

THE SON OF MARY; THE SON OF GOD!

Luke 1:26-38

INTRODUCTION: Of all the titles attached to Jesus Christ perhaps the most important is "Son." Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:1; Matthew 3:17. My son could be spoken both by God the Father and Mary, the physical mother of Jesus. Jesus often used the name "the Son of Man" to refer to himself: Matthew 8:20; John 1:34; Colossians 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Revelation 14:14. The word "son" was used two different ways in Scripture. One way was the son of a man and a woman. The other way the son was used was figurative sense to describe someone possessing the unique qualities of someone else: Mark 3:17. Jesus was the son of Mary, human in every way and also the Son of God, which speaks of his deity.

I. THE SON OF MARY!

The greatest biological mystery of the ages is the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ: Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14. This speaks of how Almighty God became a literal human being; thus merging two natures: deity and humanity into one. Luke 1:34-38: Jesus is one person with two natures: both human and divine. Jesus was human in every way but he perfect, sinless and holy. Luke 2:7; Luke 2:40, 52; Mark 6:2-3; John 4:6; Matthew 4:11; Luke 23:26; Luke 23:46. Our Lord Jesus experienced a wonderful array of human emotions and he learned just like every child does: Luke 2:52.

II. THE SON OF GOD!

Just as Jesus is the son of Mary, He is also the Son of God! This means that Jesus is fully God from eternity past to eternity future. Angels were called sons of God: Job 1:6 KJV. Christians are sons and daughters of God: Romans 8:19. Our Lord Jesus is the only begotten Son of God: John 3:16. Jesus is called "the Son of God" over forty times in the New Testament: Matthew 14:33; Matthew 26:63; Matthew 4:3; Matthew 8:29. Jesus is totally man but also totally God: Philippians 2:9-11.

III. JESUS SHOWS US GOD THE FATHER!

Our proper understanding of God is seen through our Lord Jesus Himself: John 14:6-11; John 1:18; Colossians 1:15-20. Both God the Father and God the Holy Spirit are spirit. God the Son manifest and revealed God to mankind in a personal tangible way: Colossians 2:9. If you long to know God better study the life of the Lord Jesus Christ more.

IV. JESUS SAVES US FROM OUR SINS!

Jesus became a man because we needed a Savior to rescue us from our sin. 1 Timothy 2:5-6. A mediator negotiates and brings peace between parties at odds with each other: Romans 5:10-11. Our Lord Jesus possesses not only the nature and attributes of God, but also the nature and attributes of man. Romans 5:1.

V. JESUS SETS US FREE FROM ETERNAL DEATH!

Our Lord Jesus sets those who trust in Him as their personal Lord and Savior free from the fear of death: Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 John 3:8. When our Lord Jesus rose from the dead, He conquered death, defeated the devil, and freed those who trust in Him from the fear of dying. John 14:19-20; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57. Our Lord Jesus promised us that if we believe in him we will never die: John 11:25-26. Do you believe that?

VI. JESUS SYMPATHIZES WITH US IN OUR WEAKNESSES!

Our Lord Jesus became a man, just like us so He could sympathize with us in our weaknesses: Hebrews 4:15-16. The word “sympathize” means “to suffer with.” Our Lord Jesus experienced human weariness, disappointments, desertion, and intense physical pain. Proverbs 14:10. Even though no other human being can know our inner thoughts and pains, our Lord Jesus can. 1 Peter 5:7.

VII. JESUS STRENGTHENS US IN TIMES OF TEMPTATION!

Because of His unique dual nature, Jesus also knows how to strengthen us in our times of temptation: Hebrews 2:17-18; Hebrews 4:15-16. This is another mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ. How could He who knew no sin be tempted by Satan? When we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior the Holy Spirit comes into us and seeks to replicate the life of Jesus in us.

VIII. WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

It all comes down to the question: “Who is Jesus to you? Romans 5:6-8; John 3:16-17; Isaiah 43:11; 1 Corinthians 15:3. No heroic human being could have saved us. No angelic being could have saved us. Only the Son of God, who is very God, could redeem sinners like us. John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 5:2. This then is the Jesus you may not know.