

In John 11 when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, notice what He said in verses 41-42.

John 11:41-42

[41] So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. [42] I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."

He could communicate with the Father without "making a show of it" — BUT "ON ACCOUNT OF THE PEOPLE"! He wanted the people to know the Father sent Him, so He made sure they heard Him call out to the Father.

John 11:45

[45] Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,

* OF COURSE THEY DID!

HE JUST RAISED A DEAD MAN (4 DAYS DEAD) TO LIFE!

WOULDN'T YOU BELIEVE IN HIM IF YOU WITNESSED THIS?!?

John 11:46-48

Rather than believe they went
to the Pharisees! **WHY?**

[46] but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. [47] So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. [48] If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

To tell them **ALL** that
Jesus had done!

Not just raising a dead man to
life — but He did MANY SIGNS!

What concerned the religious
leaders?

* Power & Position!

According to their religion and the Word
of God (which they knew) they were
waiting for the Messiah; however, instead
of considering the possibility that Jesus was
the long-awaited Messiah, their ONLY
concern was their power and their position.

IT WASN'T AS IF A MAD MAN
WAS CLAIMING TO BE THE MESSIAH.

THIS MAN PERFORMED MANY SIGNS,
INCLUDING RAISING A DEAD
MAN TO LIFE. (NOT IN THE
AMBULANCE AND FLAT LINED FOR
A FEW MINUTES — 4 DAYS

DEAD!

In addition, He didn't speak
or act as a mad man. He
spoke gently, with logic. He did
NOTHING to suggest insanity.

He spoke Truth. He even spoke
Truth yet to be fulfilled —

- Betrayal of Judas
- Scattering of the Apostles
- Rooster Crow after the denial of Peter
- Death
- 3rd day Resurrection
etc.

So - if He was not
crazy, and He wasn't
lying ... WHERE DOES
THAT LEAVE US?

WHO IS HE?

C.S. Lewis put it well

"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."

MAKE your choice: (only 3 logical
options)

- LIAR
- LUNATIC
- Lord