The

Studies on the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Lesson 4

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1. Who did Jesus claim to be?

John 10:36 "Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

2. What did God, the Father say regarding the identity of Jesus?

Matthew 3:16, 17 "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 17:5 "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

3. Who did the disciples understand Jesus to be?

Matthew 16:15, 16 "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

John 11:27 "She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."

Matthew 14:33 "Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped

him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God."

Acts 9:20 "And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God."

4. Did the fallen angels know that Jesus was the Son of God?

Luke 4:3 "And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread."

Luke 8:28 "When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not."

Mark 5:7 "And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not."

Satan and the fallen angels knew before their fall that Jesus was the Son of God, hence Satan's challenge in the wilderness and the demon's confession.

5. Who else is referred to as the "son of God" in the Scriptures?

Luke 3:38 "Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."

Adam was the son of God by creation (Genesis 5:1). Also were the angels (Job 38:7).

1 John 3:1 "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath be- stowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

We are sons of God by adoption (Romans 8:15).

6. How is Christ the Son of God?

1 John **4:9** "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

Jesus is not a son by creation, as Adam was; nor a son by adoption, like us; but He is the only begotten Son; He is the Son because He was begotten of the Father.



John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God giving His only begotten Son indicates that God must have had a Son before the Incarnation to give.

7. When did Jesus become the Son of man?

Galatians 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law."

Luke 1:31 "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

Jesus became the Son of man when He was brought forth of Mary; at the Incarnation.

8. When was Christ begotten of the Father?

Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

'Goings forth' also means 'origin'. Jesus was brought forth in the days of antiquity, or from everlasting (margin: the days of eternity).

9. What happened in the days of eternity?

Proverbs 8:22-30 "The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him."

In the above passage, speaking under the title of wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:24, 30; Colossians 2:3), Jesus points the reader to the duration before the creation of anything as the time when He was "brought forth" or "possessed" by the Father.

10. Was Jesus referred to as the 'Son of God' before Bethlehem?

Proverbs 30:4 "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"

Daniel 3:25 "He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Psalms 2:12 "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."

11. During the Incarnation, when did Jesus teach that He came forth from the Father?

John 8:42 "Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me."

John 16:27 "For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God."

12. Is it important for us to believe that Jesus is the real and literal Son of God?

1 John 2:22, 23 "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

1 John 5:10, 11 "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son."

John 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

John 20:31 "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

13. Why did the Jews kill Christ?

Matthew 26:63-65 "But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy."

John 19:7 "The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

Jesus preferred to die than to deny His true sonship! How much more should we (mortals) confess the sonship of Jesus?

14. What is promised to those who receive Jesus as the Son of God?

John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."



Notes

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