

“A Hunger to Testify About the Facts”
Acts 23:11

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What are the Facts Concerning Jesus?

1) He was a Historical Person

Acts 26:9

Flavius Josephus, *Antiquities* 20.9.1; Tacitus, *Annals* 15.44

2) He Fulfilled Prophecy Regarding the Promised Messiah

3) He Performed Marvelous miracles

a) List

Matthew 4:24

John 21:25

John 10:32-33

b) One Example

John 9:18-25

c) One Motivation:

Mark 1:39-42

4) He Made Extraordinary Claims

John 14:6-7; John 8:46; Hebrews 4:15; Mark 2:6-12 Matthew 16:21; Matthew 16:21; Acts 17:2-3

5) He Rose from the Dead

Matthew 17:22-23; Acts 26:6-8

6) He has changed the World Forever

7) He loves Me!

Revelation 20:11-15

Listing of Jesus Recorded Miracles:

1. Calming the storm – Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:37-41; Luke 8:22-25; **2. Feeding 5,000** - Matthew 14:14-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14; **3. Walking on water** - Matthew 14:22-32; Mark 6:47-52; John 6:16-21; **4. Feeding 4,000** – Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9; **5. Fish with coin** – Matthew 17:24-27; **6. Fig tree withers** – Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-25; **7. Huge catch of fish** – Luke 5:4-11; John 21:1-11; **8. Water into wine** – John 2:1-11; **9. Man with leprosy** – Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-44; Luke 5:12-14; **10. Roman centurion's servant** – Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10; **11. Peter's mother-in-law** – Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:30-31; Luke 4:38-39; **12. Two men possessed with devils** – Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-15; Luke 8:27-39; **13. Man with palsy** – Matthew 9:2-7; Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5:18-26; **14. Woman with bleeding** – Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48; **15. Two blind men** – Matthew 9:27-31; **16. Dumb, devil-possessed man** - Matthew 9:32-33; **17. Canaanite woman's daughter** – Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30; **18. Boy with devil** - Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:17-29; Luke 9:38-43; **19. Two blind men – including Bartimaeus** - Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Lk 18:35-43; **20. Demon-possessed man in synagogue** – Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37; **21. Blind man at Bethsaida** – Mark 8:22-26; **22. Crippled woman** – Luke 13:10-17; **23. Man with dropsy** – Luke 14:1-4; **24. Ten men with leprosy** – Luke 17:11-19; **25. The high priest's servant** – Luke 22:50-51; **26. Nobleman's son at Capernaum** – John 4:46-54; **27. Sick man at the pool of Bethsaida** – John 5:1-15; **28. Man born blind** – John 9:1-41; **29. Jairus' daughter** – Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56; **30. Widow's son at Nain** – Luke 7:11-17; **31. Lazarus** – John 11:1-44

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Flavius Josephus: [Jewish Historian ~ 93-94 AD] *Antiquities 20.9.1* ... As therefore Ananus was of such a disposition, he thought he had now a good opportunity, as Festus was now dead, and Albinus was still on the road; so he assembled a council of judges, and brought before it the brother of **Jesus the so-called Christ**, whose name was James, together with some others, and having accused them as law-breakers, he delivered them over to be stoned.

Probability of Christ fulfilling 8 prophecies = 1 x 10²⁸ or 1 in 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.

Matthew 4:24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.

John 9:18-25 The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹ "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" ²⁰ "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." ... ²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

John 10:32-33 ... but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" ³³ "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

Acts 4:16-17 "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

Mark 1:39-42 So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. ⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured."

John 14:6-7 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Mark 2:6-12 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ... ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"- he said to the paralytic- ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Matthew 16:21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Matthew 17:22-23 "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. ²³ They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life."

"The souls of the wicked will be punished in their second generation in the body of a woman, and in the third, in that of a beast." Plato

"Let every Student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the maine end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottome, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and Learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, Let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seeke it of him (Prov. 2:3)."

Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.