

Did Jesus really claim to be the Son of God?

One claim of some non-Christians is that the title of “Son of God” that has been associated with Jesus was a title that He never accepted nor associated with. Some assert that Jesus could not be the Son of God because God does not have a son.

1. Who identified Jesus as being God's son?

Matthew **4:1-7**; 8:28-29; **14:25-33**; 26:63-64; **27:40-43**; 27:54
Mark 3:11; 15:39 Luke 1:34-35; 4:1-12; 8:27-28
John 1:34; 1:48-50; 11:27; 19:7; 20:31 Acts 8:27-37; 9:19-20
Romans **1:1-4** 2 Corinthians 1:19a

The list of those identifying Jesus as being the Son of God is rather extensive. It includes Satan (the tempter), the religious leaders, the disciples of Jesus, the centurion who crucified Jesus, and others. In all of these circumstances, Jesus never refuted the title of being the Son of God. In fact the Apostle Paul stated that the proof that Jesus is truly the Son of God is the fact that Jesus was resurrected from the dead.

2. Did Jesus specifically say He was the Son of God?

Matthew **26:63-64** Luke 22:70
John **1:48-50**; **3:16-21**; 5:25-26; **9:35-38**; **10:36-38**; 11:4
Revelation 2:18

Jesus when confronted about the title of being the Son of God, He confirmed its authenticity thus He did specifically identify with being the Son of God. At other times Jesus identified Himself as being the Son of God as He sought for people to believe in Him and to believe Him.

3. Who did God say that Jesus is?

Matthew **3:16-17**; 17:5 Mark 1:11; **9:7**
Luke 3:21-22; 9:35

The voice from heaven, indicating God's voice, twice proclaimed that Jesus was His beloved Son who pleases God, the Father, and who must be listened to. The first time God identified Jesus as His Son was at His baptism. The second was at the “mount of transfiguration”.

4. Is anyone else identified as being a son of God?

Romans **8:14-17** Galatians 4:4-7
Philippians 2:13-15 1 John **3:1-3**

Both Paul and John clearly identify those who believe in Jesus Christ as the atoning payment of sin are also considered to be sons of God. We are declared to be sons of God, by adoption rather than being natural children, because of the faith that we have in Jesus Christ, the natural Son of God.

5. Is Jesus the Son of God in the same way that Christians identify as being God's son?

Romans **8:3-4**

Hebrews 1:8

1 John **4:9-10; 5:12-13**

Jesus being the Son of God is completely different than Christians being the sons of God. Jesus is by nature the Son of God and was sent by God in order to condemn “sin in the flesh” as the only valid payment for the sins of mankind. Christians are the declared or adopted sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ, the true Son of God and who are in great need for the payment of sin made by Jesus to the Father.

6. What is the ultimate meaning behind being the Son of God?

John **5:18-20**

Philippians **2:5-8**

As the Jews recognized and as the scriptures clearly indicate. The identification of Jesus as the Son of God is a direct indication that Jesus is the person of God presented as a living being in human flesh. God entered the world of man as Jesus in order to pay the penalty for sin and to reconcile humanity unto Himself by faith.