

**What Does It Mean for
Jesus to be The Son of God?**

In Israel, the one God chose to be His anointed king would be known as God's son and God would be known as the king's Father. The sonship of an Israelite king was due to his kingship.

1 Samuel 16:1, 12-13 (NIV) – ¹ The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” ¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.

Psalm 89:20, 26-27 (NET) – ²⁰ I have discovered David, my servant. With my holy oil I have anointed him as king. ²⁶ He will call out to me, ‘You are my father, my God, and the protector who delivers me.’ ²⁷ I will appoint him to be my firstborn son, the most exalted of the earth’s kings.

2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-16 (NLT) – ⁴ But that same night the Lord said to Nathan, ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord has declared: ¹² For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. ¹⁵ But my favor will not be taken from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from your sight. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.’

1 Kings 1:38-39 (NIV) – ³⁸ So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the Kerethites and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon mount King David’s mule, and they escorted him to Gihon. ³⁹ Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon. Then they sounded the trumpet and all the people shouted, “Long live King Solomon!”

**Psalm 2:6-7 (YLT) – ⁶ `And I -- I
have anointed My King, Upon
Zion -- My holy hill.' ⁷ I declare
concerning a statute: Jehovah said
unto me, `My Son Thou art, I
today have brought thee forth.**

**God promised that a
descendant of King David
will always sit on the throne
of Israel.**

**Jeremiah 33:17 (NLT) – For
this is what the LORD says:
“David will have a descendant
sitting on the throne of Israel
forever.”**

This brings us to Jesus. Jesus was called Son of David because people knew He was a descendant of King David.

Matthew 21:1-11 (NCV) - ¹ As Jesus and his followers were coming closer to Jerusalem, they stopped at Bethphage at the hill called the Mount of Olives. From there Jesus sent two of his followers ² and said to them, “Go to the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will quickly find a donkey tied there with its colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, say that the Master needs them, and he will send them at once.”

⁴ This was to bring about what the prophet had said: ⁵ “Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Your king is coming to you. He is gentle and riding on a donkey, on the colt of a donkey.’” ⁶ The followers went and did what Jesus told them to do. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt to Jesus and laid their coats on them, and Jesus sat on them.

⁸ Many people spread their coats on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The people were walking ahead of Jesus and behind him, shouting, “Praise to the Son of David! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise to God in heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, all the city was filled with excitement. The people asked, “Who is this man?” ¹¹ The crowd said, “This man is Jesus, the prophet from the town of Nazareth in Galilee.”

The reason we have the genealogies of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke is to show proof that Jesus is a descendant of King David, the rightful heir to David's royal throne.

There were many descendants of King David, but we know Jesus is King, the rightful heir to David's throne, because God confirmed it when God anointed Jesus with the Spirit and called Jesus His Son.

Matthew 3:16-17 (ESV) – ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Acts 10:38 (ISV) – God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, he went around doing good and healing everyone who was oppressed by the Devil.

Hebrews 1:8-9 (GW) – ⁸ But God said about his Son, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter in your kingdom is a scepter for justice. ⁹ You have loved what is right and hated what is wrong. That is why God, your God, anointed you, rather than your companions, with the oil of joy.”

Jesus was Anointed with the Holy Spirit. This is why He is called Messiah (from Hebrew) and Christ (from Greek). Messiah and Christ mean Anointed One. To be the Anointed One is to be the Anointed King.

Just as David and Solomon were called son of God due to their kingship, so Jesus is called the Son of God because He is King. Jesus' Sonship cannot be separated from His Kingship.

Luke 1:30-33 (NLT) – ³⁰ “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

**John 1:49 (NLT) – Then
Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi,
you are the Son of God—the
King of Israel!”**

John 11:27 (VOICE) – “Yes,
Lord, I believe that You are the
*Anointed, the Liberating
King, God’s own Son who we
have heard* is coming into the
world.”

Mark 14:61-62 (VOICE) – High

Priest: Are You God's Anointed, *the Liberating King*, the Son of the Blessed One?

Jesus: ⁶² I am. *One day* you will see the Son of Man “sitting at His right hand, *in the place of honor and power,*” and “coming in the clouds of heaven.”

Jesus did not become the Son of God at His birth or at His baptism. Jesus has always been the Son of God, King of Kings, and His anointing at His baptism was confirmation of this truth.

From a human perspective, Jesus was crucified on a cross because He claimed to be the Son of God, the anointed King. Therefore, a sign that says King of the Jews was on His cross. The sign said why He was crucified.

**From a theological
perspective, Jesus was
crucified because this
was God's plan.**

Acts 2:23-24 (GW) – ²³ By using men who don't acknowledge Moses' Teachings, you crucified Jesus, who was given over to death by a plan that God had determined in advance. ²⁴ But God brought him from death back to life and destroyed the pains of death, because death had no power to hold him.

**The final confirmation
that Jesus is the Son of
God, the King, is His
bodily resurrection.**

Romans 1:1-4 (NLT) – ³ The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, ⁴ and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Point of The Sermon:

**The Son of God is God's
Anointed King**

How Does This Apply to
My Life?

Kings saved the people of their kingdom from their enemies by going to battle & winning a war. King Jesus provides salvation to all by shedding His blood, dying on a cross, & rising from the dead. King Jesus provides salvation from Satan, the power of sin, & the consequences of sin.

You can receive King Jesus' salvation by faith in Jesus as God's Anointed King, the Son of God, and by faith in His death and bodily resurrection.

John 20:31 (VOICE) – These accounts are recorded so that you, too, might believe that Jesus is the Anointed, the Liberating King, the Son of God, because believing grants you the life He came to share.

1 John 4:15 (GW) – God lives
in those who declare that Jesus
is the Son of God, and they
live in God.

Matthew 16:13-16 (VOICE) – ¹³ Jesus then went to Caesarea Philippi.

Jesus (*to His disciples*): Who do people say the Son of Man is?

Disciples: ¹⁴ Some say John the Baptist. And some say Elijah. And some say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.

Jesus: ¹⁵ And you? Who do you say that I am?

Peter: ¹⁶ You are the Anointed One. You are the Son of the living God.

Who Is Jesus To You?