

John 20:30-31, Selected Scripture
Twelve Witnesses to Christ's Deity and the Biblical Gospel
(pt. 4)

INTRO: There are many different strongly held beliefs concerning the person and work of Christ. *Such as, in the Bible many beings/creatures are called son(s) of God that are not God very God. Jesus is a prophet but not 'the Prophet.' He's a very good man but he's definitely not the God-man!*

Does it really even matter whether someone believes or does not believe?

(1 Cor. 16:22; Jn 3:36; Romans 1:16; 3:23; 6:23;10:9)

It's basic Christianity to follow, serve, obey, love, & worship Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God.

(Matt. 4:18-22; John 3:36; 13:33-35; 20:28-31; Rev. 5:6-14)

Let's Consider the Mountain of Evidence of
12 Witnesses Who Affirm Christ's Deity and Eternal Sonship

1) The Devil and His _____.

(Mark 3:7-12; Luke 4:31-37; James 2:18-20)

2) The Human _____ of Christ.

(Mark 15:37-39; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Acts 8:3; Acts 9, 13-28; John 11:50-51)

3) The _____ Host of Heaven.

(Luke 1:26-38; 2:8-15; Matt. 28:5; 1 Tim. 3:16)

4) The Holy Prophets and the _____ Scriptures.

(Ps. 2; 110; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-3; 53; John 5:46; Luke 24:24-27)

12 Witnesses Who Affirm Christ's Deity and Eternal Sonship (continued)

5) **The Prophesied Testimony of John** _____.

(John 1:28-34; Matt. 3:1-17; Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1; 4:5)

6) **The Testimony of Transformed** _____ **of Jesus.**

(John 1:49; 11:27; 20:28; Mt. 16:16; Lk 23:33-39; 1 Tim. 1:12-17)

7) **The Unified Witness of the** _____ **Scriptures.**

(Titus 2:15; 2 John 3; 1 Jn. 5:5; Heb. 1-2; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 4:12; Col. 1-2; John 1:1-18)

8) **The Miraculous Work and Mighty Deeds of** _____.

(John 5:18-23, 37; 20:30-31; Acts 2:22-41; note the 7 "Signs" in the Gospel of John)
"Talk is cheap. Prove it Jesus!"

9) **The Historical Testimony of the Early Church Fathers**

(Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp; Justin Martyr; Clement of Alexandria; Tertullian)

10) **The Clear Testimony of the Historical (Biblical)** _____.

(John 6:20, 35; 48; 8:24, 28, 58-59; 9:5; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1)

11) **The Unambiguous Testimony of** _____.

(Matt. 3:13-17; 17:1-13; John 5:37-38; Rom. 1:2-4; 3:4; Acts 2:22-24).

12) **The Detailed Witness of the Major Creeds and Confessions of the Christian Church.**

(the Apostle's Creed, Nicene Creed, Athanasian Creed; the Ligonier Statement on Christology)

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?

Some regard Jesus highly, just not highly enough. Talk about what Mormons, Muslims, Jehovah Witnesses, Atheists, non-Messianic religious Jews, and Liberal Protestants believe concerning Jesus' eternal Sonship and His absolute Deity. Romans 10:9f.

In 2024, have you told someone about the true Jesus while sharing the biblical Gospel? Who? When? How'd it go? Are you proactively fishing for men and bearing witness of Christ (Acts 1:8; Mt. 4:18-22). If not, why? Do you have any unsaved friends? Jesus calls us to be "in the world, but not of the world."

Does all of the evidence concerning Christ's absolute deity and His eternal Sonship truly demand a saving faith verdict? Note John 20:28-31 then quickly review the 12 Witnesses that took the stand during today's sermon. In your opinion which of witnesses/testimonies carry the greatest weight? Which of the 12 have you not given much thought to prior to Sunday's sermon? Which witness was the most surprising?

Review the 8 major sermon headings on page 4 and your related sermon notes. How would you respond to a skeptic who said, "Many beings/creatures in Scripture are called son(s) of God that are not God very God...including Jesus." How'd you respond to the person who admits Jesus was a very good man, but who denies that He's the God-man? Does it even matter whether someone believes in the biblical Jesus?

Read Matt. 4:18-22; John 3:36; 13:33-35; 20:28-31; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 16:22; Rev. 5:6-14. It's basic Christianity to follow, serve, obey, love, and worship Jesus as the eternal Son of God.

The Word of God beckons us to *think* God's thoughts about God's Son! God is not only honored in what we **do**, He is also glorified in what we **believe**. (1 Jn 4-5) If you believe the Gospel truth about Jesus Christ, you are applying these sermons in a way that pleases the LORD!

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).

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

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. How do the 7 Signs in John's Gospel further prove that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God?

How does the O.T. support the New Testament message that Jesus is the long-awaited Savior-King, the seed of hope from the line of promise? Think back on our recent Christ in the O.T. series. "There are none so blind as those who will not see."

To better appreciate and understand John's Gospel and his stated thesis (Jn 20:30-31)
let's examine Jesus' unique and glorious Sonship under the following 8 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, and Theological Significance of this Majestic Yet Oft Misunderstood Title.*

5) *Avoiding the Interpretative Pancake Mistake.*

Note Matthew & Luke's Rich Theology of the Sonship of Christ.

6) *Addressing the Unique and Glorious Nature of Jesus' One-of-a-Kind Sonship.*

Note John's Rich Theology of the Sonship of Christ.

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

A Jet Tour of the Son's Presence and Ministry

Beginning in A) Eternity Past up through B) Creation

(*Genesis 1-2; 12:7; 17:1; John 1:1-4; 17:24; Col. 1:16-17; Titus 1:2; Heb. 1:10-12; Eph. 1:4*)

C) The Son's Presence and Ministry During the Old Testament Era. From Creation to 400 B.C.
(*Joshua 5:13-15; Judges 6:11-18; Isaiah 6; Dan. 3:25-29*)

D) The Son's Much Anticipated Arrival. (*Luke 2:3-11; John 1:14; Matt. 1:18-2:23*)

E) The Son's Monumental Baptism. (*Luke 3:21-23a; Matt. 3:13-17; John 1:32-34; Mark 1:9-11*)

F) The Son's Mountaintop Transfiguration. (*Luke 9:28-35; Matt. 17:1-13; 2 Peter 1:16-21*)

G) The Son's Bloody Cross and the Empty Tomb. (*Mark 15:21-39; Romans 1:4; John 18-20*)

H) The Son's Active Ministry in this Present Age. (*Matt. 16:18; John 14; 1 John 2:1; Rom 8:9-10*)

I) The Son's Central Role in the Future Age to Come. (*Ps.2; Dan 7:13-14; Matt 24-25; Rev. 19-22*)

8) *Hearing the Overwhelming Testimony of 12 Witnesses Who Affirm Christ's Deity and Eternal Sonship.*

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