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Sunday Theme: **The Supremacy of Christ**

Big Idea: **This series explains what is so distinct about Jesus Christ that makes Him worthy to be exalted.**

Title: **Jesus is the Son of God, Not a Son of God**

Text: **John 20:30-31 NIV**

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³¹*But these are written that you may (continue to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus is the Son of God, not a Son of God. Jesus is the Messiah, not a Messiah.
- The article “the” is definite, and “a” is indefinite.
- The title Son of God is a title exclusive only to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Son of God means that Jesus is equal to God the Father.
- He is God the Son, the second member of the Trinity.
- The Son of God title does not imply biological descent but expresses the unity of nature between Jesus and the Father.
- Jesus says in John 10:30, *“I and the Father are One (one in essence and nature).”*
- John 14:9, *“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”*

LESSON

- A. **EVIDENTIAL** - *“³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.”*
- There has to be evidence or evidences to prove that Jesus is really the Son of God.
 - The text says, Jesus performed many other signs.
 - These signs are the miracles Jesus performed.
 - In John 2 He turned the water into wine, that was a creative miracle only God can do.
 - In John 4 he healed the son of a royal official. In John 5 He healed a paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda. In John 6, Jesus feeds the 5,000. In the same chapter, Jesus walks on water.
 - In John 9, healing of the man born blind. In John 11, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead
 - And the greatest signs of all in the book of John were the death and resurrection of Jesus.
 - These are all signs or miracles only God can do. He was doing miracles so that people will believe.
 - Verse 30 says, *“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.”*
 - I believe the signs didn't stop, the miracles didn't stop.
 - Jesus Christ still performs miracles today.
 - And the greatest miracle of all miracles is a changed life, a transformed life.
 - Is there an evidence in your life that proves Jesus is the Son of God? Is your life a miracle?
 - John 21:25 - *“Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.”*
 - Is your life the unwritten book John 21:25 is talking about?
- B. **EVANGELISTIC** - *“^{31a} But these are written that you may (continue to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,”*
- If the first purpose of evidential appeals to reason, meaning mind or sanity.
 - This second purpose, the evangelistic purpose appeals to faith.

- The word evangelistic - from the dictionary - means missionary, preaching, evangelizing, revivalist, crusading, propagandist, campaigning, converting, proselytizing.
- You have to continue to evangelize not just the world, not just the lost.
- But you have to continue to evangelize yourself to continue to believe in the Son of God.
- You have to preach the gospel first to YOURSELF before preaching it to others.
- The word "believe" is not an intellectual belief, that Jesus is the Christ and Son of God.
- It is an evangelistic belief that you feel proud you have Jesus and you want the world to know you have Him.
- It is a continuous belief that through thick and thin you will be faithful to Jesus.

C. **EXPERIENTIAL** - ^{31b}*and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

- Life here speaks of eternal life. Eternal life is both present and future.
- Eternal life is the quality of life you have on earth as a Christian.
- Many people claim to be Christians, but the reality is, Jesus is not their life.
- People go to church. People read their Bible. People give their tithe.
- People have a semblance of Christianity, but is Jesus their life?
- Let us not settle for the routines and the traditions of Christianity.
- If Jesus is our life, we will allow Jesus to guide us, to lead us, to fill us, and to satisfy our souls.
- Our life must revolve around Jesus. Do you experience this kind of life with Jesus?
- Do you experience the divine presence, the divine partnership, and the divine power?
- Personally, do you experience Christ? Because personal experiences of Christ in us will mean practical expressions of Christ to the world.
- Let me throw this question to all of us, "Do you have a personal relationship with Christ?"
- If you do, how do you maintain that relationship?

SOME PRACTICAL TIPS TO MAINTAIN A FRESH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SON OF GOD:

- **Prioritize God in your schedule.** Make time for God. Spend daily time in the Word. Even Jesus prioritized spending time with God.
- **Preach the gospel to YOURSELF.** As humans, we are forgetful and need to hear the gospel over and over again.
- **Find a new devotional book.** This will help you fight the "boredom" in your daily Bible reading.
- **Get up early and pray.** Even Jesus dedicated His time to pray to God.
- **Join a church or Bible study group.** Be part of a Christian community. Get involved. Serve.
- **Journal.** Journaling will definitely change your relationship with God. Write down all the good things, even bad things, God is teaching you. Journals are reminder of God's love and faithfulness.
- **Listen to the Bible.** Use Bible app to have the Bible read out loud.
- **Memorize Scriptures.** Memorized scriptures can add power to holy living by keeping us from temptation, sin, and changing our attitudes.
- **Find accountability partners.** Make friends with other Christians. Don't be too exclusive. Keeping accountability partners will help you grow.

APPLICATION QUESTION

1. Why is the deity of Jesus Christ foundational to Christianity? Can a person who denies His deity be truly saved?