

"Jesus the Son of God"

We want to know the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing else is so important. Hello, I'm Phil Sanders, and this is a Bible study "In Search of the Lord's Way." Today, we're focusing on Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

Welcome to In SEARCH of the Lord's Way! We're here to search the Scriptures for God's will. 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, daily examine the Scriptures. God considers it noble to find out whether what you hear is true. Many believe whatever they hear and they rarely question whether it's true. But, 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." And that's why we search for the Lord's way. Thanks for taking time with us today. We want to be a part of your life each week.

In Search of the Lord's Way began forty years ago this week on a single station, KTEN, in Ada, Oklahoma. Mack Lyon, who started this television ministry, dreamed of having a program that would cover the whole state. Well, as the decades passed, this program grew until it covers not only Oklahoma but also the whole United States and many other countries through television, radio, and the internet. We're convinced that God opened these doors so the truth of the gospel could reach every nation. We pray God will keep on opening doors and that God's word will touch hearts and lives.

Much has changed in forty years. The culture we had in 1980 differs much from what we see today. But people need the truth of Scripture to overcome religious and moral confusion. They still need to know what God has done for them, what God teaches, and what our God desires of them. Our culture needs the healing that only God can give. We need to listen to Jesus, who is the Son of God, and find the Lord's way.

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The Edmond church will now worship in song, we'll read from Mark 9:2-8, and explore Jesus as the Son of God.

Our reading today comes from Mark chapter 9 verses 2 through 8.

Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (But) For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified. Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" All at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

Yes Jesus is the Son of God. And we ought to listen to Him. Let's pray together. Oh Father help us to be good students of Your word and good listeners to the things that were taught by Jesus and the disciples. Give us strength each day. Father may Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus name, Amen.

When we become Christians, we confess Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Well, the New Testament clearly applies this title, Son of God, to Jesus. That He is the Son of God is taught throughout the New Testament. The angel Gabriel, for instance, told Mary of Nazareth in Luke 1:30 to 32, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb (will) and bear a son, and you shall (call) 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."

A little bit later, in Luke 1:34 to 35 Mary said to the angel, well, "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."

When Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptized, 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 Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Now as God's Son, Jesus cast out demons, and the demons who knew, a they knew who Jesus really was. For instance, in Mark 3:10 and 11 it 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 high mountain, as we read a moment ago, He was transfigured before them. And His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared to them and talked with Jesus. When Peter suggested building three tabernacles, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah, Matthew 17 verse 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 Peter remembered that occasion and commented on it in 2 Peter 1:16 to 18. He said "For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power 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 heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain." Now here is the second time that God Himself, from heaven, acknowledged Jesus as His Son.

As Christians, we must listen to the Lord Jesus as God's Son. Hebrews 1:1 to 5 says, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken 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 nature, 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 (the) angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than (those) 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"?"

Now, claiming to be God's Son had a price to pay for Jesus. John 5 and verse 18 says, "For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God." Jesus knew this. And He claimed to be the Son of God, and this stresses His deity.

In John 10:30 to 33 the Lord Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." Well, the Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works 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 God." This is not the only place in the gospel of John, where Jesus is called "God." John 1 and verse 1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." You'll also remember when Jesus appeared to Thomas, who had doubted His resurrection. When Jesus offered to show him His hands and His side, Thomas said in John 20 verse 28, "My Lord and my God!"

You might remember that at His trial before the Jewish Council, they asked Jesus about this claim. And Luke 22:70 to 71 speaks of the Sanhedrin Council: 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 mouth." They condemned Jesus to death for blasphemy, when He admitted to being the Son of God.

Perhaps, here we should remember the marvelous grace of God our Father. John 3:16 to 17 reminds us, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only (and some say "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 saved through him." The gift of Jesus was not a petty gift; it had a most important reason. God wanted so much to save you and me from sin that He willingly sacrificed His Son Jesus. Jesus did not come to earth to condemn us but to save us. God loved you, no matter who you are, enough to sacrifice His precious Son, who bore the punishment for your sins and mine.

Isaiah 53 verses 5 and 6 says, "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, 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.

Of course, Jesus was also fulfilling God's prophecy as the Son of God in His resurrection. In Psalm 2 and verse 7, we have the prophecy: "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: (and) 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 risen Lord Jesus. He said in Acts 13:32 to 33, "And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you.'" The resurrection was indeed a powerful moment for the Lord Jesus. While He was from His birth the Son of God, God made this fact undeniable at His resurrection. Romans 1 and verse 4 says that Jesus "was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead."

Now we can see the character and the power of God when we focus on Jesus. The Jews thought it was wrong for Jesus to call Himself the Son of God. In John 5 and verse 19 Jesus answered their charge and explained, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing 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.

And I would say, how we treat Jesus Christ shows how we treat the Father in heaven. Disbelief in Jesus as the Son of God is the same as disbelief in God the Father Himself. The Lord Jesus said in John 5:22 to 23, "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.” Folks we must listen to the Son, because the Son Jesus will judge us on the last day.

The Lord Jesus said in John 12:48 to 50, that, “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word (that) 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 given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things (that) I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.” We must learn to obey 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 abide in His words in all that they teach. 2 John 9 speaks of a particular false teaching. It says “Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.” Now I do not know of any teaching of Jesus that one can change or willfully disobey and still please 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 raise everyone from the dead. Though your body may be in the grave, the Lord will raise you up. He said in John 5:25 to 29, “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 (and) also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all 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.” My friend, by your life and your attitudes, you’re determining what kind of resurrection you will face.

Jesus makes this promise to the faithful and obedient when He returns. He said in John 14:1 to 3, “Let not your hearts be troubled. (You) 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 come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” I tell you 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. Let us pray.

Oh Father help us to listen well and to be obedient to Your will in all things. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

“Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.” Hebrews 5 verses 8 and 9. Jesus as God’s Son obeyed His Father. And because He obeyed and was made perfect, He could become the source of our eternal salvation to those who obey Him. Now not everyone is willing to believe in Christ or obey Him. John 1:11 to 13 says, “He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right 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.” And you and I can by faith and obedience be born again and can become children of God!

John 3 and verse 36 makes it clear: that “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” Now to say that 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. You know what?

That stands true for us today. We become the children of God when we believe and are baptized. Galatians 3:26 to 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.

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