

When sin entered the world, it brought death into the world. Sin causes death. Julius Caesar couldn't escape death, no one can.

“For the wages of **sin** is **death**”
Romans 6:23

Ironically, Jesus was killed for claiming to be the **Son of God**. When Jesus said this, Jewish leaders wanted to kill him:

“**I and the Father are one**”
John 10:30

“we are going to stone you for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”

John 10:33

The Jewish leaders hated Jesus because he claimed to be God, and the Romans did not want anyone around who could be a threat to Augustus, who claimed to be the son of a god. Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died like a criminal, but Jesus had committed no sin. The Roman Governor Pilate said:

“I find no guilt in this man.”
Luke 23:4

If Jesus was truly the Son of God, why would He let Himself die like a criminal?

“**For God** so loved the world, that he gave his **only Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life”
John 3:16

Since Jesus had committed no sins, He could die for ours.

“He himself bore our sins in his body”
1 Peter 2:24



The good news is that Jesus rose from the dead! This is our hope that death is no longer the final destiny of man. The Bible even says if we are willing to die to our sins, we too can hope in a resurrection!

“For if we have been **united** with him in a **death** like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a **resurrection** like his”
Romans 6:5

My question for you today is, do you believe **Jesus is the true Son of God**? Are you ready to repent of your sins and follow Jesus and let him be Lord of your life? When you die, do you want to go to heaven and be with Him?

The Bible teaches us how we can show our willingness to follow Jesus and have new life!

“We were **buried with him** by **baptism** into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in **newness of life**”
Romans 6:4

It is during baptism that one begins the journey, answering the most important question ever with an act of obedience:

“See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized? And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he replied, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the **Son of God**. And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him”
Acts 8:36-38

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The Big Question:



Is Jesus the Son of God?



“When the centurion and those who were with him saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the **Son of God!**”

Matthew 27:54

This is actually the most important question anyone could ask during their entire lifetime, whether Jesus was truly the Son of God.

People want to know where they came from, does life have meaning and what will happen to them when they die.

Today, many people claim to have the answers: gurus, politicians, scientist, and philosophers. Only the one who truly speaks for God knows the answers to those questions. This person would truly be the Son of God.

Jesus lived during the times of the Roman Empire. After Julius Caesar died, he was declared a god after his death. His nephew Augustus succeeded him as Emperor.

Because Augustus was his adopted son, he insisted people call him “divi filius” which means, **son of god**, so people would understand he was the only heir to the throne.

It was even printed on the money so everyone would know.



In those days the firstborn son inherited all the authority and the largest share of property from the father. He was considered **preeminent**. This is exactly the sense of the word the apostle Paul had in mind when he wrote about Jesus being the **firstborn**:

“He is the **image** of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of all creation” **Colossians 1:15**

Augustus put his image on money, God put His image on Jesus. When Paul was writing to the Colossians, he was teaching that Jesus was over all creation. God had given Jesus authority over everything. The writer of Hebrews agrees:

“Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control”
Hebrews 2:8

Jesus is the real Son of God. Therefore, Jesus should be able to answer our questions about origin, purpose, and eternity.

WHERE DO I COME FROM?

“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female”

Matthew 19:4–5

Jesus believed in a literal Adam and Eve. We are descended from this first couple. This means we didn't evolve out of mud in a universe made by chance. Instead, we were created on purpose for a purpose.

WHAT IS MY PURPOSE?

And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth”

Genesis 1:26–28

We were to put all of our energies and talents into making this world a wonderful place to live for us and our children. In this we would find fulfillment and fellowship with God. This was ruined when man brought sin into the world.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?

Originally, we were not going to die, but the Bible teaches that Adam disobeyed God.

“For as in Adam all die”
1 Corinthians 15:22

Adam's sin brought death into the world:

“For if, because of one man's trespass, **death** reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the free gift of righteousness reign through Jesus Christ”

Romans 5:17