

THE SONSHIP OF JESUS BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

1) LET US EXAMINE WHAT THE TERM 'SON OF GOD' MEANS ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE:

i) Adam was the son of God (Luke 3:38)

ii) Jacob was the first born (Exodus 4:22)

- iii) Ephraim was the first born (Jeremiah 31:9)
- iv) David art my son, today have I begotten thee (Psalms 2:7)
- V) Isaac was a begotten son (Hebrews 11:17)
- vi) The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair and they took them wives of all which they choose.

 (Genesis 6:2)
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- vii) As many as are led by the spirit of God are the sons of God (Romans 8:14)
- viii) "And the Lord said unto Moses, see, I have made thee a god to Pharoah..." (Exodus 7:1)

The list goes on....

- 2) If God Almighty is a spiritual being (**John 4:24**), how can He have a son physically?
 - Metaphorically of course, He is our Creator, Sustainer, and in that sense we are all children of God.
- 3) (i) When Centurion saw Jesus (or who ever he was) crucified he said that he was the **son of God**. (*Mark*

15:39)(ii) When Centurion saw Jesus (or whoever he was) being crucified; he said that he was a righteous man, (Luke 23:47) .This confirms that in the Biblical tongue the term 'son of God' equates with 'righteous person' or 'Godly person'.

4) John Hick, Head of the Department of Theology at Birmingham University compiled a book entitled, *The myth of God Incarnate*. It consists of ten essays contributed by Professors of various Universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and Wolverhampton. confirming that Jesus never claimed to be the 'son of God' physically. **Rather he was 'a man approved of God'** (*Matthew 2:22*)

Jesus is mentioned as the 'son of man' several times in the Bible as well as being 'a Prophet' on numerous occaisons.

5) The term 'Begotten' in (**John 1:18**) and (**John 3:16**) has been removed in the RSV Bible. The RSV Bible was compiled by 32 highly eminent biblical scholars and is backed up by 50 Christian denominations.

The compilers mention in the preface that KJV goes back to the ancient manuscripts and that it contains grave errors. However, RSV goes as far back as the most ancient manuscripts and they discovered that the term 'begotten' introduced in KJV is interpolation.

- 6) In (Numbers 23:19) we read; 'God is not a man that He should sin and not son of man that he should repent'.
- 7) The person on the cross cried with a loud voice "... Eli, Eli lama sabachthani?" That is to say; "My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?"

Mark 15:34 , Matthew 27:46

If Jesus was son the of God, surely he would have known that that was the purpose of his life, his destiny and would not have yelled as such.

According to the Gospel of St Barnabas, it was Judas Iscariot, the Traitor who was crucified...

The point is that none of the disciples knew the real facts because according to the Bible **they all forsook him and fled**, (Mark 14:50)

8) Of course the confusion began when Christianity reached Rome, as the Romans followed Greek mythology. where the sun was worshiped, the planets were worshipped, the stars were worshipped etc. etc.

For example: Jupiter comes down to earth in the form of a man, cohabitates with a woman and a son is born, and is called son of god.

We must remember that the Roman Emperor in the time of Jesus was Augustus, known as the son of god. His father was Julius Caesar who was known as god. Temples were built in his name where he was worshipped.

Furthermore, the kings were known as gods, the queens as goddesses and the royal children as godlings. In that environment they took the phrase 'son of god' mentioned in the Bible literally, giving rise to the confusion; "Jesus being the son of God literally", and this confusion continues...

THE SONSHIP OF JESUS QURANIC PERSPECTIVE

They say: "(Allah) hath begotten a son": Glory be to Him.-Nay, to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth: everything renders worship to Him. *Holy Qur'an 2:116*

Behold! the angels said: "O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a Word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah.

Holy Qur'an 3:45

O People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His apostles. Say not "Trinity":

desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah. Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is Allah as a Disposer of affairs.

Holy Qur'an 4: 171

To Him is due the primal origin of the heavens and the earth: How can He have a son when He hath no consort? He created all things, and He hath full knowledge of all things.

Holy Qur'an 6:101

They say: "(Allah) hath begotten a son!" - Glory be to Him! He is self- sufficient! His are all things in the heavens and on earth! No warrant have ye for this! say ye about Allah what ye know not?

Holy Qur'an 10:68

Further, that He may warn those (also) who say, "(Allah) hath begotten a son": *Holy Qur'an 18:4*

It is not befitting to (the majesty of) Allah that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him! when He determines a matter, He only says to it, "Be", and it is. *Holy Qur'an 19:35*

For it is not consonant with the majesty of ((Allah)) Most Gracious that He should beget a son. *Holy Qur'an 19:92*

He to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth: no son has He begotten, nor has He a partner in His dominion: it is He who created all things, and ordered them in due proportions.

Holy Qur'an 25:2

Had Allah wished to take to Himself a son, He could have chosen whom He pleased out of those whom He doth create: but Glory be to Him! (He is above such things.) He is Allah, the One, the Irresistible.

Holy Qur'an 39:4

And Exalted is the Majesty of our Lord: He has taken neither a wife nor a son.

Holy Qur'an 72:3

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