

## A DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE GOSPEL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

### JESUS – THE SON OF GOD

Mark 1:1 “The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.”

The last four words of Mark 1:1 set Jesus apart. In the Old Testament, there were any number of men named Jesus (Joshua). It simply means deliverer, rescuer. The gospel penned by Mark differentiates Jesus from all who had this name before Him. The names given by Mark here in verse 1, Jesus, Messiah, Son of God clarify that Jesus of Nazareth is the one and only savior of the world. He alone is “the Son of God.”

“The Son of God describes the unique relationship of Almighty God with His Son Jesus. He alone is the one God set apart (anointed), sent and blessed to take away the sins of the world. The title “Son of God” indicates that the foundation and power of His preaching, teaching, working of miracles and death on the cross was with God’s authority. Seven times Mark uses this title in this Gospel. The last occurrence of it is when the centurion confessed at Jesus’ cross after His death, “Surely this man was the Son of God!” (Mark 15:39) This title is significant in that only Jesus, true God and true man could make sufficient payment for the sins of the world.” Mark 10:45 says, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Your forgiveness by God depends upon who Jesus is and what Jesus has done. He, and only He, is the Son of God who His Father promised to send as your Savior. (Matthew 1:21) He has redeemed you! “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.” (Galatians 3:13-14) You place your faith In this redemption as you confess in the words of the explanation to the second article of the Apostle’s Creed, I believe He “. . .has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.”  
(Small Catechism)

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Son of God, my Lord and my Savior, wash me thoroughly with Your shed blood to cleanse me clean of all of my sins. Amen.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live,  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hus the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords ceased.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race;  
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.  
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