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Reaching The Campus ... Reaching The World

Extravagant Claims of Jesus

“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.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, p.56

I. Existential Claims

1. He is self-existent – *John 5:26*
2. He has always existed – *John 17:5*
3. He came from heaven – *John 6:33-35, 38*

II. Divine Claims

4. He speaks on behalf of God – *John 8:26, 28, 38, 42*
5. He is perfect – *John 8:29*
6. Knowing him is the same as knowing God – *John 8:19, 14:8-9; Mark 9:36-37*
7. He is God – *John 10:30-31, 8:58-59*

III. Predictive Claims

8. He would die and come back to life – *Mark 10:32-34*
9. His death and resurrection were his own plan and no one else's – *John 10:17-18*
10. He will execute judgment on the world – *John 5:27-29*

Questions for Discussion

1. Have you heard these claims of Jesus before? What strikes you most on this list?
2. What reasons do we have to believe the truth of these claims?
3. Why is it tempting to diminish the force of these claims and turn Jesus into a bore?