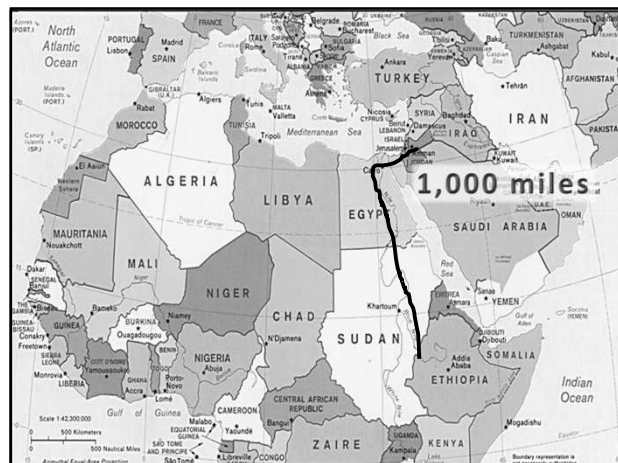


I Believe That Jesus Christ Is The Son Of God

Acts 8:36-37

“And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, (here is) water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”



Confessing Jesus' Identity. Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10

When one confesses Jesus, what is he saying he believes?

- Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah promised by God's prophets. John 9:22
- God raised Jesus from the dead to be Lord. Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:9-11
- Jesus is the Son of God, He is God. 1 John 4:15
- Jesus is the Son of Man. Jesus the Christ is come in the flesh. 1 John 4:2-3; 2 John 7

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What Is The Evidence?

- 1 Thessalonians 5:21, *“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”* (cf. 1 Peter 3:15)
- John 5:31, *“If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.”* (cf. Deuteronomy 19:15; John 8:17; 2 Corinthians 13:1; 1 Timothy 5:19).
- Many witnesses which proved His identity. John 5:32-47

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The Witness Of The Scriptures.

- Prophecies of His birth ... fulfillment.
- Prophecies of His character ... fulfillment.
- Prophecies of His ministry ... fulfillment.
- Prophecies of His betrayal, trial, and crucifixion ... fulfillment.
- Prophecies of His resurrection and exaltation ... fulfillment.

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The Witness Of The Scriptures. Acts 8:35

- Jesus used this evidence. Luke 24:44; cf. Matthew 5:17-18; 26:56; Luke 4:20-21; 24:27; and John 5:39-40, 46-47
- Apostles used this evidence. Acts 3:18, 24; 7:52; 10:43; 13:29; 17:2-3; 26:22-23; 28:23; 1 Peter 1:10
- Some argue Jesus either deliberately or coincidentally fulfilled the prophecies. How could it be when many prophecies Jesus fulfilled were outside any human control?
 - The manner of his conception. Isaiah 7:14
 - The place of his birth. Micah 5:2
 - The manner of his death. Psalms 22:16

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- **The Witness Of Miracles.** John 5:1ff, 36; 20:30-31
 - Nicodemus. John 3:2
 - Jesus to the multitude. John 6:1ff
 - Jesus' confrontation of the Jews. John 10:24-25, "*How long dost thou hold us in suspense? If thou art the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in my Father's name, these bear witness of me.*" cf. John 10:37-38; 15:24
 - Inquiry of John the Baptist. Luke 7:20-22
 - Apostles' use of the miracles.
 - Peter to Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2:22
 - Peter to Cornelius. Acts 10:38
 - Paul to Agrippa. Acts 26:26

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- **The Witness Of The Resurrection.** Romans 1:4
 - Preached by Jesus.
 - As He began His ministry. John 2:18-22
 - Throughout His ministry. Matthew 16:21; 17:9, 22-23; 20:17-19; 26:31-34
 - Preached by the apostles.
 - Peter. Acts 2:32; cf. Acts 2:23-31; 3:15, 26; 10:40-41
 - Paul. Acts 13:30; cf. Acts 13:34-37; 17:31
 - The very passage the eunuch was reading foretold of the Christ's death. Acts 8:32-33
 - No other life in ancient history has more historical documentation and evidence, than the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

Conclusion:

- **The Ethiopian eunuch had heard the "witnesses."**
- Acts 8:35-39, "*and the eunuch saith, Behold, (here is) water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.) And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, for he went on his way rejoicing.*" cf. Romans 6:3-4