

JESUS CHRIST

The Son of God

There are many religions today, as well as individuals, who believe Jesus Christ may have been a good teacher, maybe even a prophet; but they cannot believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Are they right? What does the Bible have to say on the subject?

Satan, the Adversary, Starts With “If”

Matthew 4:3 (also Luke 4:3)

Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the **Son of God**, command that these stones become bread."

Matthew 4:6 (also Luke 4:9)

"If You are the **Son of God**, throw Yourself down. For it is written: "He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, "In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone."

The Demons Have No Doubts

Matthew 8:29

"And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You **Son of God**? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Mark 3:11

"And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the **Son of God**."

Luke 4:41

"And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the **Son of God**!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

The Proclamation Before Jesus' Birth

Luke 1:35

"And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the **Son of God**."

Many believe Jesus is the Son of God

John 1:30-34

And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³ I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. ³⁴ And I have seen and testified that this is the **Son of God**."

John 1:47-51

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

⁴⁸ Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

⁴⁹ Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the **Son of God!** You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Matthew 14:33

"Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the **Son of God.**"

Matthew 27:54

"So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the **Son of God!**"

Mark 15:39

"So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the **Son of God!**"

John 11:20-27

Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the **Son of God**, who is to come into the world."

Acts 8:26-37

"Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. ²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.

³³ In His humiliation His justice was taken away,
And who will declare His generation?"

For His life is taken from the earth."

³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the **Son of God.**"

Acts 9:17-20

"And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

¹⁹ So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

²⁰ Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the **Son of God.**

The Religious Authority Question, Threaten and Mock

Matthew 26:63

"But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the **Son of God!**"

John 19:7

"The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the **Son of God.**"

Matthew 27:40

"and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the **Son of God**, come down from the cross."

NOTE - In two of the Gospel accounts it is recorded that Pontius Pilot said

Matthew 27:15-18

"Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. ¹⁶ And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

Mark 15:6-10

Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. ⁷ And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. ⁸ Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them. ⁹ But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

Matthew 27:43

"He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, "I am the **Son of God**."

Did Jesus Refer to Himself as the Son of God?

Luke 22:70

"Then they all said, "Are You then the **Son of God**?" So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am."

John 10:36

"Do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, "You are blaspheming,' because I said, "I am the **Son of God**'?"

John 3:18

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten **Son of God**."

John 5:25

"Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the **Son of God**; and those who hear will live."

John 9:24-38

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

²⁵ He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

²⁶ Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

³⁰ The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the **Son of God**?"

³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

John 11:1-4

"Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³ Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

⁴ When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the **Son of God** may be glorified through it."

Revelation 2:18-29

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, these things says the **Son of God**, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: ¹⁹ "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. ²⁰ Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹ And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. ²² Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. ²³ I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

²⁴ "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. ²⁵ But hold fast what you have till I come. ²⁶ And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations-

²⁷ He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'- as I also have received from My Father; ²⁸ and I will give him the morning star.

²⁹ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Note – the following description of the one speaking to John

Revelation 1:9-20

"I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. ¹⁹ Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. ²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

According to John, Why was the Gospel Written?

John 20:31

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the **Son of God**, and that believing you may have life in His name.

What Did other authors of the New Testament Say Concerning Jesus Christ

Mark begins his gospel account with

Mark 1:1

"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the **Son of God**.

The Author of the Book of Hebrews declares:

Hebrews 4:14

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 6:1-6

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do if God permits.

⁴ For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the **Son of God**, and put Him to an open shame.

Hebrews 10:26-31

"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the **Son of God** underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

In his first letter, John speaks of the Son of God

1 John 3:8

"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the **Son of God** was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil

1 John 5:10 -13

"He who believes in the **Son of God** has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the **Son of God** does not have life. ¹³ 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**.

Who is this Son of God John keeps referring too?

1 John 4:15

"Whoever confesses that **Jesus is the Son of God**, God abides in him, and he in God.

1 John 5:5

"Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that **Jesus is the Son of God**?

1 John 5:20

"And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in **His Son Jesus Christ**. This is the true God and eternal life.

Is there any mention, in the Old Testament, of God having a Son?

Daniel 3:25

"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the **Son of God**."

Proverbs 30:3-5

"I neither learned wisdom nor have knowledge of the Holy One. ⁴ Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? **What is His name, and what is His Son's name**, if you know? ⁵ Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

Psalms 2:1-12

"Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, ³ "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."

⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. ⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶ "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

⁷ "I will declare the decree:

The LORD has said to Me, "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² **Kiss the Son**, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

This is what the Bible has to say on the subject. Now what do you believe?