

The Correspondent

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM

Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Did Jesus Ever Claim To Be the Son of God?

-Renn Ferguson

I recently saw a portion of an Islamic seminar where many questions about Jesus were asked. Many Muslims believe that Jesus was a prophet but nothing more. They believe that at one point we were to follow Jesus but now we are to follow Muhammad. During this seminar the man who was answering the questions made an interesting statement. He said that if Jesus ever claimed to be the Son of God he would leave Islam and become a Christian. Apparently this is common argument used against Christianity in the Muslim religion. In fact, after I saw that video I saw another where a man made the exact same argument. Now there are many passages that state that Jesus is the Son of God but that is not what these men asked for. What they wanted was a statement directly from Jesus claiming to be God's Son. So, did Jesus ever personally claim to be the Son of God? Yes. Actually, He did it many times. Consider the following passages.

When Jesus was talking with the Samaritan woman at the well we read, "The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." (John 4:25-26). Jesus directly and personally claimed to be the Messiah.

When Jesus was on trial the high priest ask Him, "Are you the Christ, The Son of the Blessed?" To which Jesus replied, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:61-62). Here Jesus very clearly claims to be the Son of God. Another interesting passage is Matthew 27:43, "He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" This statement was made, not by Jesus but by His enemies. Even His enemies knew that He claimed to be the Son of God.

The truth of the matter is, there are numerous passages that declare that Jesus is the Son of God. There are many times where Jesus Himself claims to be. Unfortunately, many people are ignorant of the scriptures. We, as God's children need to dedicate ourselves to study so that when people ask us questions such as these we will have an answer. "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).