

The Gospel of John

A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise over a large body of water, with sunbeams breaking through a cloudy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the water and the sky. The clouds are dark and heavy, with bright rays of light breaking through. The foreground shows a dark, silhouetted hillside with some vegetation. In the distance, there are rolling hills and a small town or village.

8. The dead will hear His voice

John chapter 5

Why did the Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus?

... because

not only was He breaking the Sabbath,

but

He was even calling God

His own Father,

making Himself equal with God.

(John 5:18)



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The sign...

Do you want
to be healed?

Get up,
take up your bed,
and walk.

And at once the man was healed,
and he took up his bed and walked.

(John 5:9)

Hear Him
Believe Him
Respond to Him

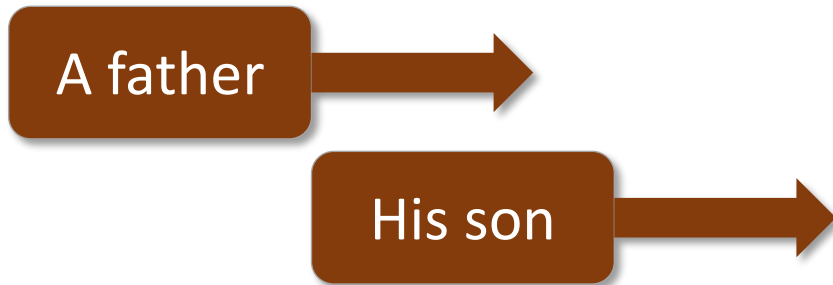
If you confess **with your mouth**
that Jesus is Lord
and believe **in your heart**
that God raised Him from the dead,
you will be saved.

(Romans 10:9)



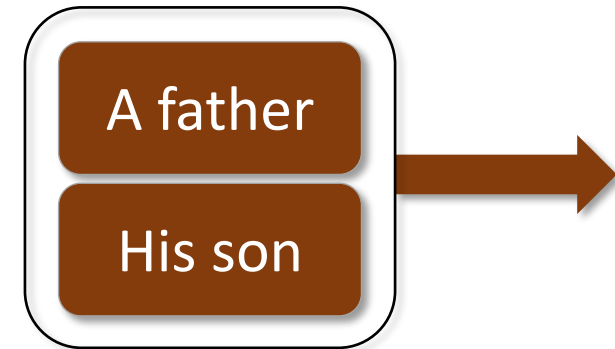
What is a son?

Modern thinking



The son is a different person, quite **distinct from** the father.

First century thinking



The son is like an extension of the father, **identified with** him.

James & John “...to whom He gave the name *Boanerges*, that is, **Sons of Thunder**”
(Mark 3:17)

Reading: John 5:19-47

The Gospel According to **JOHN**

CHAPTER 1

IN the beginning ^awas the Word,
and the ^bWord was ^cwith God,
and the Word was ^aGod.
2 ^aHe was in the beginning with
God.
3 ^aAll things were made through
Him, and without Him nothing was
made that was made.
4 ^aIn Him was life, and ^bthe life
was the light of men.
5 And ^athe light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness did not
comprehend it.
6 There was a ^aman sent from
God, whose name was John.
7 This man came for a ^awitness,
to bear witness of the Light, that
all through him might ^bbelieve.
8 He was not that Light, that
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^bRev. 19:13
^cJohn 17:5
^dJohn 5:20
2 ^aGen. 1:1
3 ^aCol. 1:16, 17
4 ^aJohn 5:11
^bJohn 8:12; 9:5;
12:46
5 ^aJohn 3:19
^bOr overcome
6 ^aMatt. 3:1-17
7 ^aJohn 3:25-36;
5:33-35
^bJohn 3:16
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Behold! The Lamb of God

are not the Christ, nor E-li'jah, nor
the Prophet?"
26 John answered them, saying,
"I baptize with water, ^bbut there
stands One among you whom
you do not know.
27 ^a"It is He who, coming
before me, ¹is preferred before
me, ²whose sandal strap I
am not worthy to untie."

How this dialogue began

The Sign

The paralysed man by the pool is healed when he believes Jesus' call to stand up.



The Accusation

He was breaking the Sabbath, and had called God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.



The Explanation

"My Father is working until now, and I am working." (John 5:17)
The Son does not act independently of the Father.

The Father

The Son

“Truly, truly, I say to you,
the Son can do nothing of His own accord,
but only what **He sees** the Father doing.

For whatever the Father does,
that **the Son does likewise.**”

(John 5:19)

For the Father judges no one,
but has given all judgment to the Son,
that all may honour the Son,
just as they honour the Father....

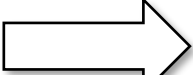
For **the Father loves the Son** and
shows Him all that He Himself is doing.
And **greater works** than these
will He show Him, so that you may marvel.

