

Given All The Options,

Why
JESUS?





**UNCERTAINTY
AHEAD**

Relativism



I am absolutely convinced that the gas chambers of Auschwitz, Treblinka, and Maidanek were ultimately prepared not in some Ministry or other in Berlin, but rather at the desks and lecture halls of nihilistic scientists and philosophers.

- Viktor Frankl



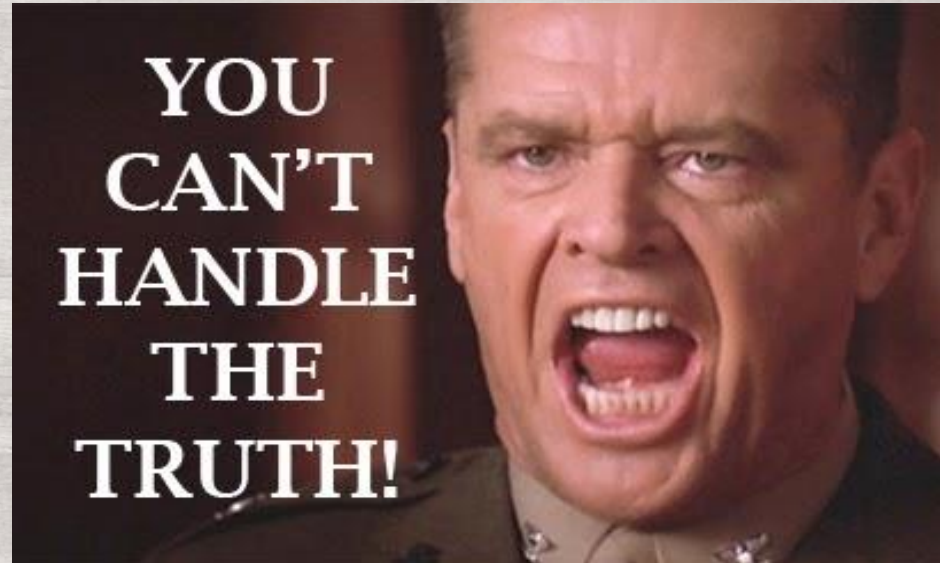
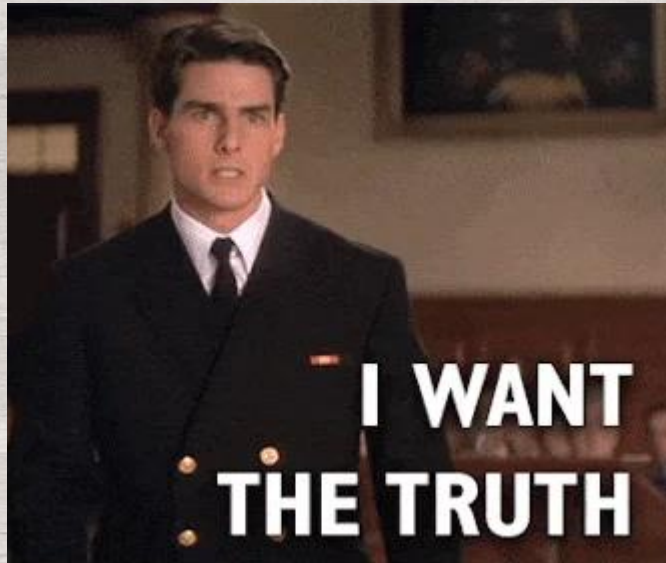
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Tests for truth

- Internal Consistency
- Empirical Adequacy
- Experiential Relevance



Other World views & Religions?

Buddhism?

Judaism?



Islam?

Hinduism?



JESUS



“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.

