

8. Jesus: The Son of God

The two most common titles used to refer to *Jesus* is the *Christ* and the *Son of God*. In this lesson, we will study the significance of these titles which make *Jesus* the most amazing Person to have ever lived.

John 5

18 *Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him (Jesus), because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.*

What does this verse teach us about the phrase "Son of God"?

Matthew 16:

15 *He (Jesus) said to them, "But who do you (the disciples) say that I am?"*
16 *Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*
17 *Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.*

What is the significance of Jesus' response to Peter's confession?

Mark 14:

61 *But He (Jesus) kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest (Caiaphas) asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"*
62 *Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."*
63 *Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?"*
64 *"You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.*

Why was Caiaphas' reaction incorrect? _____

John 5:18

Circle what the Jews sought.
Circle who Jesus said God was.
Circle what that made Him.

In the Bible the phrase "son of..." is more than a reference to familial relationships. It implies the possession of the essence or quality of the parent. The Jews knew what Jesus was implying when He called God His Father, and their reaction shows it.

Matthew 16:15-17 (Observations)

v15

Underline what Jesus asked.

v16

Circle who Peter said Jesus was.

v17

Circle what Jesus called Peter.

Circle who did not reveal this to Peter.

Underline who revealed it to him.

Jesus explicitly claimed, in various Scripture, to be the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the Living God.

Mark 14:61-64 (Observations)

v61

Circle who kept silent.

Circle who addressed Jesus.

Circle who he asked Jesus He was.

v62

Circle Jesus' two word answer.

Underline what Jesus told Caiaphas he would see.

*(Compare with Daniel 7:13-14)**

v63

Circle what Caiaphas did.

Underline what he said.

v64

Circle what Caiaphas said they heard.

(Blasphemy = dishonoring the name of God. see Leviticus 24:16)

Underline what they did.

*(*Jesus identifying Himself as the 'Son of Man' from Daniel 7: was tantamount to a person claiming to be God, as evidenced by Caiaphas' reaction.)*

In his Gospel's introduction, Mark connects two Old Testament Messianic Prophecies to Jesus, and in so doing, clarifies who the Scriptures identify Jesus as. They confirm what Jesus has already claimed for Himself.

Mark 1:

- 1 *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*
- 2 *As it is written in the Prophets:
"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You."*
- 3 *"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight."*

Who are two men in the Bible that could be the "messenger" mentioned in this verse? _____

Why do you think Mark opened his Gospel by citing these verses?

Malachi 3:

- 1 *"Behold, I send My messenger,
And he will prepare the way before Me.
And the Lord, whom you seek,
Will suddenly come to His temple,
Even the Messenger of the covenant,
In whom you delight.
Behold, He is coming,"
Says the LORD (Yahweh) of hosts.*

Isaiah 40:

- 3 *The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the LORD (Yahweh);
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

How do these passages reveal Jesus' true identity? _____

The Jewish leaders were unable and unwilling to accept Jesus as the Christ, but even more, that He was the **LORD (Yahweh)** of the *Tanakh* or *Old Testament*. To be fair, people who claim to be God today are usually escorted to an asylum. But Jesus told us to judge Him by His Words and His Works, and on that basis, He will judge us by our acceptance or rejection of Him as **LORD!**

Mark 1:1-3 (Observations)

v1

Circle how Mark describes Jesus Christ.

v2

Underline where the quote is written.

(x reference **Malachi 3:1**)

Circle who will be sent.

Circle whose way will be prepared.

v3

Circle where the voice is crying.

Circle whose way is prepared.

Circle what is made straight.

(x reference **Isaiah 40:3**)

Jesus was preceded by His cousin, John, who came preaching repentance from sin for the **Kingdom of God** was at hand. The context of this passage would seem to identify John the Baptist as the "messenger" cited in **Malachi 3:1**. But **Malachi** stated that the prophet Elijah would precede the coming **Messiah** (**Malachi 4:5**). This explains why some questioned whether **Elijah** had to come first to which **Jesus** clarified that **Elijah** did come referring to **John**. (**Matthew 17:10-13**)

Malachi 3:1 (Observations)

Circle who will be sent.

Underline what he will do.

Circle whose way will be prepared.

Circle where the Lord will come.

Circle who is speaking.

(note: **LORD = Yahweh**)

Isaiah 40:3 (Observations)

Circle where the voice is crying.

Circle whose way is prepared.

(note: **LORD = Yahweh**)

Circle what is made straight.

We have seen that *Jesus* did not hesitate to admit He was the *Christ*, the *Son of God*. The Old Testament prophets proclaimed that the *Christ* was none other than *Yahweh Himself*, the *God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*. Observe how *Jesus*, as *Yahweh*, is described in the Old Testament.

