

JESUS is the Son of God

God Almighty stands above ALL: His sons in the heavens, the mighty angels, the eternal messengers, the living creatures, the elders, and every life form that exists in the heavens and on earth. He alone can give power and authority. He alone gave Jesus his power and authority on earth and in heaven.

But how can 21st century Christians know this for sure? The gospels give us all the evidence needed to prove that Jesus is the Son of God and he steps us through every level of the power and authority given to him.

- **THE DEMONS RECOGNIZED JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD AND THEY OBEYED HIM.**

“Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” (Luke 4:34)

“Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, ‘You are the Son of God!’ But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ” (Luke 4:41).

“‘What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?’ I beg you. Don’t torture me!’ Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man... Jesus asked him, ‘what is your name?’ ‘Legion,’ he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.” They begged Jesus to let them go into the large herd of pigs (Luke 8:26-33).

These scriptures show that the demons recognized Jesus as the Son of God and the readers’ attention is drawn to that important point, but the demons also verify another important point.

- **JESUS IS THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD.**

If Jesus is the Son of the **MOST HIGH GOD**, then there must be not so most high gods.

King David confirms this important point as well.

“God presides in the great assembly; **he gives judgment among the ‘gods’**” (Psalm 82:1).

“For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; **you are exalted far above all gods**” (Psalm 97:9).

“For the LORD is the great God, **the great King above all gods**” (Psalm 95:3).

King David also confirms that some of these gods are going to be mortalized and die like mere men. There is rebellion in heaven not only of the angels but also sons of the Most High God.

“I [God] said, ‘You are gods; you are all sons of the Most High. But **you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler**” (Psalm 82:6).

"Let all those be ashamed who serve graven images, who boast themselves of idols; **worship Him, all you gods"** (Psalm 97:7).

God’s first commandment is: “You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3).

God, the Creator of all things, the Almighty of all life is not threatened by poorly crafted wooden or stone idols, but He is concerned about pledging your allegiance to real—that is, alive and well, rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities in the heavens (Ephesians 6:12). We are not fighting against flesh and blood.

The evil heavenly powers know who Jesus is and they acknowledged his power and authority and obeyed his orders. The story of Jesus healing the possessed man occurs right before Jesus calms the storm.

- **THE FORCES OF NATURE OBEYED THE COMMANDS OF JESUS.**

Jesus and his disciples went on a boat. Jesus fell asleep and “a squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying ‘Master, Master, we’re going to drown!’ Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and raging waters; the storm subsided and all was calm” (Luke 8:23-24).

The disciples said, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him” (Luke 8:25b).

The forces of nature obeyed the commands of Jesus. The story of the storm includes some hidden imagery important to the revelation of Jesus’ power and authority in the heavens.

- **JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER THE EVIL HEAVENLY RULERS, POWERS, AND AUTHORITIES**

Learn the code. There is imagery hidden in this scene where Jesus tames the raging waters. The “high seas” and turbulent waters are images of the wicked heavenly domain. Satan’s headquarters in the heavens is located in Tyre at the gateway of the sea on the high seas. “Say to Tyre, **situated at the gateway to the sea**, merchant of peoples of many coasts, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: ‘You say, O Tyre, ‘I am perfect in beauty.’ **Your domain was on the high seas...**” (Ezekiel 27:3).

When all is restored and a new heaven and earth are created, there will be no sea—this means, there will be no heavenly domain for the evil, wicked spirits (Revelation 21:1).

When Jesus tamed the raging waters, he demonstrated his victory over the wicked heavenly rulers, powers and authorities (Ephesians 6:12).

Jesus is stepping us through every level of the authority given to him by God Almighty. There will be no room for dispute on this matter when he is finished.

- **JESUS WAS GIVEN POWER TO FORGIVE SINS.**

The teachers of the law did not approve of Jesus claiming to have the authority to forgive sins. “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” thought some of the teachers of the law. “Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, ‘... Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk?’ But that **you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins**” (Mark 1:7b, 8b-10).

