

John 20:30-31, Genesis 1-Revelation 22

From Eternity Past to Eternity Future: Tracing the Son's Ministry Through the Ages
(pt. 3)

God's Word beckons us to think God's thoughts about God's only begotten Son!

God is not only honored in what we *do*, He's also glorified in what we *believe*. (1 Jn 4-5) Doctrine is life.

Jesus' Sonship impacts salvation, sanctification, evangelism, apologetics, missions, and worship!

A Jet Tour of the Son's Presence and Ministry

7) Tracing the Son's Ministry Through the Ages

(Genesis 1:1-Revelation 22:21)

Beginning in A) **Eternity Past**

up through B) _____.

(Genesis 1; John 1:1-4; 17:24; Col. 1:16-17; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 1:10-12; Eph. 1:4)

Let's fast forward to C) **The Son's Presence and Ministry During the Old Testament Era**

From Creation to 400 B.C.

(Genesis 15; Joshua 5:13-15; Judges 6:11-18; Isaiah 6; Daniel 3:25-29)

D) The Son's Much Anticipated _____.

(Luke 2:3-11; John 1:14; Matt. 1:18-2:23)

E) The Son's Monumental _____.

(Luke 3:21-23a; Matt. 3:13-17; John 1:32-34; Mark 1:9-11)

F) The Son's Mountaintop _____.

(Luke 9:28-35; Matt. 17:1-13; 2 Peter 1:16-21)

G) The Son's Bloody Cross and the _____.

(Mark 15:21-39; Romans 1:4; John 18-20)

H) The Son's Active Ministry in this Present Age.

(Col. 1-2; Matt. 16:18; John 14; 1 John 2:1; Rom 8:9-10)

H) The Son's Central Role in the Future Age to Come.

(Psalm 2; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24-25; Rev. 19-22)

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?

God is not only honored in what we **do**, He is also glorified in what we **believe**. (1 Jn 4-5) The Word of God beckons us to *think* God's thoughts about God's Son! Review your notes and summarize what new things you've learned the past 3 sermons (see also page 4).

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 deal out of this? (John 20:31; 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? Read Mark 1:1/Mark 15:39 and then read John 1:1, 34/John 20:28-31.

Jesus' Sonship is of first-rate importance and impacts salvation, sanctification, evangelism, apologetics, missions, and worship (explain).

Most people in the world do not embrace what the Bible teaches concerning Jesus Christ, the Son of God. What do Mormons, Muslims, Jehovah Witnesses, and Liberal "Christians" wrongly believe and teach concerning Jesus, Son of God? How do they misinterpret and misapply this title? When is the last time you shared the Gospel with an unbeliever?

What were some of the practical points of application highlighted during today's sermon? What additional practical implications would you add?

What Bible verses highlight Jesus' presence and activity in eternity past? How does this relate to the believer's life today? Note 17:24; Jn 15:9; Romans 8:31-39; Eph. 3:14-19 (esp. verses 18-19).

What role did the Son play in creation? How is He different from all created things?

What did the Son do during the Old Testament era? What is an O.T. Christophany? Note Genesis 15; Joshua 5:13-15; Judges 6:11-18; Isaiah 6; Daniel 3:25.

What is special and important about the Son's birth/arrival, His baptism, His mountaintop transfiguration, His bloody and torturous cross and his empty tomb, His active ministry in the present church age; and His role in the future age to come?

What songs celebrate the truths highlighted in our current series? Note Chris Tomlin's, "Jesus, Son of God." Getty, Matt Boswell & Matt Papa, "Christ The True and Better Adam."

The term "Son of God" underscores both unity and distinction within the purview of Trinitarian majesty and mystery.

To better appreciate and understand John's purpose statement/Gospel (Jn 20:30-31)
let's examine Jesus' Sonship under the following 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 Majestic Yet Oft Misunderstood Title.*

5) *Avoiding the Interpretative Pancake Mistake.*

Be careful not to flatten out the meaning of the text. Do not import the meaning of one passage unto another passage of Scripture.

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

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

6) *Addressing the Unique and Glorious Nature of Jesus' Glorious Sonship.*

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

The 8 Facets highlighted in the Gospel of John:

He is: i) The Eternal Son. (John 1:1a; 6:61-62; 8:58)

He is: ii) The Divine Son. (John 1:1-4; 3:35; 5:21-24; 10:30)

He is: iii) The Trinitarian Son. (John 1:1b-4; 8:23; 15:26; Matthew 3:16; 28:19-20)

He is: iv) The Eternally Beloved Son. (John 3:35; 5:20; 17:24)

He is: v) The One of Kind Son. (John 3:16; Psalm 2:7f; Luke 1:35)

He is: vi) The Perfectly Obedient and Faithful Son. (John 4:34; 5:30; 8:29; 10:18; 12:49; 14:31;
John 15:10; Romans 8:3)

He is: vii) The Spirit-Anointed Son (John 1:32-24; John 14-16; Is. 42:1)

He is: viiii) The Messianic Son. (John 11:27; 20:31; Psalm 2; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6)

7) *Tracing the Son's Ministry Through the Ages (Genesis 1:1-Revelation 22:21)*

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