

How important is this issue,

the Deity of Christ?

If it is true, we are following the Truth Himself; if false, "our faith is in vain." Hmm... that would rank it as Stinking Important! What can we use to show others that Jesus is Who He says He is - namely God! - and that He rose from the dead? *We can use some classic logic, that's what!*

When Jesus made His claims of divinity, either

- 1) He was telling the Truth,
- 2) He was lying, or
- 3) He was mistaken.

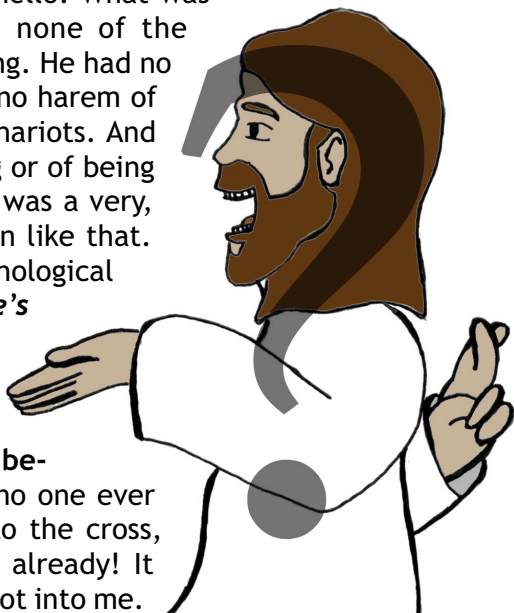
Eliminate the possibility that he was lying(#2) or mistaken(#3), and He **must** have been telling the truth(#1). Got that? So, let's do it!

Let's see, if He was **lying**, then He was not your usual fibber. Liars have motives, hello! What was His motive? He had none of the fringe benefits of lying. He had no money, no "power," no harem of women, no stretch chariots. And

no one has accused him of lying or of being a Liar. And if He was lying, He was a very, very bad man leading people on like that. Jesus just doesn't fit the psychological profile of a liar. **But wait! There's more!**

No one goes willingly to an horrendous, slow & violent death like Jesus did unless he **really believes what he is saying**. But no one ever wrote "And as he was nailed to the cross, Jesus said unto them, 'Enough already! It was all a lie! I don't know what got into me. Can I go home now?'" Don't you think that

at least **one** of His numerous & omnipresent enemies would have printed that confession in the next edition of The Jerusalem Enquirer? But no Roman nor any of the Jews who were out to get him ever mentions a lying Jesus of Nazareth. Hmm... The lie thing just isn't reasonable.



So maybe He was mistaken? Yeah! That's the ticket!