Isaiah 44:24

*Thus says the LORD (Yahweh/Jesus), your Redeemer,
And He who formed you from the womb:
"I am the LORD (Yahweh/Jesus), who makes all things,
Who stretches out the heavens all alone,
Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;*

Isaiah 45:18

*For thus says the LORD (Yahweh/Jesus),
Who created the heavens,
Who is God,
Who formed the earth and made it,
Who has established it,
Who did not create it in vain,
Who formed it to be inhabited:
"I am the LORD (Yahweh/Jesus), and there is no other.*

Zechariah 12:1

*The burden of the word of the LORD (Yahweh/Jesus) against Israel.
Thus says the LORD (Yahweh/Jesus),
who stretches out the heavens,
lays the foundation of the earth,
and forms the spirit of man within him:*

Nehemiah 9:6

*You alone are the LORD (Yahweh/Jesus);
You have made heaven,
The heaven of heavens, with all their host,
The earth and everything on it,
The seas and all that is in them,
And You preserve them all.
The host of heaven worships You.*

From the above passages, what do we learn about Jesus?

Isaiah 44:24 (Observations)

Circle who the speaker is.
Underline how He is described.
Underline what He did.
Circle what the LORD makes.
Circle how He made the heavens and the earth.

Isaiah 45:18 (Observations)

Circle who the speaker is.
Circle who He is and all He did.
Circle who there is besides Him.

Zechariah 12:1 (Observations)

Circle who the speaker is.
Underline the three things He does.

Nehemiah 9:6 (Observations)

Circle Who He is alone.
Circle what He made.
Underline the four things He made.
Circle what He does.
Circle who worships Him.

"⁵Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had.⁶ Though He was God, He did not demand and cling to His rights as God.⁷ He made himself nothing; He took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.⁸ And in human form He obediently humbled Himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross."

Philippians 2:5-8
(New Living Translation)

Though He was God, *Jesus* never demanded to be recognized as such in His earthly ministry. But *His Apostles* have *corrected* the record!

John 1:

- 1 *In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*
- 2 *He was in the beginning with God.*
- 3 *All things were made through Him,
and without Him nothing was made that was made.*
- 4 *In Him was life,
and the life was the light of men.*

14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we beheld His glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,
full of grace and truth.*

Colossians 1:

16 *For by Him (Jesus)
all things were created that are in heaven
and that are on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.
All things were created through Him and for Him.*

Colossians 2:

9 *For in Him (Jesus)
all the fullness of Deity dwells
in bodily form,*

*Why do you think the deity of Christ is more defined after His
ascension than before?* _____

*What impact do you think the truth of Christ's deity had on the
Apostles and other disciples?* _____

What impact does it or will it have on your life? _____

John 1:1-4, 14 (Observations)

v1 (The Word = Jesus)

Underline what was in the beginning.

Circle who he was with.

Circle who He was.

v2

Circle when He was with God.

v3

Circle what was made through him.

Circle what was not made by Him.

v4

Circle what was in Him.

Circle what the life was.

v14

Circle what it became.

Underline what it did.

Circle what we beheld.

Underline whose glory it was.

Circle what it was full of.

Colossians 1:16 (Observations)

Circle what was created by Him.

Underline the scope of these things.

(All forms of authority made by Jesus)

Circle how and why all things were created.

Colossians 2:9 (Observations)

Underline what dwells in Jesus.

In 1741, **George Frideric Handel** used this magnificent passage as the lyrics for his oratorio masterpiece, "**Messiah**". It brings us full circle, from the *birth of a Child* to the *everlasting reign of the King of kings*. It also unapologetically defines and names the Truth about **Jesus!**

Isaiah 9:

**6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government shall be upon His shoulder.
And His name shall be called**

**Wonderful,
Counsellor,
The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.**

**7 Of the increase of His government and peace
There shall be no end,
Upon the throne of David and upon His kingdom,
To order it and to establish it
with judgment and with justice
From henceforth,
even for ever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

**Meditate on the Truths of this passage,
especially as they apply to **Jesus**.**

Next ... Ask yourself, "What does Jesus Desire of My Life?"

Then ... Do It!

Isaiah 9:6-7 (Observations)

v6

Circle Who is born.

Circle Who is given.

Circle what will be on His shoulder.

Observe and Contemplate each of His
Names.

v7

Underline what will have no end.

Underline from where He will govern.

Underline His Kingdom goals.

Circle its timeframe.

Underline what will perform this.

Perhaps when you were a child, you enjoyed those mystery pictures that revealed themselves only after connecting a series of dots. And perhaps you've already deduced that we have been doing a similar activity in this Studybook. We have been connecting the dots of Jesus' Life and have finally beheld the complete picture of who He truly is! **Jesus is the embodiment of God Almighty, Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, who loves us so much that He was willing to be crucified on our behalf, in order that we might enjoy His Love and Fellowship ... Forever!**

If you are not a Believer but have completed this Study, **Jesus is reaching out to you right now and wants you to receive Him by faith. **Trust Him today and believe that He died for your sins, was buried and raised to life on the third day!** Then allow **His Holy Spirit** to live through you!**

And if you are a Believer, **Jesus has a **purpose** for you! **To grow** in your **Knowledge** of Him, in your **Love** for Him, in your **Service** to Him; and in **Holiness** with Him! Share Him with all He brings into your life, and help them to Know, Love and Serve Him as well! Amen? ... **Amen!****