

WALKING WITH THE SON OF GOD

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:1, 14 (NIV)

❖ Who do Men say that Jesus is?

"Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?'"

Mark 8:27 (NIV)

1. To the Jew... He is a great moral leader and teacher but not the Messiah
2. To the Muslim... He is a prophet and messenger of God but not the Son of God
3. To the Hindu... Jesus was a Holy Man, a Guru who they admire greatly
4. To the Mormon... He is a son of Elohim (God) and along with Satan and all people who they believe existed as spirit beings before they came to earth.
5. To the Jehovah Witnesses... He is the Son of God but not God himself a created being and before coming to Earth he was the Archangel Michael.
6. To the Secular World... He existed as a Jewish preacher/teacher but he is not divine but did teach great things and died a martyr's death on earth.

❖ Who does the Bible Say that Jesus is?

1. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the FIERY FURNACE knew who He was.

"Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, 'Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?' They replied, 'Certainly, O king.' He said, 'Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.'"

Daniel 3:24-25 (NIV)

2. The ANGELS and MARY knew Him as the Son of God.

"The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.'"

Luke 1:30-32 (NIV)

3. The DEMONS of HELL knew that He is the Son of God.

"When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. 'What do you want with us, Son of God?' they shouted. 'Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?'"

Matthew 8:28-29 (NIV)

4. The DISCIPLES knew that He is the Son of God.

"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"

Matthew 16:13-16 (NIV)

5. The CENTURION at the CROSS states that He is the Son of God.

"When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Surely he was the Son of God!'"

Matthew 27:54 (NIV)

6. JESUS himself said that He is the SON OF GOD.

"At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. 'If you are the Christ,' they said, 'tell us.' Jesus answered, 'If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.' They all asked, 'Are you then the Son of God?' He replied, 'You are right in saying I am.' Then they said, 'Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips.'"

Luke 22:66-71 (NIV)

❖ Jesus as the Son of God... What Does it Mean for Us?

"Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.'"

John 8:34-36 (NIV)

1. It means that if we ACCEPT Him our SINS have been PAID FOR.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

John 3:16-18 (NIV)

2. It means that we have the ASSURANCE of ETERNAL LIFE.

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

1 John 5:12-13 (NIV)

3. It means we have ACCESS to the THRONE of GOD.

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

4. It means that we have been ACCEPTED into the FAMILY of GOD.

"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God."

1 John 4:15 (NIV)