

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



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**John 16: 33**

**“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”**

# Apologetics

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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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