

# Common Attacks on the Person of Jesus Christ

1. Skepticism & atheism often deny the **historicity** of Christ.
2. Secularism denies the **priority** (or relevance) of Christ.
3. Liberalism denies the **deity** of Christ.
4. Postmodernism denies the **exclusivity** of Christ.
5. All false forms of Christianity deny the **necessity** and the **sufficiency** of Christ.
6. Cultural Christianity denies the **authority** of Christ.

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*John 1:14-18*

## I. The Nature of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ (14a)

### A. What He Was Before

1. He was the Self-Expression of God (1 a).
2. He was eternal (1 a).
3. He was eternally with God (1 b).
4. He was God (1c).
5. He was the exclusive agent of creation (3a).
6. He Himself was uncreated (3b).
7. He was self-existent (4a).
8. He gave life to everything and everyone (4b).

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  - A. What He Was Before
  - B. What He Became
  - C. Where He Dwelt
- II. The Witnesses of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ (14b-15)
  - A. The Witness of the Apostles (14b)
  - B. The Witness of John the Baptist (15)

# Crucial Implications...

## If you are not a Christian...

1. John intends this paragraph to convince you of who Jesus is and that you should believe in him.
2. John 1:14 proves the willingness of Jesus to receive you in spite of your sin, if you will come to Him.

## If you are a Christian...

1. The incarnation is a powerful reminder of our responsibility to reach others with the gospel.
2. The incarnation is the most powerful lesson on the love of God the Father and of God the Son for you!