

Who Is Jesus

Lesson 4

Son—“Unto Us a Child is Given...A Son Is Born” (Isaiah 9:6)

Introduction

- A. *Son*: “Son” is a significant term used some 230 or 240 times in the New Testament to describe Jesus in his relationship both to God and to man.
- B. *God/Man*: The ideas of Jesus as “Son of God” and “Son of Man” are both important aspects of his identity and of the work he was to accomplish. They will be explored in lessons following this one.
- C. *Today*: Our purpose in today’s lesson is to trace the general idea of a “Son” or a “Child” who was to be born, who was to come. Our goal is to identify the promise of a “Son” and the identity of that “Son” as Jesus.

Son: The Old Testament Anticipation

- A. *A Seed*: Prophecies of a Seed
 1. *Genesis 3:15*: What was to come from the woman and would be at enmity with Satan? What would be the results? What concept of life does “seed” and “woman” allude to?
 2. *Genesis 12:3 (22:18; 26:4; 28:14)*: Out of whom will all families of the earth be blessed? In Abraham’s what will the nations receive these blessings?
 3. *Genesis 49:10*: The scepter will not depart from what tribe? What is to come out of this tribe? What does Shiloh mean? What will Shiloh receive from the peoples?
 4. *2 Samuel 7:12-16*: What will be set up after David? He will proceed out of what or whom? What will be established through this one to come? How long will it last?
 5. *Psalms 89:3-4; 132:10-12*: What will be established forever? Out of the fruit of whose body will one be set on a throne forevermore?
- B. *Branch*: Prophecies of a Branch or Shoot
 1. *Isaiah 11:1,10*: What will come forth out of the stock of Jesse? Who is Jesse? What will come out of Jesse’s roots? What kind of life are the expressions “shoot,” “stock,” “branch,” and “roots” associated with?
 2. *Jeremiah 23:5-6; 33:15-16*: What will be raised up? From whom will he be raised? What work will he be associated with?
 3. *Zechariah 3:8-9; 6:12-13*: God will bring forth “my” what? He is identified as what? What will he do in one day? What will he build? On what will he sit and rule? What will he be on his throne?
- C. *Child/Son*: Prophecies of a Child or Son.
 1. *Isaiah 7:14*: Who will conceive? What shall she bear? What will he be called?
 2. *Isaiah 9:6*: What is to be born? What is to be given? What will be upon his shoulders? What will he be called?

3. *Psalms 2:6-7*: What will God set on his holy hill of Zion? How does he identify this one in relation to himself?

Son: The New Testament Identity

A. *Seed*: Jesus the descendant of Abraham and David

1. *Galatians 4:4-5*; *1 John 3:8*: Of whom was Jesus born? Why was he born? How does this fit with *Genesis 3:15*?
2. *Galatians 3:8, 16*; *Acts 3:25-26*: Of whom was Jesus descended? What was he to accomplish for all nations? Where was this anticipated?
3. *Matthew 1:1*; *Romans 1:3*; *Hebrews 7:14*: From what three Old Testament persons did Jesus descend as seed? What prophecies do these verses allude to?

B. *Branch/Shoot*: Jesus the root and offspring of David

1. *Romans 15:8, 12*: In the context whom is Paul discussing? What passage is he quoting in verse 12? How is the Christ identified with Jesse?
2. *Revelation 22:16*: How is Jesus identified here?
3. *Luke 1:31-33*: Whose birth is discussed here? How is his relationship to David described? What will he do in David's place?

C. *Child/Son*: Jesus came into the world as a Son

1. *Matthew 1:21-23*: Who was to be born? Who was to have this child? What was he called? Who foretold this?
2. *Luke 1:31-32*: Who is speaking here? To whom is he speaking? What is promised? What shall he be called? Name two.
3. *Luke 2:10-12*: Who was to be born? What is to be found wrapped in swaddling clothes?

D. *Descriptions*: When Jesus is portrayed in the New Testament as “Son,” many descriptive expressions are used to identify him—such as “My Son” or “Son of God.”

E. *Examples*: *Matthew 1:1*; *3:17*; *16:13*; *16:16*; *20:30-31*; *Mark 1:1*; *6:3*; *14:61*; *Luke 1:32*; *John 3:16*; *20:31*; *Acts 13:33*; *Romans 1:9*; *8:32*; *Colossians 1:13*; *Hebrews 5:8*; *1 John 4:14*; *2 John 3*. See how many different descriptions of Jesus as “Son” you can find.

Conclusion: We will follow this lesson with two more in which we will look at Jesus as “Son of Man” and “Son of God.”