

THE SON
Part 1: SON OF GOD
April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." Philippians 2:5-7 (NIV)

WHO DID JESUS CLAIM TO BE?

"Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around Him, saying, 'How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe.'" John 10:22-25 (NIV)

- **JESUS CLAIMED TO BE GOD ON _____.**

"So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute Him. In His defense Jesus said to them, 'My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working.' For this reason they tried all the more to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God." John 5:16-18 (NIV)

"'Very truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!' At this, they picked up stones to stone Him, but Jesus hid Himself, slipping away from the temple grounds." John 8:58-59 (NIV)

"'The works I do in My Father's name testify about Me....'" John 10:25 (NIV)

- **JESUS CLAIMED HIS _____
THAT HE WAS GOD.**

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know." Acts 2:22 (NIV)

"...but you do not believe because you are not My sheep." John 10:26 (NIV)

- **JESUS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT _____
_____, THOUGH IT IS NOT FOR _____
_____.**

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." John 10:27-30 (NIV)

- **JESUS CLAIMED THE _____ TO GRANT _____
_____ WITH HIM.**

WHY DOES IT MATTER WHO JESUS WAS?

"Again His Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone Him, but Jesus said to them, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone Me?' 'We are not stoning You for any good work,' they replied, 'but for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God.'" John 10:31-33 (NIV)

- **BLASPHEMY = TO _____ OF GOD; OR
ASSIGNING _____ TO A
_____.**

"...anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD is to be put to death. The entire assembly must stone them." Leviticus 24:16 (NIV)

"But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to Him, 'I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Messiah, the Son of God.' 'You have said so,' Jesus replied. 'But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.'" Matthew 26:63-65 (NIV)

"The high priest tore his clothes. 'Why do we need any more witnesses?' he asked. 'You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?' They all condemned Him as worthy of death." Mark 14:63-64 (NIV)

"Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your Law, "I have said you are 'gods'?" 'If he called them "gods," to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be set aside—what about the one whom the Father set apart as His very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse Me of blasphemy because I said, "I am God's Son"? Do not believe Me unless I do the works of My Father. But if I do them, even though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.' Again they tried to seize Him, but He escaped their grasp." John 10:34-39 (NIV)

- 1. AS THE SON OF GOD, JESUS WAS THE _____
_____ FOR MY SINS.**

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT)

"The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, 'Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?' Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, 'Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?' Luke 5:21-22 (NIV)

2. AS THE SON OF GOD, JESUS HAS THE _____ TO

_____.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

3. AS THE SON OF GOD, IN JESUS _____ IS

_____.

IF TRUE, WHAT IS A REASONABLE RESPONSE?

"Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told Him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.'"

John 20:24-25 (NIV)

"A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!'"

John 20:26-28 (NIV)

- _____ THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD AND
_____ HIM AS _____ OF _____
_____.

"Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

John 20:29-31 (NIV)

NEXT STEPS

1. Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - a. Check the box on your CONNECT Card
2. Sign-up to be baptized - date to be determined.
 - a. Check the box on your CONNECT Card
3. If I am a follower of Jesus Christ, I will engage with my Church Family and with at least one person outside my Church Family this week.
4. Pray that the coronavirus will be contained, for those who have contracted it, for wisdom for our leaders, and for the GNG Family to be able to meet together again soon.