

Lesson Notes for Lesson 6 “Son of God” March 15, 2020

Sermon Outline

Introduction: Son of God in Luke and Acts:

1. Luke Begins and Ends with Stating Jesus is the Son of God
 - Birth of Jesus Foretold (Luke 1:26-36 v. 32, Son of the Most High, v. 35 the Son of God)
 - Jesus on Trial (Luke 22:66-23:3, Christ, Son of Man, Son of God, King of Jews)
 - In between Satan tempts him with, “If you are the Son of God” 4:3, 9 and demons acknowledge him as Son of God 4:41
2. In Acts, Saul of Tarsus (Paul) begins preaching immediately after his conversion that Jesus is the Son of God (Acts 9:20). What a turnaround for one who persecuted the believers for blaspheming God!

Question: How can there be only one God and there be a Son of God?

The problem for devoted Jewish leaders to believe in Jesus as the Son of God was the Old Testament teaching of God Himself!

1. Ex. 3:11-15 I AM the LORD the God of your fathers (one and only true God)
2. Deut. 5:6-11 (Ten Commandments) Only one God – have no other gods before me
3. Deut. 6:4 (Shema) “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”
4. But John’s Gospel begins with a strange teaching of one that was with God and was God! (John 1:1-18). And ends with Him being the Son of God (John 20:30-31). And in between:
 - 1) John gives 8 signs to help us believe in the Son of God:
 - i. Water to Wine (2)
 - ii. Healing Official’s Son (4)
 - iii. Healing Lame Man (5)
 - iv. Feeding 5000 (6)
 - v. Walking on Water (6)
 - vi. Healing Blind Man (9)
 - vii. Resurrection of Lazarus (11)
 - viii. Jesus’ Resurrection (20)
 - 2) Jesus says of Himself using the expression of God, “I AM”:
 - i. Bread of Life (6:35-58)
 - ii. Light of the World (8:12; 9:5)
 - iii. Door of the Sheepfold (10:7)
 - iv. Good Shepherd (10:11,14)
 - v. Resurrection and Life (11:25)
 - vi. Way, Truth and Life (14:6)

- vii. True Vine 15:1)
- viii. Concluding that as the I AM before Abraham, He must be God's Son 8:28, 42-59.

Conclusion: John 20:30-31 We must believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God to have life in His name!

Student Questions:

1. What statements of Jesus being the Son of God does Luke begin and end with?
2. How does Satan use, "Son of God" as a temptation of Jesus?
3. How did Paul begin his preaching about Jesus?
4. In the 10 Commandments and the Shema there is only _____ God, the LORD; how can there be a _____ of God?
5. The Gospel of John begins with the teaching of the _____ being in the beginning with God and was God.
6. Jesus explains that He is the Son of God using what Old Testament expression for God _____.
7. Name the "7 I AMs" used in John.
8. John's conclusion in John 20:30-31 is that we need to believe what about Jesus to have life in His name?

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Why was it hard for Jews to accept Jesus as the Son of God? Is it hard for us to understand the "Trinity"?
2. How does the introduction of John argue for Jesus being the Son of God?
3. What are the signs John used to prove that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:30-31)?
4. How does the use of the "I AMs" in John argue for Jesus being the Son of God?
5. What does it mean to have life through His name?