

John 20:30-31, Selected Scriptures

The Father's One of a Kind Son

(pt. 2)

INTRO: God is not only honored in what we **do**, He is also glorified in what we **believe**. (1 Jn 4-5)

Highlight some real-world contexts where Jesus' Sonship is confessed/affirmed/etc.? What do Mormons, Muslims, Jehovah Witnesses, and Liberal "Christians" wrongly believe and teach?

To better appreciate and understand John's thesis statement (Jn 20:31)
let's examine Jesus' Sonship under Two Additional Headings:

1) *Acknowledging the Current Confusion.*

2) *Establishing the wide range of meaning of both 'S(s)on' and 'S(s)on of God.'*

The word "Son" or "S(s)on of God" is applied to no less than six different "beings."

3) *Noting the Frequent Usage and Meaning of this Most Important Christological Title.*

4) *Appreciating the Practical, Personal, & Theological Significance of this Christological Title.*

5) **Avoiding the _____ Pancake Mistake.**

In other words, be careful not to _____ out the meaning the passage/word.

A) Luke's Theology of the Sonship of Christ; (Jesus, Son of God).

B) Matthew's Theology of the Sonship of Christ; (Jesus, Son of God).

6) Addressing the _____ Nature of Jesus' Glorious Sonship.

C) John's Theology of the Sonship of Christ; (Jesus, Son of God).

The 8 Facets of Jesus' Unique and Glorious Sonship in the Gospel of John:

He is: i) **The** _____ **Son.**

(John 1:1a; 6:61-62; 8:58)

He is: ii) **The** _____ **Son.**

(John 1:1-4; 3:35; 5:21-24; 10:30)

He is: iii) **The** _____ **Son.**

(John 1:1b-4; 8:23; 15:26; Matthew 3:16; 28:19-20)

He is: iv) **The** _____ **Son.**

(John 3:35; 5:20; 17:24)

He is: v) **The** _____ **Son.**

(John 3:16; Psalm 2:7f; Luke 1:35)

He is: vi) **The _____ Son.**

(John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; 7:28; 8:29; 10:18; 12:49; 14:31; 15:10; Romans 8:3)

He is vii) **The Spirit-_____ Son.**

(John 1:32-24; John 14-16; Is. 42:1)

He is: viii) **The _____ Son.**

(John 11:27; 20:31; Psalm 2; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6)

3 Additional Points of Practical Application

For Further Reflection: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just sermon connoisseurs*

What's the most important thing you heard today? How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted? What do you want to study further as a result of listening to today's message?

Memorize and apply the timeless implications of Acts 1:8. Christians who do not regularly bear witness of Christ (evangelism) or who do not faithfully and winsomely defend the core doctrines of the faith (1 Pet. 3:15), may find a lengthy sermon series of John's Gospel and/or Christ's Sonship boring and largely irrelevant. Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19; Mark 16:15).

Highlight some real-world contexts where Jesus' Sonship is confessed/affirmed/etc.?

When we say, "the God of the Bible has a Son." What do we mean? What do we *not* mean? Why does the Word of God make such a big, big deal out of this? (John 20:30-31; 1 Jn 2:20-25). John has been called, 'the Gospel of the Savior's Sonship.' What's unique and glorious about Christ's Sonship?

Explain to someone what's distinct in Luke and Matthew's portrait of Christ. Next explain how it still harmonizes perfectly with John's Theology of Christ's Sonship. What does it mean when someone (unintentionally) flattens out the meaning of the text; (or wrongly reads one passage/s unique emphasis into another passage)? Note sermon headings 5, 6 (and 3). Explain how heading 6 relates to what we talked about last Sunday; review what you wrote down last week under heading 3.

How do Muslims and some of the major cults misinterpret and misapply the essential doctrine of Christ's "Sonship?" How might children and less taught adult believers (accidentally) misunderstand this Christological title? What does Scripture mean and not mean?

What were the three points of practical application highlighted at the end of today's sermon? What additional implications or points of application would you have mentioned?

What songs celebrate the biblical truths highlighted in our current series? I thought of Chris Tomlin's, Jesus, Son of God." Getty, Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, "Christ The True and Better (Live)."

One-way pastors can apply Colossians 1:28 and 1 Corinthians 2:2 is to faithfully teach and preach through the 4 Gospels.

What is the practical, personal, and theological significance of this Christological title?

The term "Son of God" underscores both unity and distinction within the purview of Trinitarian majesty and mystery. The wonder of God's inerrant Word and eternal Son is life-changing!

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