A dramatic scene of a bare tree in a rocky, cavernous setting, illuminated by a warm, golden light. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a glowing background. The surrounding rocks are dark and textured, creating a sense of depth and mystery. The overall atmosphere is one of solemnity and divine presence.

# THE DEITY OF CHRIST

December 10, 2017

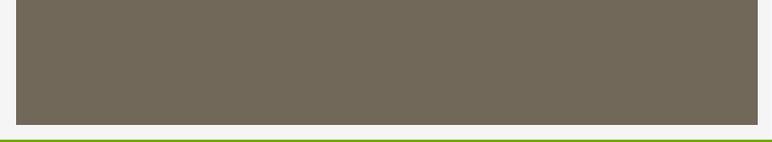
# John 1:1-14 (NKJV)

**1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**2 He was in the beginning with God.**

**3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**

**14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**



**I. The Disciples believed Jesus  
to be the Son of God.**

## Matthew 16:13-17 (NKJV)

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

## **II. Demons knew Jesus to be the Son of God**

## **Luke 4:31-36, 40-41 (NKJV)**

**Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.**

## Luke 4:31-36, 40-41 (NKJV)

Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in *their* midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

## **Luke 4:31-36, 40-41 (NKJV)**

Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this *is!* For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

...When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking *them*, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

### **III. Jesus Claimed to be the Son of God.**

## **John 10:30-39 (NKJV)**

**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?"**

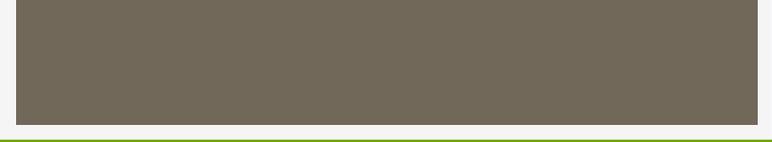
**33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."..**

## **John 20:30-31 (NKJV)**

**30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;**

**31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**

# **IV. God the Father declared Jesus to be His Son**



**V. What difference does it  
make what you believe about  
Jesus?**

## **John 3:16 (NKJV)**

**16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

## **John 1:12 (NKJV)**

**<sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

## **Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)**

**<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**<sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

## John 10:30-39 (NKJV)

**36** do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

**37** If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

**38** but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him."

**39** Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

# Matthew 1:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,"* which is translated, "God with us."