

**Jesus has mentioned several times that he is the son of God. He prays to his father and never outright said he is God or pray to him before God. The Bible shows that while he is Divine he also shows humanity like sorrow and anguish. I grew up Catholic and believed him as the son of God, but why do so many see him as God?**

**Answer:** While Jesus refers to God as His Father and prays to Him, the Bible also shows that Jesus makes profound statements about His **divinity**. Though He doesn't always say, "I am God" directly, He does say things that reveal His divine nature:

**John 10:30:** "I and the Father are one." This statement from Jesus is seen as a claim to divinity. The Jewish leaders understood it as such because they accused Him of blasphemy, trying to stone Him for claiming equality with God.

**John 8:58:** "Before Abraham was, I am." Jesus uses the phrase "I am," which is deeply tied to the name of God revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14, where God says, "I AM WHO I AM." Jesus' use of this phrase suggests He is claiming to be God.

Jesus shows His humanity through experiences like sorrow, anguish, and even death. The Christian understanding is that Jesus is both fully **human** and fully **divine**—this is known as the **hypostatic union**.

- Jesus, as God, took on human nature and lived as a man. He felt sorrow, pain, and temptation, but these do not take away from His divinity. Instead, they show that He **fully entered into the human experience**.
- *CCC 464* explains: "The Word became flesh to make us partakers of the divine nature."

Jesus' teachings, miracles, and especially His resurrection point to His divinity. The early Church believed He was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and that His actions demonstrated Him being God.