

Jesus - The Son of God

- Language that describes God is always inadequate. Yet written and spoken language are our primary ways of communicating.
- We do the best we can.
- Jesus has been called the Son of God since the beginning of Christianity.
- This does not mean that God is the parent of Jesus, that Jesus is the biological offspring of God.
- God did not marry and father a son named Jesus in the human way.
- God did not have sex with Mary and produce a son.
- Jesus is called the Son of God because he is God with us, having the same divine nature as God, yet taking on human nature as well. Jesus is God incarnate...God taking on the flesh and experiencing being human.
- Jesus is also the Son of God in that he is the Christ who comes into our world to redeem it from sin.
- The title of Son of God or Son of Heaven was not a new title created for Jesus. It had been used for centuries by kings and emperors.
- The Emperor of China was called the "Son of Heaven."
- Both David and Solomon were referred to as "Son of God."
- The Caesars, Emperors of Rome, were often referred to as "Son of God," during their rein.
- In these cases, the individuals were given or took the title "Son of God," as an indication of their authority, of being chosen and favored by God, and sometimes of even being elevated by God.
- This is not the same as being eternally of the same divine nature as God. That distinction belongs to only Jesus Christ.