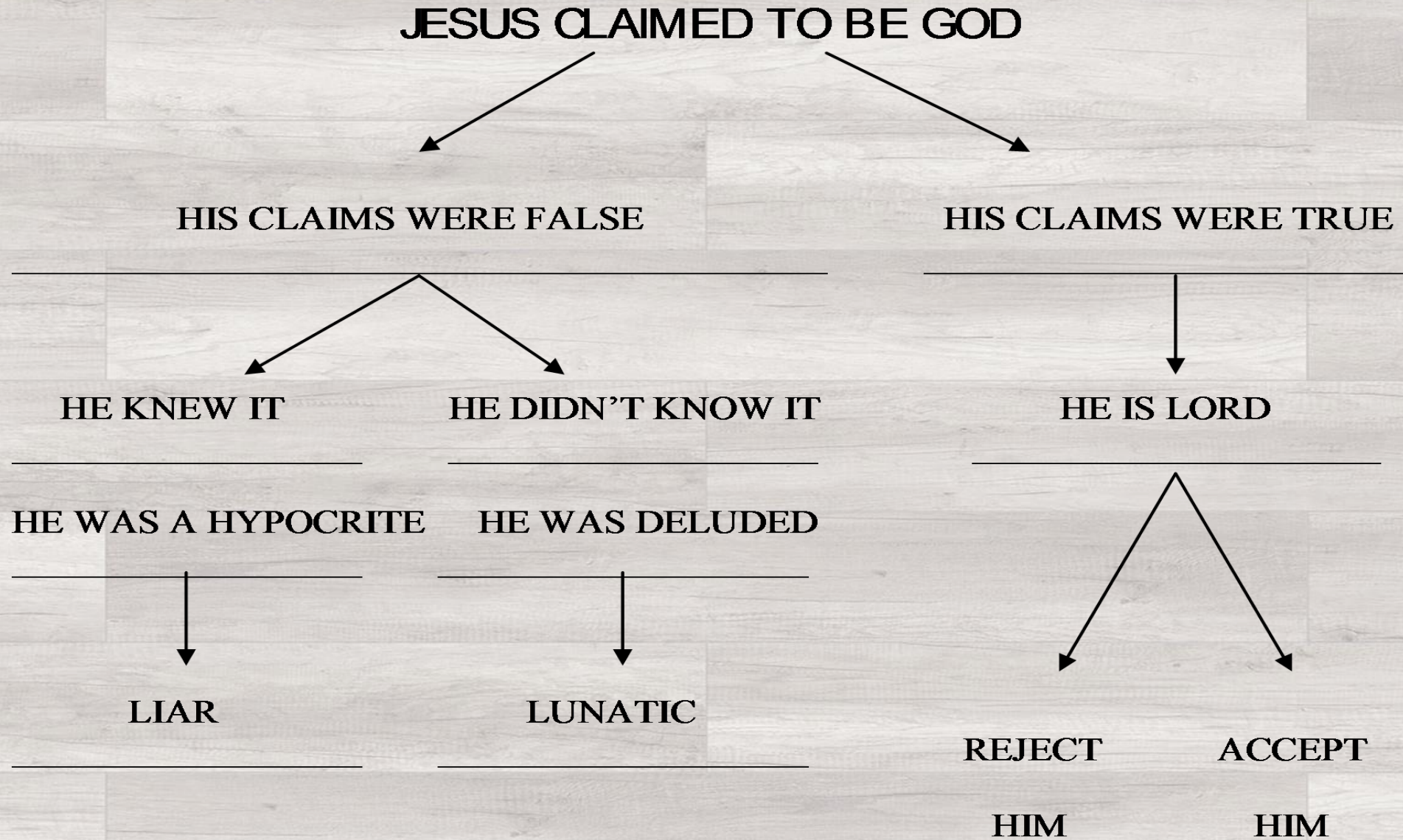


You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being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

- CS Lewis



Three Possibilities About Jesus



Why Follow Jesus?

The Uniqueness of the Christian Faith

- **Internal Consistency**
- **Empirical Adequacy**
- **Experiential Relevance**

Reliability of the New Testament

- Reliable manuscripts (Lots – Early – Accurate)
- Eye-witness testimony
- Embarrassing details
- Saul & James (Jesus' brother) converted



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A Better Explanation

Have You Ever
Wondered?





“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

- C.S. Lewis

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A Better Explanation

A Right Diagnosis

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God with us in Suffering



Thank you

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