

Jesus Son of God

We want to _____ the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing else is so important. Today, we _____ on Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Acts 17:11 speaks of the noble Bereans: “Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” God considers it noble when people eagerly and daily _____ the Scriptures. God considers it noble to find out whether what you hear is _____. Many believe whatever they hear and they rarely _____ whether it’s true. God wants people who will search for the truth! Proverbs 23:23 says, “Buy (the) truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.” That’s why we search for the Lord’s way.

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Our reading today comes from Mark 9:2-8.

Yes, Jesus is the Son of God, and we ought to _____ to Him.

When we become Christians, we _____ Jesus Christ is the Son of God. The New Testament clearly applies this _____, Son of God, to Jesus. That He is the Son of God is _____ throughout the New Testament. The angel Gabriel told Mary of Nazareth, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David” (Luke 1:30-32). A little bit later Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:34-35).

When Jesus came to John the Baptist to be _____, the Father Himself recognized Jesus as His Son. Matthew 3:17 says, “After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on

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Him, and behold, a _____ out of the heavens said, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.’”

As God’s Son, Jesus cast out demons, and the demons _____ who Jesus really was. For instance, Mark 3:10,11 says, “for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him. Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, ‘You are the Son of God!’”

When Jesus led Peter, James, and John up on a _____ mountain, as we read a moment ago, He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as _____ as light. Moses and Elijah appeared to them and _____ with Jesus. When Peter suggested building three tabernacles, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah, Matthew 17:5 says, “While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, ‘This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!’”

The apostle _____ remembered that occasion and commented on it. “For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the _____ and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased’— and we ourselves heard this utterance made from _____ when we were with Him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:16-18). Here is the second time God, from heaven, acknowledged Jesus as His Son.

As Christians, we must _____ to the Lord Jesus as God’s Son. Hebrews 1:1-5 says, “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the _____, but in these last days he has _____ to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his _____, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the _____ he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’? Or again, ‘I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son’?”

Claiming to be God’s Son had a _____ to pay for Jesus. John 5:8 says, “For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to _____ Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself _____ with God.” Jesus knew this and claimed to be the Son of God, and this stresses His deity.

In John 10:30-33 the Lord Jesus said, “‘I and the Father are _____.’” The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, ‘I showed you many good _____ from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?’ The Jews answered Him, ‘For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be _____.’” This is not the only place in the gospel of John where Jesus is called “God.” John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” When Jesus appeared to Thomas, who had doubted His resurrection, Jesus offered to show him His hands and His side, Thomas said, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

At His trial before the Jewish Council they asked Jesus about this _____: “And they all said, ‘Are You the Son of God, then?’ And He said to them, ‘Yes, I am.’ Then they said, ‘What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own _____” (Luke 22:70-71). They condemned Jesus to _____ for blasphemy when He admitted to being the Son of God.

Perhaps, here we should remember the marvelous _____ of God our Father. John 3:16-17 reminds us, “For God so _____ the world, that he gave his only (only begotten) Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be _____ through him.” The gift of Jesus was not a petty gift; it had a most important _____. God wanted so much to save you and me from _____ that He willingly sacrificed His Son Jesus. Jesus did not come to earth to condemn us but to _____ us. God loved you, no matter who you are, enough to sacrifice His precious Son, who _____ the punishment for your sins and mine.

Isaiah 53:5-6 says, “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us _____, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” I can only imagine the sorrow, pain, and anguish the Lord Jesus endured bearing the iniquity of us all.

Jesus also fulfilled God’s prophecy as the Son of God in His _____. In Psalm 2:7, we have the prophecy: “I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’” When Paul was on his first missionary journey he referred to this passage and showed that it referred to the _____ Lord Jesus. He said, “And we preach to you the good news of the _____ made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He _____ up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, ‘You are my son; today I have begotten you’” (Acts 13:32-33). The resurrection was indeed a _____ moment for the Lord Jesus. While from His birth He was the Son of God, God made this _____ undeniable at His resurrection. Romans 1:4 says Jesus “was declared the Son of God with _____ by the resurrection from the dead.”

We can see the character and power of God when we _____ on Jesus. The Jews thought it was _____ for Jesus to call Himself the Son of God. In John 5:19 Jesus answered their charge and explained, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do _____ of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.” We can know the Father in heaven by knowing the Son, Jesus.

How we treat Jesus Christ shows how we treat the Father in heaven. Disbelief in Jesus as the Son of God is the _____ as disbelief in God the Father Himself. The Lord Jesus said, “For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” (John 5:22-23). We must listen to the Son because the Son, Jesus, will _____ us on the last day.

The Lord Jesus said, “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the _____ I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has _____ Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as

the Father has told Me” (John 12:48-50). We must learn to _____ the Son if we wish to live eternally with the Father. The words of the Son are actually the words of the Father. He now speaks through His Son not through false prophets. We must learn to _____ in His words in all that they teach. Second John 9 speaks of a particular false teaching. “Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the _____ of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has _____ the Father and the Son.” I do not know of any teaching of Jesus that one can change or willfully disobey and still _____ God. To stop listening to Jesus causes one to lose his relationship with God the Father.

One day, as the Son of God, Jesus will _____ everyone from the dead. Though your body may be in the _____, the Lord will raise you up. He said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him _____ to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which _____ who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment” (John 5:25-29). By your life and your attitudes, you’re determining what _____ of resurrection you will face.

Jesus makes this _____ to the faithful and obedient when He returns. “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms (or mansions). If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will _____ and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also” (John 14:1-3). I want to live with the Lord forever, and I pray that you do too. Jesus is in deed, God’s Son, listen to Him.

“Although He was a Son, He learned _____ from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who _____ Him the source of eternal salvation” (Hebrews 5:8-9). Jesus, as God’s Son, obeyed His Father. Because He obeyed and was made perfect He could become the _____ of our eternal salvation to those who obey Him. Not everyone is _____ to believe in Christ or obey Him. John 1:11-13 says, “He came to His own, and those who were His own did not _____ Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the _____ to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” You and I can, by faith and obedience, be _____ again and can become children of God!

John 3:36 makes it clear: “He who believes in the Son has _____ life; but he who does not _____ the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” To say we believe but then be unwilling to repent or be unwilling to obey or unwilling to be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins is an empty, dead faith. Peter told the people at Pentecost in Acts 2:38 to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. That stands true for us today. We become the children of God when we believe and are baptized. Galatians 3:26-27 says, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” You can become a child of God today because of the Son of God.