
Jesus is the Son of God-True or False?

Series: The Passion-True or False?

Luke 22:66-71 (NIV)

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. ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us."

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, ⁶⁸and if I asked you, you would not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

⁷⁰They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You are right in saying I am."

⁷¹Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

1. JESUS HIMSELF CLAIMED TO BE THE SON OF GOD.

The False Assumption: Jesus was just a good moral teacher.

Gandhi believed this. He writes in his book called *The Message of Jesus Christ*:

"It was more than I could believe that Jesus was the only incarnate son of God, and that only he who believed in him would have everlasting life. If God could have sons, all of us were his sons. If Jesus was like God, or God Himself, then all men were like God and could be God Himself.... I could accept Jesus as a martyr, an embodiment of sacrifice, and a divine teacher, but not as the most perfect man ever born. His death on the cross was a great example to the world, but that there was anything like a mysterious or miraculous virtue in it, my heart could not accept (p. 12)."

The Truth: Jesus understood that He was the Son of God.

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2. THOSE AROUND JESUS RECOGNIZED HE WAS THE SON OF GOD.

The False Assumption: Jesus is a myth.

The Truth: Those around Jesus understood Him to be the Son of God.

Matthew 14:33 (NIV)

Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 27:54 (NIV)

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!"

3. I CAN PERSONALLY EXPERIENCE JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD.

The False Assumption: Jesus might be the Son of God, but it doesn't affect me personally.

The Truth: Acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God gives me eternal life.

John 20:30-31 (NIV)

³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1 John 4:13-15 (NIV)

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

1 John 5:13 (NKJV)

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.