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"And the angel said unto her, 'Fear not Mary: for you have found favor with God. And, behold, you shalt conceive in your womb, and bring forth **a Son**, and shalt call His name **Jesus**. He shall be great, and shall be called the **Son of the Highest**: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.' Then said Mary unto the angel, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of **the Highest** shall overshadow you; therefore also the <u>Holy-one</u> who shall be born of you shall be called **the Son of God**." (Luke 1:30-35)(see also Psalm 2:7)

**Son:** from the Greek word *huios* which means: a son, a male descendent who shares the same nature <u>and rights</u> of his father. In context - Jesus who shares in the same nature and rights as His Father.

**God:** from the Greek word *theou* which means: God; the Supreme Being who owns and sustains all things. In context the only true Father of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is not an 'adopted' Son of the Father, as was Joseph the husband of Mary. He is actually **The** Son of God, conceived in the womb of Mary by the power of God Most High through His Holy Spirit. This title was a known Messianic title rooted in prophecy:

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers took counsel together, against the LORD, and against <u>His Anointed (Messiah)</u>. ... Yet have I set <u>My King</u> upon My Holy Hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD has said unto Me, '<u>You are My Son</u>; this day have I begotten You....' " (see Psalm 2:1-6-7-12)

This is the title of faith used by those who believe that Jesus is indeed the Son of God, the promised Anointed-Messiah, the Christ, and the Savior of the world:

"And John bore record, saying, 'I saw the **Spirit** descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I knew Him not (by sight): but He (the Father) who sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, 'Upon whom you shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the Same (speaking of Jesus) is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God." (John 1:32-34)

Jesus asked His disciples, "But who do you say that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the **Son of the living God**.' " (Matthew 16:15-16)

"Nathanael answered and said unto Him (Jesus), 'Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.' " (John 1:49)

"Jesus said unto her (Martha), '<u>I am the Resurrection, and the Life</u>; he who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you Believe this?' And she said unto Him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the **Son of God**, who comes into the world." (John 11:25-27)

Jesus also referred to Himself as the Son of God:

"For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment unto **the Son**; so that all men should honor **the Son**, even as they honor the Father (equal honor). He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who has sent Him. Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who hears My word, and believes on Him (the Father) who sent Me (the Son), has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but has passed from death unto life. Truly, truly, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the **Son of God**: and those who hear shall live. For as the Father has Life in Himself; so also has He given to **the Son** to have Life in Himself; (John 5:22-25-26)

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Jesus is the Son of God! This title, and its true meaning: equality with God the Father, is what angered His enemies more than any other. Consider the following passages:

"But Jesus answered them, 'My Father is working until now, and I am working.' The Jews, therefore. sought even more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the sabbath, but because He also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God." (John 5:17-18)

Jesus said "I and My Father are One.' Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, 'Many good works have I showed you from My Father; for which of those works do you stone Me?' The Jews answered Him, saying, 'For a good work we do not stone You; but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself God.' But Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your law, I said, You are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; why do you say of Him (Jesus), whom the Father has sanctified, and sent into the world, 'You blaspheme;' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works: so that you may know, and believe, that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.' Therefore they sought again to take Him: but He escaped out of their hand." (John 10:30-39)

"And the high priest answered and said unto Him (Jesus), I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, **the Son of God**. And Jesus said unto him, 'You have said-it; nevertheless I say unto you, <u>Hereafter</u> (lit – 'away from now' – or at the end of the age) you shall see the **Son of Man** sitting on the Right Hand of Power (the Right Hand of the Living God), and coming in the clouds of heaven.' Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, He has spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now you have heard His blasphemy. What do you think?' And they answered and said, 'He is guilty of death.' " (Matthew 26:63-66)

"Then Jesus came forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate said unto them, 'Behold the Man!' When the chief priests therefore and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him. But Pilate said unto them, 'Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him; for I find no fault in Him.' The Jews answered him saying, 'We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." (John 19:5-7)

The profound truth <u>is</u> that Jesus shares in the same exact nature, honor, equality, and rights as God the Father; and <u>Jesus and the Father are One</u>." This was just too much for the blind Jewish leaders to accept. It is as John wrote:

Jesus "... Was the true Light, who enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own (His own people), and His own did not received Him! (John 1:9-11)

"But, as many as do received Him, to them He gave power to become the **sons of God**, even to those who believe on His Name; **who were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among <u>us</u>, and <u>we</u> beheld His glory, the glory as of the **only begotten (Son) of the Father**, full of grace and truth." (John 1:12-14) (see again Psalm 2)

We become born-again adopted Sons of God when we believed that Jesus <u>is</u> the <u>Only Begotten</u> <u>Son of God</u>, and put our faith in Him as our Savior from sin; as it says:

"And we have seen and do testify that the <u>Father sent the Son</u> to be the Savior of the world. <u>Whoever shall confess that **Jesus is the Son of God**</u>, God dwells in him, and he in God." (I John 4:14-15)

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## And again:

Whoever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is Truth. For there are three who bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (the Word made Flesh - Jesus), and the Holy Spirit; and these three are One. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes on the Son of **God** has the witness in himself. He who does not believe God, has made Him a liar: because he does not believe the record that God gave concerning **His Son**. And this is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in **His Son**. He who has the **Son** has life; and he who does not have the **Son** of **God** has not life. These things I have written unto you who believe on the Name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the Name of the **Son of God**. ... And we know that the **Son of God** has come, and has given us understanding, that we may know **Him who is True** (speaking of the Father) and we are in Him the True-One, even in **His Son** Jesus Christ; this is the **True God**, and eternal life." (1John 5:4-13; 20)

### Finally consider these words:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith in **the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

"And truly, many other signs did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the **Son of God**; and that believing you might have Life through His name." (John 20:30-31)

# JESUS is ...

#### the Son of God

Conceived in the womb of Mary by the Power of God the Father Most High!

I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who came into the world! I believe You are the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth! I live by faith in You the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me!

I Believe that the Father has committed all judgment unto You - His Son' so that <u>we</u> should honor You the Son of God, the same as <u>we</u> honor God our Father!

I Believe that You and the Father are One!
You are worthy of the same glory, the same praise and worship,
and the same greatness, and the same power and dominion in Your Eternal Kingdom!

In You Lord Jesus <u>we</u> also have become the <u>sons</u> of God, even to all those who believe on Your Name!

Bless You Lord, and thank You Father... for all our many Wonders, and Blessings in Christ Jesus! Amen!