The Trilemma! Jesus: Liar, Lunatic, or Lord?

In discussing Jesus Christ, many people use a patronizing attitude that he was a great human teacher, or a great moral teacher, or a very great man. However, from the previous section, it should be clear that Jesus claimed to be God. There are only THREE options, and being a great moral teacher and a very great man are not TWO of them:

- 1. If, when Jesus made his claim to be God, he knew that he was NOT God, then Jesus was a LIAR and a deceiver. We should have nothing to do with him!
- 2. If, when Jesus made his claim to be God, he really believed he WAS God, then Jesus was a LUNATIC—sincerely deluded, but none the less, a LUNATIC! We should denounce him!
- 3. If Jesus really WAS and IS God, then Jesus is LORD! We should worship and adore him!

What do YOU think? Which is YOUR choice to best describe Jesus?

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