This must have been a surprise for the teachers of the law for they knew that illness was a direct result of disobedience to God. They knew Deuteronomy 28. They witnessed Jesus healing many, many people, which confirmed that God had given authority to Jesus to forgive sins. These teachers have not witnessed events in the heavens. Battles have been fought, conquests made and now Jesus has been awarded authority on earth to forgive sins by God. The teachers of the law did well to question Jesus. However, with all the evidence they witnessed, could they believe him?

The Jewish leaders struggled to accept this new kid on the block, but the Gentiles didn't. They witnessed the countless miracles; they marveled and believed.

- **THE CENTURION LEADER ACKNOWLEDGED THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS, ONE WHO CAN MERELY GIVE THE ORDER AND IT IS DONE.**

The healing of the Centurion's servant demonstrates the understanding and level of authority this Gentile leader recognized in Jesus who need only just say the word and he knows it will be done. Jesus' power and authority was that absolute.

The Centurion said, “I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed” (Luke 7:7).

- **JESUS CAN HEAL HIS CHURCH FROM BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL ILLNESSES.**

For 12 years, a woman suffered with constant bleeding. Under the Law of God, she would be constantly unclean (Leviticus 15). An issue of blood makes her unclean. Learn the code, God considers this discharge unclean because it represents the loss of spiritual life, which is very offensive to God. He wishes that no one dies.

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead **he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance**” (II Peter 3:9).

Life is in the blood and for the woman who represents the church, it is her role to produce a congregation who are spiritually alive. Consider, Isaiah 30:22 “Then you will desecrate your idols overlaid with silver and your images covered with gold; **you will throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them, ‘Away with you!’**” False religion is toxic to healthy spiritual growth. Those who embrace false religions are like a menstrual cloth to God, unclean and spiritually dead.

Compared to God, our righteousness, without God’s Holy Spirit, cannot produce sons of God. “We have **all become like the unclean; all our righteous deeds are like a menstrual rag**. All of us wither like a leaf; our sins, like the wind, carry us away” (Isaiah 64:6).

All through her 12 years, she sought healing from professionals who were trained, but they increased her suffering and she became worse. Without a Savior, we cannot be healed spiritually. This woman represented the unclean, outcasts—the church of the 10-tribes.

Then one day, her Savior appeared and she reached out and touched him, believing that Jesus is the Son of God who can heal her. She recognized the right source for her healing, after 12 years of going to the wrong sources. After she touched him, she immediately felt free and the heavy burden that only she bore was instantly lifted. The very sick church of the 10-tribes was healed after 12 years. **Learn the code**, 24 hours in one day, she was healed at the mid-point of her life on earth and if we consider the story of the woman at the well, she received God’s Holy spirit at the three-quarter point and now in the 21st century, it can be surmised that she is waiting for the end of the 24-hour period when Jesus returns and resurrects her, then finally the physical life that brought her so much suffering comes to its end.

Jesus felt power leave him and he stopped to find who touched him. She came and “fell by his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. And he said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.’” (Mark 33-34). Learn the code, Jesus called her “Daughter”; she is family now, no longer cut off, but grafted in again.

- **JESUS HAS POWER TO HEAL BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL DEATH.**

At the same time the woman with the issue of blood for 12 years is healed, a little girl 12 years old (Mark 5:42) dies. Her father is Jairus, a synagogue ruler begs Jesus to heal his dying daughter, but before Jesus could get to the home, the little girl dies. Learn the code, the number 12 here is significant; it connects the two events. An older woman is like an established church and a little girl is like a babe in Christ, both are so very sick.

One is healed before she dies and the other dies and then is brought back to life. Christ can do BOTH.

It is a side point, but both of these females are nameless—then, but they represent healed people who are overcomers. The overcomers of the church in Pergamum, they will be given a white stone with a **new name** written on it, known only to him who receives it (Revelation 2:17) or the Philadelphia church who Jesus urges to “hold onto their crown... **I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem**, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and **I will also write on him my new name** (Revelation 3:12). This church will have the three most important names written on her. **Learn the code**, God flips between the genders as he identifies between the earthly and the heavenly. The male gender in this scripture is used to image the church of righteous sons of God.

