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Why we
Examine our Faith

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Thinking well about
what matters most

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Our case so far

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Eyewitness testimony + Scientific affirmation
=
The historical Jesus (He WAS)

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We know he was,
but WHO was he?
"Who do people say
that I am?"
-Mark 8:27-

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3 possible answers

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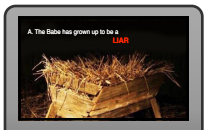
A. The Babe has grown up to be a
LIAR



12.

John 7
8 However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not
publicly, but in secret.
9 Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking,
"Where is he?"
12 Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said,
"He is a good man."
Others replied, "No, he deceives the people."

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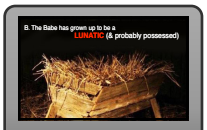
B. The Babe has grown up to be a
LUNATIC (& probably possessed)



14.

John 8
48 The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan
and demon-possessed?"
49 "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you
dishonor me.
50 I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the
judge.
51 Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death."
52 At this they exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed!

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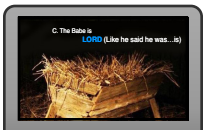
C. The Babe is
LORD (Like he said he was...is)



16.

Jesus takes a selfie.

17.

Matthew 16
13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others,
Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed
to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven."
Jesus affirms Peter's super-natural understanding of his identity

18.

John 8
54 Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom
you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.
55 Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar
like you, but I do know him and obey his word.
56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and
was glad."
57 "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen
Abraham!"
58 "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"
Jesus claims that God is agenda is to glorify him,
and that he existed before Abraham

19.

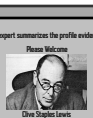
John 10
28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them
out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no
one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one." 31
Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, 32 but Jesus said to
them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these
do you stone me?" 33 "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied,
"but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."
Jesus claims God as his father, authority to grant eternal life, and claims he has
power to 'keep' those to whom eternal life is granted

20.

Mark 2
5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are
forgiven."
6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,
7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins
but God alone?"
Jesus claims authority to forgive sin, the most astounding claim of all

21.

An expert summarizes the profile evidence:
Please Welcome



Clive Staples Lewis

22.

Lewis vigorously resisted conversion, noting that he
was brought into Christianity like a prodigal, "kicking,
struggling, resentful, and darting his eyes in every
direction for a chance to escape".

23.

"You must picture me alone in that room in Magdalen
College, Oxford, night after night, feeling, whenever
my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the
steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so
earnestly desired not to meet. That which I greatly
feared had at last come upon me. In the Trinity Term
of 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and
knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most
dejected and reluctant convert in all England."

24.

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people
often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I
don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man
who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a
great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man
who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell.

25.

You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a
madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him
and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but
let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human
teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."
C.S. Lewis

26.

IF Jesus isn't Lord,
These Labels aren't
available to you

27.

The Babe is a
Good man; Great teacher; Positive role model; Mild,
Competent philosopher; Passive, soft and squishy friend

28.

The only question that has
lasting consequences

29.

"But what about you?"
he asks.
"Who do YOU say I am?"
-Matthew 16:15-

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