



## JESUS IS GREAT

Gabriel prophesied that John the Baptist "will be great in the sight of the Lord" (Luke 1:15). He also prophesied that the baby Jesus "will be great" in the sight of God (1:32). And Jesus was great in the sight of many men (2:52; 7:16). If John was great, how much greater was Jesus? John tells us he isn't worthy to untie Jesus' shoelaces (John 1:27). So why is Jesus great?

- 1) Jesus will have a perfect human body.
- 2) Jesus will have no sin nature and will never sin because of his virgin birth (John 8:46; 2 Cor. 5:21).
- 3) Jesus will have perfect, unbroken fellowship with God (John 17:4; cf. Matt. 27:46).
- 4) Jesus will obey the Law perfectly (John 8:29).
- 5) God will be pleased with Him (Matt. 3:17=Mark 1:11=Luke 3:22; Matt. 17:5).
- 6) God will do anything Jesus asks (Matt. 26:53).
- 7) God will be with him (John 3:2; 8:29; 16:32; Acts 10:38).
- 8) Jesus will be anointed with the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:16=Mark 1:10).
- 9) Jesus will be full of and led by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 4:1; Luke 4:1).
- 10) Jesus will be empowered by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:28; Luke 3:22; 4:1, 14; John 1:33).
- 11) Jesus will perform many miracles (Mark 6:2; Luke 19:37; Acts 2:22).
- 12) He will do things people have never seen before (Matt. 9:33; Mark 2:12).
- 13) Jesus will do great things for people such as exorcise the demon possessed (Mark 5:20=Luke 8:39), heal every kind of disease and sickness (Matt. 4:23–24; 9:35; cf. 10:1, 8)—even at a distance (Matt. 8:13)—and raise the dead (Matt. 9:18, 24–25; 11:5).
- 14) Healing power will come out of Jesus when the sick touch Him (Matt. 14:36; Mark 5:30; 6:56).
- 15) Great multitudes will follow Jesus (Matt. 4:25; 8:1; 13:2; 14:14; 15:30, 33; 19:2; 20:29; Mark 3:7–8; 4:1; 5:21, 24; 6:34; 8:1; 10:46; Luke 6:17; 8:4; 9:37; 14:25; 23:27; John 6:2, 5; 12:9) and listen to him (Mark 12:37; Luke 5:15).
- 16) Jesus will have unusual knowledge (John 1:47–50; 4:17–19; 6:64).
- 17) Jesus will teach unusual things (Mark 6:2).
- 18) Jesus will make unusual declarations (Mark 14:9).
- 19) Jesus will know events before they happen (Matt. 26:34, 75; Mark 14:13, 16, 30, 72).
- 20) At his temptation Jesus will defeat and take the scepter from Satan (Matt. 4:1–11; Luke 4:1–13).
- 21) God the Father will give Jesus all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18; cf. Matt. 11:27=Luke 10:22; John 3:35; 5:22; 13:3; 16:15; 19:10–11).
- 22) Jesus will be the king of Israel (John 1:49; 12:13; cf. Matt. 27:42; Mark 15:32) and the king of the Jews (Matt. 2:2; 27:11; Mark 15:2; Luke 23:3; John 18:33–37).
- 23) Jesus will be given all judgment by the Father (John 5:22, 27; cf. Matt. 16:27).
- 24) The wind and sea will obey Jesus (Matt. 8:27=Mark 4:41=Luke 8:25).
- 25) Jesus will have authority over nature; e.g., a fig tree (Matt. 21:18–20).
- 26) Jesus will have authority over unclean spirits and they will obey Him (Mark 1:27, 34).
- 27) Jesus will have authority to cast demons into the abyss (Luke 8:31).
- 28) Jesus will have authority to forgive sins (Matt. 9:6, 8; Luke 5:24).
- 29) Jesus will have authority to cast people into the Lake of Fire (Matt. 25:41).
- 30) Jesus will be Lord of the Sabbath (Matt. 12:8=Luke 6:5).
- 31) Jesus will mediate a new covenant (Luke 22:20) with new laws (1 Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2).
- 32) Jesus will be a great prophet (Luke 7:16) and make many prophesies (Mark 13:23).
- 33) Jesus will have a perfect understanding of the Scriptures (Matt. 22:34, 46).
- 34) Jesus will be a great teacher (Matt. 13:54, 56; 22:33; Luke 4:15, 22) and will teach with authority (Matt. 7:28–29; Mark 1:22; Luke 4:32).
- 35) Jesus will be very popular and famous (Matt. 4:25; 15:30–32; Mark 1:45; 2:1–2; 6:14; Luke 4:37; 5:15; 7:17).
- 36) Jesus will fulfill many Old Testament prophecies (Matt. 1:23; 2:15, 17–18, 23, *et al.*).
- 37) Jesus will be called "the great Shepherd of the sheep" (Heb. 13:20).
- 38) Jesus will be our "great high priest" (Heb. 4:14; 10:21).
- 39) Jesus will be greater than Jonah (Matt. 12:41), Solomon (12:42), and the temple (12:6).
- 40) Jesus will save people from their sins (Matt. 1:21; 26:28).
- 41) Jesus will baptize people with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matt. 3:11–12; Mark 1:8; John 1:33).
- 42) Jesus will be the long awaited Messiah (Matt. 16:16, 20; 26:63–64).
- 43) Jesus will build the Church (Matt. 16:18).
- 44) Jesus Christ will be "our great God and Savior" (Titus 2:13).
- 45) Jesus will be both man and God (John 1:18; 20:28; Acts 20:28; Rom. 9:5; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:8–9; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 John 5:20).