

One God

Jesus Has A God

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Jesus is fully human. He was born (Luke 2:11), grew in wisdom (Luke 2:52), learned obedience (Hebrews 5:8), became tired (John 4:6), slept (Mark 4:38), had limited knowledge (Mark 5:30; 13:32), and died (Philippians 2:8). Jesus also prayed frequently (Matthew 14:23; Mark 14:32-39; Luke 6:12; John 11:41; 12:28; 17:1ff); he would go up to a mountain alone to spend time with his God. Jesus provides the supreme example of how we should live our lives because he is just like us. The only differences are that he was supernaturally begotten and he never sinned. However, there is much disagreement on this issue of who Jesus is today.

There are many verses in the Bible that make it clear that God is the Father of Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:6

So that with one accord you may with one voice glorify **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

II Corinthians 1:3

Blessed *be* **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

II Corinthians 11:31

The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

Ephesians 1:3,17
Blessed *be* **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

That **the God of our Lord Jesus Christ**, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

Ephesians 3:14 (KJV)
For this cause I bow my knees unto **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**,

Colossians 1:3
We give thanks to God, **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, praying always for you,

I Peter 1:3
Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

II John 1:3
Grace, mercy *and* peace will be with us, from God the Father and from **Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father**, in truth and love.

However, we will concentrate on the four places in Scripture in which Jesus used the words "my God." Perhaps a brief survey of these four texts will provide insight into the relationship between Jesus and his God (Mark 15:34; Matthew 27:46; John 20:17; Revelation 3:12).

The first two places are Mark 15:34 and Matthew 27:46. They will be considered together because they are two corresponding records of the same historical event — the crucifixion.

Mark 15:34
At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "ELOI, E L O I , L A M A SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "**MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?**"

Matthew 27:46
About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "**MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?**"

Jesus is pictured crying out in agony while he hung in excruciating pain. Hospitals are like this today. A while back a friend of mine had his appendix removed. While we were waiting in the emergency room for the doctor, I experienced an eerie mixture of sounds. Some of the patients were snoring; several were crying out for God; and still others were muttering under their breath, "Lord, have mercy." Jesus was facing death, and he called out to his God, just as the rest of us would have done. He quoted the first line of a psalm that was well-known to him. Psalm 22 contains detailed prophecy about what he was experiencing during his crucifixion. When David wrote the psalm, he was going through some very difficult times; he felt that he was near death. He cried out to "my God." Yahweh is the God of David

(Psalms 25:1 and 2). Jesus identified with this psalm of David. He called out to the same God (Yahweh) as David did.

The third place in which Jesus said "my God" is found in the Gospel of John.

John 20:17
Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and **My God** and your God.'"

In this brief interchange Jesus explained his view of God succinctly and matter of factly. If someone asked Jesus, "Who is God?" he would say, "My God and your God." It is just as simple as that. There is no need for complex definitions or paradoxes. Jesus had and still has a God — the Father.

The last text to consider is found in the book of Revelation. The letter to the church at Philadelphia concludes with the following statement.

Revelation 3:12
He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of **My God**, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of **My God**, and the name of the city of **My God**, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from **My God**, and My new name.

Four times over, the term "my God" is repeated by Jesus. Even in his resurrected and glorified

position, he still recognizes that the Father is his personal God. Though the Father has granted all authority in heaven and earth to him (Matthew 28:18), Jesus still keeps clear Who his God is.

If we are going to follow Jesus, then we should have the same God that he had. From the texts considered it is clear that he had only one God, the Father. Jesus never once prayed to or called the holy spirit his God. The Father never called the Son His God. Every time that Jesus used the words "my God," they were always in reference to the Father. Let us seek to follow Jesus in every area of our lives, especially when it comes to our relationship with God.