Mission, Death, and Resurrection*, Volume III (Routledge, 2004) p127

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As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, Jesus wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. **They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.**”

Luke 19:41-44

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Saves

(Narrated Aisha): The Prophet used to say:
“Oh Allah! Wash away my sins with the water of snow and hail, and cleanse my heart from all the sins as a white garment is cleansed from the filth, and let there be a long distance between me and my sins, as You made East and West far from each other.”

Sahih Bukhari 75.379; cf. Bukhari 12.711; 75:386; 75:388

1. Only God can save
2. Jesus Christ saves
3. Therefore Jesus Christ is God

Source: Alistair McGrath, 'Christology: On Learning From History' in Donald Armstrong, ed., *Who Do You Say That I Am? Christology and the Church* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999) p82

Jesus said: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:10

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

Romans 3:23-24

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8