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Scripture: Luke 3:22 / John 14:12-14 / Colossians 1:15 / Colossians 1:17

TITLE: Jesus is the Son

Confusion. That is a good word to describe how many people feel about the relationship between God the Father and God the Son. I mean, if Jesus is God, then how can He be God's Son? If Jesus is God's Son, doesn't that mean He's created? And if that's true, isn't there more than just one God?

Let's take just a few minutes to clear up the confusion, because we want to answer the big question: Who is Jesus? Well, He is God *and* the Son of God.

In Luke 3:22 (NLT), Jesus is being baptized by John the Baptist. As John is praying, Luke records, "and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy." (3:22)

God declares publicly that Jesus is God's Son.

In John 14, Jesus is addressing his disciples, and He identifies Himself as God's Son. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. ¹³ You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!" (John 14:12-14).

So clearly, Jesus is God's Son. But does that mean He was born? I mean, the Bible says Jesus is God's begotten Son in John 3:16.

Well, the word that John uses is a Greek word *monogēnes* - that is *mono*, meaning one, and *genes*, meaning kind or gene. So, John doesn't mean that Jesus was created, but rather He is one of a kind - in a class of His own.

Paul confirms this in Colossians 1:15b: Christ *is supreme* and *over all creation*. In fact, Paul would say, Christ "existed before anything else" (Col. 1:17a).

So Jesus is God. He has always existed in a perfect, perpetual relationship with God the Father and God the Spirit. And He did take on human flesh. In that sense, Jesus was born and took on a unique type of Sonship. You see, God sent Jesus on a mission to seek and save the lost – that's you and me. We are all lost and trapped in sin. So God sent Jesus on a rescue mission. And I'm thankful He did.

So, here's my challenge for you today: Jesus is God's Son who took on flesh for us. This means that the unique and precious relationship that God has with His Son is available to us. Because Jesus became flesh, He suffered as we suffer. He was tempted as we are tempted. Therefore He empathizes with us.

So today, spend time with God. Talk to Him. Share with Him your fears, your burdens, your joy. Maybe it's by praying. Maybe it's by writing it down in a journal. Maybe it's by typing it out in a Word document. Maybe it's sitting down with your camera on and recording a message on your phone. Whatever works for you, take time and share with God all that is on your heart.

I am so amazed that the God of the Universe is there for me. He cares for your every thought and feeling. So let's spend time with Him.