

Baptism Bombshell: Man Calls Himself Jesus—How the Pastor Responded!

“...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father,” (Phil. 2:10-11).

There is only one person worthy of all glory and honor and praise: Jesus Christ. But what do you do when someone claims to actually be Jesus Christ?

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That’s exactly what happened during a baptism service at Catalyst Church in Evansville, Indiana, when pastor David Whitmore went to baptize a young man named Jared, as Protestia noted.

In the video of the baptism posted to X, the strangeness of the encounter was documented with a pause being placed on the service itself.

“[Have you put your] faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?” Whitmore asks the man.

“Hey, I’m Jesus Christ,” the man replies.

Confused, Whitmore asks “What?” and receives an eerie reply: “I’m back boys.”

"What?"

Seconds before being baptized, a young man claims to BE Jesus Christ in the flesh, prompting a very confused pastor to

quickly reorient himself and wisely cancel proceedings.

– Protestia (@Protestia) January 24, 2025

Deciding to pause the baptism once more, Whitmore asks the man, Jared, if he has placed his faith in Jesus Christ, to which the man replies: “I’m not Jared.”

With this third attempt to baptize the man, Whitmore decided to halt the service and pray against any demonic spirits that had filtered into the church.

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“God, You are King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus, You are the One we represent. We are not Jesus,” Whitmore prays. “So Lord, I do pray that if there’s any demonic spirits that are here trying to hinder us from giving You the spirits have no presence here. This is a place of worship.”

Regardless of what exactly was happening at that moment, baptism challenges with entities are more common than many may believe. Greg and Tai Locke both experienced a shift in their perspective of the supernatural realm when they saw someone manifest a demon during a baptism service.

““I can’t continue in ministry and see those kinds of things and not be equipped to help someone that is in that situation,” Tai Locke says. “And that was the moment for us. We began to fast; we began to pray.”

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