

# THE LIFE *and* TIMES of JESUS CHRIST

MEDIA REFERENCE NUMBER SM-351 OCTOBER 31, 1999

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Christ the Son of God”**

The Authority of God’s Only Son

THE THEME OF THIS SERIES:

**Colossians 2:9**

**“For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead dwells  
in bodily form”**

TOPICAL SUBJECT REFERENCED UNDER:

The Sonship of Jesus, Jesus, The Son of Glory

## INTRODUCTION:

The Concept of Being a Son

*in our western culture is all together different  
than that of the ancient world*

If Ever – “Like Father Like Son” Applied,  
It Applied to Jesus Christ

Hebrews 1:1-3

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

## 1.) We must **“COME”** to the Son of God

# What does it mean to come?

This was a confusing and difficult concept for the religious people of Jesus' time to grasp.

The touchstone of worship was the physical temple in Jerusalem. The way in to the temple was via a priest that would represent you and your case to God with a sacrifice for sin. It was a very liturgical protocol and exact.

When John the Baptist appeared on the scene he introduced into the minds of the people a whole new way of thinking, John argued to them, that Jesus was **“the lamb of God”**

this concept completely jostled their religiosity because now God and the sinner could meet anywhere, at any time, and to anyone who would come to Him

## We Must **Come** to the Son of God **Because**

### a.) *He is the Only Son **announced** to us*

Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

*Son-Ship is Important in Any Culture*

# But All The More in Israel

My Son the Lawyer / My Son the Doctor

## The Dream of Birthing the Messiah

# Jesus, The Son of God

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?

## Son of GOD

Psalm 2:7

"I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'

Acts 13:33

"God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'

## Son of DAVID

Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

## Son of ABRAHAM

Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ... the Son of Abraham:

## Son of JOSEPH

Luke 3:23

Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph,

## Son of MARY

Mark 6:3

"Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him.

## Son of MAN

Luke 9:21-22

21 And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

## Son of THE MOST HIGH

Mark 5:7

And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

## "My Only Son"

John 3:18

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

## *Greek "The Son of Me"*

3439 monogenes (mon-og-en-ace');

The only one born, the sole heir or begotten, the one ordained for uniqueness

Luke 9:37-38

37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him. 38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is **mine only son**

## We Must **Come** to the Son of God **Because**

b.) *He is the Only Son **related** to us*

Hebrews 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## We Must **Come** to the Son of God **Because**

c.) *He is the Only Son **in place** for us*

Hebrews 9:24

24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

Jesus Died to Atone for Mankind

Jesus Died to Vindicate the Word of God

2.) We must **“BELIEVE”** in the Son of God

Believing that He is more  
than a historic personality

# We Must **Believe** in the Son of God **Because**

## a.) *Jesus was **presented** by God*

John 20:30-31

And truly Jesus did many other **signs** in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, **the Son of God**, and that **believing** you may have life in His name.

# We Must **Believe** in the Son of God **Because**

## b.) *Jesus **revealed** the will of God*

The Man-God  
came revealing, making known, showing the way...

# Jesus Exposed God to Mankind

2 Peter 3:9-10

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away

Matthew 7:21-23

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Luke 22:40-42

40 When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

## We Must **Believe** in the Son of God **Because**

c.) *Jesus is the **pinnacle** to God*

The Apex / The Acme / The Mark

# When He Said...

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

# Jesus is It

2 Peter 1:17

17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

3.) We must **"ACCEPT"** the Son of God

that we take Him into our hearts in an intimate way,  
in a deeply spiritual way

*Charles Spurgeon*

*"The Sinners Reception of Christ results in this primarily;  
First - fellowship between God man is restored  
and Second - That divine intercourse hallmarks the Christian life*

## We Must **Accept** the Son of God **Because**

a.) *Accepting Him means **Receiving** Him*

## So Important is This Need to You

Mark 12:2-9

"Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers. 3 "And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 "Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated. 5 "And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some. 6 "Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 7 "But those vinedressers said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 8 "So they took him and killed him and cast him out of the vineyard. 9 "Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others.

b.) *Accepting Him means **Dedicating***

*When Jews Became Christians  
it cost them everything*

The gods of the ancient world  
demanded total



## c.) *Accepting Him means **Ascent***

### **Matthew 16:13-18**

When Jesus came into the region of **Caesarea Philippi**, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you 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. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on **this rock** (The Rock of Pan) I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

## Pagan Worship

### John 13:20

I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

### John 19:7

The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, **because He made Himself the Son of God.**"

## Accepting Him is *Ascent (Rising)*

### John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and cried, "**Behold!** *The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*"

### John 1:35-36

and **Again**, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "**Behold** *the Lamb of God!*"

# "Behold / Consider / Examine"

## This **Bolted** into the Mind of the Listening Jew

This was a Corporate Pattern of Worship (Israel) That Flowed from a Personal Pattern of Worship (Abraham) that Had Already Been Established.

Genesis 22:8

And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself **the lamb** for a burnt offering."  
So the two of them went together.

## the importance of a LAMB ?

Exodus 12:3-7

and God said to Moses "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself **a lamb**, according to the house of his father, **a lamb** for a household.

'And if the household is too small for **the lamb**, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for **the lamb**.

'Your **lamb** shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You take it from the sheep or from the goats. 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month (5 days). Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain...

In The Middle of Heaven is A Lamb, The Lamb,  
Your Lamb

# “Hey That’s My Lamb There”

Until you come to Him and examine Him you’ll be lost in your opinion and until you believe in Him you’ll be lost in your own ignorance and until you accept Him you’ll be lost in your “aloneness” – stark naked!

## 4.) We must “**ABIDE**” in the Son of God

### We Must **Abide** in the Son of God **Because**

- Abidegrk 3306 meno (men'-o);  
to stay at the same activity or in the same condition or state. to be in the act of continuing, continuing to stand, sit, wait or walk. (it can be asked of the Christian, “what are you waiting for? “ – there is no motion, but there is activity!)

#### a.) *Abiding produces spiritual fruit*

John 15:4-5

4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

**The Imperative is:**  
*That we Abide in Him*

**The Purpose is:**  
*That we Produce Much Fruit*

En-thus-iasm (Indwelling-God-Activity)  
An Eagerness, a Devotion, an Excitement

2 John 1:2-3

because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: 3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

# We Must **Abide** in the Son of God **Because**

b.) *Abiding **enables** us to live life*

## You Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me

the word “Witness” here means that we are to “die for the cause”  
“Unto Me” implies that it is solely for Him

We’re Not Witnesses for...  
Tupperware, Amway, or the Church

We’re Not Worshiping, Giving, and Serving  
To get a Name, To Earn Anything, To Be Noticed

# We Must **Abide** in the Son of God **Because**

c.) *Abiding **displaces** all doubts*

1 John 4:13-16

13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 5:9

We accept man's testimony, but God's **testimony** is greater because it is the **testimony** of God, which he has given **about his Son**.

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in **the name (authority)** of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in **the name (authority)** of the Son of God.

there is one mediator  
it's not the Father, nor the Spirit  
nor the saints, it's not Peter Paul or Mary!

Hebrews 10:28-29

A man who has violated the law of Moses dies without mercy at the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment do you think will be deserved by the man who has spurned the Son of God, and profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and outraged the Spirit of grace?

## Doubt

How Can I Know If Jesus is Real?

### **But First These Questions:**

1. What Do You Believe In?
2. Is it Real?
3. How Do You Know?
4. What Evidence Do You Have?
5. How Stupid Are You?