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Psalms 1:6 NIV *For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

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JESUS PROVES WHO HE IS BY:

1. His communication with the Father.

John 14:10-12 NLT *Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I speak are not My own, but My Father who lives in Me does His work through Me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen Me do. "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in Me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.*

2. His care for the flock.

John 14:13-17 NLT *You can ask for anything in My name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it! "If you love Me, obey My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.*

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C. Clues to His Nature (21)

John 14:21 NLT *Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me. And because they love Me, My Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal Myself to each of them."*

3. His concern for the family. (love = agape/agapao)

John 14:26-29 NLT *But when the Father sends the Advocate as My representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved Me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe.*

Psa 37:5-6 NIV *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.*

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