

Sermon: “*Jesus: The Only God There Is*”

Text: Isaiah 9:6-7 (page 573 in pew Bible)

Isaiah 9:6 “His name shall be called...Mighty God.”

I. Scriptural highlights testifying that Jesus is the Mighty God

A. Jesus is the Mighty God of Creation

Colossians 1:15-16 “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For **by him all things were created**: things in heaven and on earth.”

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth.”

B. Jesus is the Mighty God of Salvation

Titus 1:3-4 “At his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of **God our Savior**, To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and **Christ Jesus our Savior.**”

C. Jesus is the Mighty God of The Revelation

Isaiah 44:6 “**This is what the Lord says** -- Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: **I am the first and I am the last**; apart from me there is no God.”

Revelation 1:17-18 “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. **I am the First and the Last.** I am the Living One; **I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever** and ever!

II. A significant host testifying that Jesus is the Mighty God

A. The angel testifies about Jesus being God

Matthew 1:20-23 “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **Jesus**, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and **they will call him Immanuel**” -- which means, “**God with us.**”

B. The Apostles testify about Jesus being God

John 20:26-29 Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and **my God!**” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Romans 9:5 “Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of **Christ, who is God over all**, forever praised! Amen.”

C. God, the Father testifies about Jesus, His Son, being God

Hebrews 1:6-8 “When God brings **his firstborn** into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels **worship him.**” In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire.” But **about the Son** he says, “**Your throne, O God**, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

D. Jesus' testifies about Himself as being God.

John 8:56-59 “Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” “You are not yet fifty years old,” the Jews said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, **I AM!**” At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

Exodus 3:13-14 **God said** to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’”

John 14:9 “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”

III. A stupendous mystery concerning Jesus being the Mighty God

Philippians 2:6-7 “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he ***made himself nothing*** by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” (“emptied Himself”; NASB; ASV; ESV

Greek word “kenosis” meaning “to empty” or “emptying”

IV. A sobering (not somber!) realization

Ephesians 5:25 “Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.