The names recorded of Job’s three daughters is an accompanying story. Job loses everything during his trial, but after, he is doubly blessed. We are not told the names of his seven sons, but we are told the names of his three daughters: Jemimah, Keziah and Keren-Happuch. “Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job’s daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers” (Job 42:14). Following the pattern of God’s coded language, it can be surmised that these daughters were righteous and God promises the righteous, the overcomers that they “will inherit all this [His kingdom], and I will be his God and he will be my son” (Revelation 21:7).

What is in a name? There is power in a name—in God’s name and in names that God Almighty gives to those who overcome.

“I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, **protect them by Your name, the name You gave Me**, so that they may be one as we are one” (John 17:11).

- **GOD ALMIGHTY, HIMSELF, DECLARES JESUS AS THE LEADER HE HAS CHOSEN.**

“About 8 days after Jesus after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning...Peter and his companions saw his glory... while he [Peter] was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, **‘This is my Son, whom I have chosen; LISTEN TO HIM’** (Luke 9:28-35).

What more proof do God’s people need to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the chosen ONE? Were there others God could have chosen? Yes, but God tested **this one** and he proved himself to be strong for he loves righteousness and hates wickedness.

About the Son God said: “Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of Your kingdom. **You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness**; therefore God, your God, has **anointed you with the oil of gladness ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS**” (Hebrews 1:8-9).

“Above your companions” is a fascinating statement. There is no hidden code in that statement. The story of the rebellion in the heavens is right before us. We have more than we know.

The Sovereign LORD says, “I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. **On the mountain heights of Israel, I will plant it...**” (Ezekiel 17:22-23).

Who could this tender sprig from the very top of a cedar possibly be?

This shoot was strategically planted in the government of Israel.

Learn the code. The cedar is imagery for the members in God’s headquarters—His holy council in heaven. Cedars can grow to exceptional heights and size; they are hygroscopic and they will absorb or discharge moisture to attain equilibrium with the surrounding atmosphere; they are resistant to warping, twisting and checking; there is an acoustical property of the wood—it has the ability to damp vibrations—reduce noise; it is an excellent thermal insulator, and highly durable. Cedar is a trouble-free wood.

Unfortunately, some cedars in God’s government have become trouble. God is in the process of testing and removing sons who have fallen away.

“Then **all the trees of Eden, the CHOICEST and BEST OF LEBANON**, all the trees **that were well-watered**, were consoled in the earth below” (Ezekiel 31:16).

Lebanon is the symbolic name of God’s headquarters where the great cedars once stood, so tall and beautiful, majestic and loyal.

In deep sadness, God prophesied to His son who was given rulership over Egypt and he said, “Which of the trees of Eden can be compared with you in splendor and majesty? Yet you, too, will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the earth below; you will lie among the uncircumcised, with those killed by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his hordes” (Ezekiel 31:18).

God tells us about the cleaning up of Lebanon. “**Open your doors, O LEBANON, that the fire may devour your cedars!** Wail, O cypress, for **the cedar has fallen**, because **the glorious trees have been destroyed**; Wail, O oaks of Bashan, for the **impenetrable forest has come down**” (Zechariah 11:2).

“See, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will lop off the boughs with great power. **The lofty trees will be felled; the tall ones will be brought low.** He will cut down the forest thickets with an ax; **LEBANON WILL FALL BEFORE THE MIGHTY ONE**” (Isaiah 10:33-34).

Jesus was chosen and placed in the mountain heights of Israel; it represents the highest government in Israel (Ezekiel 17:22-23). God said that Jesus would become a “splendid cedar” (Ezekiel 17:23). **This Son of God will stand with the great.**

“**After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life, and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.** Therefore, **I will give him a portion among the GREAT, and he will divide the spoils with the strong [the saints will rule with him],** because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:11-12).

Christ’s job on earth accomplished much of God’s plan. He will rule as our LORD of lords and King of kings soon. And then, very soon God’s headquarters will be made strong again comprised of NEW members: Jesus and the many, many Saints—his Bride.

“In a very short time, will not **Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem LIKE A FOREST?**” (Isaiah 29:17)

For those who overcome and follow Jesus wherever he goes, they are promised an inheritance that is beyond human thought or imagination. Our God is transparent. His coded language is only to keep the wicked from knowing. But, you know the code. So, keep the faith and run the race to win!



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