

BIBLE STUDY

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Why is Jesus called the Son of God? Why does He call God His Father?

The closest relationship between two men is the father and son relationship.

God, wanting to illustrate the intimacy between the first person of the Godhead and the second person of the Godhead, used the terms “Father” and “Son.”

Man can only produce this intimacy biologically. But God does not need to. The Father and Son are co-eternal.

Therefore, the term “Son of God” is relational, not biological when dealing with the second person of the Godhead.

Luke 23:13-25

¹³Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him. ¹⁵No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. ¹⁶Therefore I will punish Him and release Him.” ¹⁷[Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner.]

¹⁸But they cried out all together, saying, “Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!” ¹⁹(He was one who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection made in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, ²¹but they kept on calling out, saying, “Crucify, crucify Him!” ²²And he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt *demanding* death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him.” ²³But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices *began* to prevail. ²⁴And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted. ²⁵And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will.

Bar=a son of

Abba=a father

EXODUS

19:16-19

¹⁶ So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently. ¹⁹ When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder.

24:1-18

¹ Then Yahweh said to Moses, "come up to Yahweh [on Mt. Sinai], you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu...
⁹ then Moses went up [Mt. Sinai] with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu...
¹² Now Yahweh said to Moses, "come up to me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction." So Moses arose with Joshua his servant, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁵ Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.
¹⁶ And the glory of Yahweh rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day he called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. ¹⁸ And Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain...

Exodus 33-34

(When Moses asked to see God's glory)

¹⁸ Then Moses said to Yahweh, "I pray Thee, show me Thy glory!" ...²¹ Then Yahweh said, "Behold, there is a place by me, and you shall stand there on the rock; ²² ...while My glory is passing by, I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen." ^{34:4} Moses ...went up to Mount Sinai, as Yahweh had commanded him...

⁵ And Yahweh descended in the cloud and stood there with Moses as he called upon the name of Yahweh.

⁶ Then Yahweh passed by in front of him and proclaimed, Yahweh, Yahweh Elohim, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth...²⁹ And it came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai, that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone ...³⁰ When the sons of Israel saw Moses, his skin shone and they were afraid to come near him.

1 Kings 19

(After running from Jezebel through the wilderness for 40 days)

⁸ Then Elijah came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ then he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of Yahweh came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I have been very zealous for Yahweh; for the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant...and I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹ so He said, "Go forth and stand on the mountain before Yahweh." And Yahweh was passing by! And a great strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before Yahweh; but Yahweh was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but Yahweh was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but Yahweh was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of gentle blowing.

¹³ And it came about when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ Then Elijah said, "I have been very zealous for Yahweh, for the Sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant... and I alone am left. And they seek my life, to take it away."

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing *became* white and gleaming. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His exodus which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him. ³³ And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud formed and *began* to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!" ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.