

The Son of God

Luke 1.35

Main Idea

As the Son of God we learn that Jesus is Holy and by that Holiness He comes to heal a world broken by sin.

Overview

The Son of God is Holy

- Context of the book of Luke:
 - Write an orderly account from eyewitnesses about the ministry of Jesus (Luke 1.1-3)
 - For the purposes of having certainty about Gospel ministry (Luke 1.1.4)
- Mary had found favor with God (v. 30)
 - She was promised to conceive in her virgin womb and bear a Son named Jesus (v. 31)
 - He will be great and be named the Son of the Most High (v. 32)
- Mary asks how this will come about (v. 34)
 - Gabriel the angel responded by telling her that the “Holy Spirit will come upon you and the
 - power of the Most High will overshadow you” (v. 35)
 - As a result of the conception occurring in this way the child will be called “holy-the Son of
 - God”
 - Since the seed of the child was from the Holy Spirit (not a mere sinful man) the child is protected from sin and is able to be what He has always been...Holy
- What does it mean to be Holy?
 - Set apart: Set apart from creation...or eternal
 - Pure: No stain of sin
- Jesus entered the world in order to bring His Holiness upon a sin sick world in order that by His touch He might heal (i.e. Luke 5.12, 8.40-56)

Questions

Discussion Starter: When most people think about Christmas what do they think about? As you have grown in your love for Christ, how have you begun to recapture this season and think more on Kingdom minded things?

1. What does Advent mean? How does this season help us look back and look forward?
From our devotional: Advent, which is derived from the Latin word adventus, means “coming.” For the Christian Church, Advent is a season marked by waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus’ birth in history (His first coming) and for the anticipation of Christ’s triumphant return (His second coming). This is the time of year set aside to think about the coming of God’s Son to earth, the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Advent season begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. It is a season of thoughtful reflection and repentance. It is an opportunity to rethink our priorities, realign our lives with God’s desire for us, seek forgiveness and start anew, and delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ as we wonder at his incarnation.

As we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward, anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

2. Read Isaiah 9.6, then Luke 1.26-38. List off the names of Jesus in this passage. How do they describe who this child is?
(Jesus means Savior, Son of the Most High is a similar reference to Son of God which describes Jesus as Holy. Help the connection in vs. 35 with the work of the Holy Spirit and the “therefore” in vs. 35 that seems to connect this idea of Holiness to Jesus as the Son of God)

3. What does it mean to be Holy? How does this inform the mission of Jesus?
(Help them see the coming of Christ was for the purposes of Holiness. Ask if they have ever taken the time to think about that at Christmas time. Reference Mark 1.14-15 & 38 in order to help them see the connection of Christmas to the Cross and the Resurrection)

4. Using various stories in the Gospels, how do we see Jesus as the Holy One, the Son of God affecting a sinful world around Him? How He affected you and/or those around you?
(Get the group to talk about the various ways that the Son of God has “touched” them and healed them. Share testimonies or more recent ways in which Jesus has been “healing” them)

5. What are some ways you can pause this busy Christmas season to anticipate the return of Christ to heal the world? You/family?
(Get them to talk about the ways they can practically be hoping in the return of Christ to make our world or themselves and their situations Holy by the healing touch of the Son of God. Christmas devotionals, advent calendars, family gatherings, Christmas service, etc. challenge them to seize upon this season to anticipate the return of Christ and not merely succumb to the more material nature of Christmas)

Accountability: What are some ways you need the healing touch of the Son of God?