For as the Father **raises the dead**
and gives them life,
so also the Son **gives life**
to whom He will.

Note this!

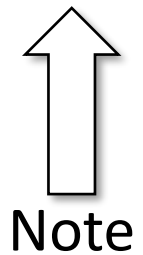
(See John 5:20-23)

Life – through hearing and believing

Truly, truly, I say to you,
whoever **hears** My word
and **believes** Him who sent Me
Note  **has eternal life.**

He does not come into judgment,
but **has passed** from **death** to **life.**

(John 5:24)



Truly, truly, I say to you,
an hour is coming, **and is now here,**
when **the dead** will **hear**
the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear **will live.**

(John 5:25)

Life – through hearing and believing

The present time



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They **have**
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The end of this age



Do not marvel at this,
for an hour is coming
when **all who are in the tombs**
will **hear** His voice and come out,
those who have done good
to **the resurrection of life**,
and those who have done evil
to **the resurrection of judgment**.

(John 5:28-29)



The four witnesses

If I bear witness about Myself,
My witness is not true.

Valid or sufficient

The Father

There is another
who bears witness about Me,
and I know that the testimony
that He bears about Me is true.

(John 5:31-32)

1

You sent to **John**....
He was a burning
and shining lamp...
(John 5:33-35)

2

The works
that the Father
has given Me....
(John 5:36)

3

The Father who sent Me
has Himself borne
witness about Me...
(John 5:37)

4

The Scriptures...
bear witness
about Me...
(John 5:39)

...I say these things that you may be saved. (John 5:34)

The Scripture and Life

You search **the Scriptures**
because you think that in them
you have eternal life;
and it is they that
bear witness about Me,
yet you refuse to come to Me
that you may have life.

(John 5:39-40)

The Scripture and Life

*They do all their deeds
to be seen by others.*

(Matthew 23:5)

How can you believe,
when you receive honour
from one another
and do not seek the honour
that comes **from the only God?**

(John 5:44)

If I were still trying
to please man,
I would not be
a servant of Christ.

(Galatians 1:10)

The Scripture and Life

If you believed Moses, you would believe Me;
for he wrote of Me.

But if you do not believe his writings,
how will you believe My words?

(John 5:46-47)

Like Moses

*I will raise up for them a prophet
like you from among their brothers.
And I will put My words in His mouth,
and He shall speak to them
all that I command Him.*

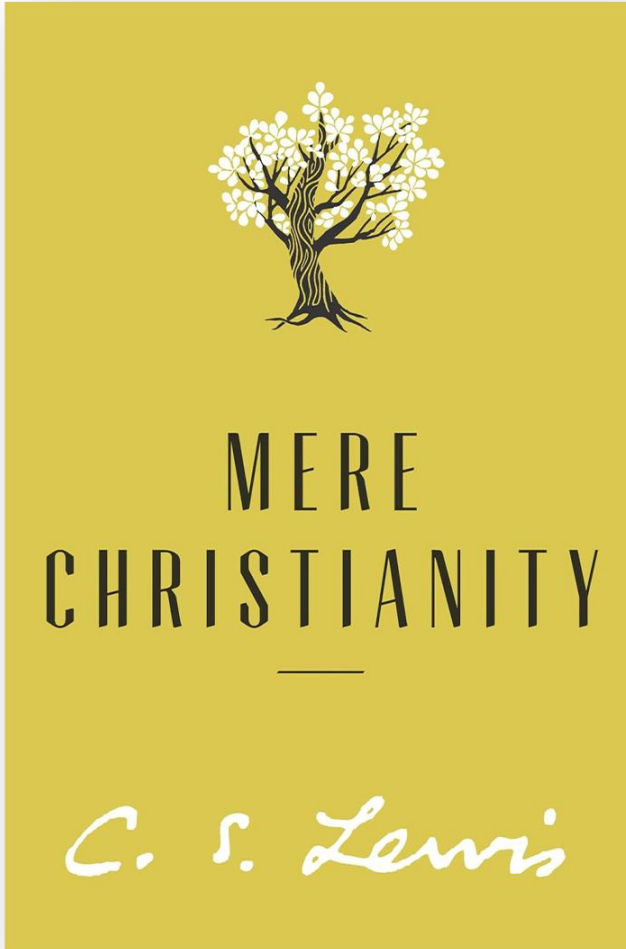
(Deuteronomy 18:18)

The Jews

Can you hear?



CS Lewis (1898 – 1963)



Mere Christianity was adapted from a series of BBC radio talks made in England during the war, between 1941 and 1944.



MERE
CHRISTIANITY

C. S. Lewis

Among these Jews there suddenly turns up a man who goes about **talking as if He was God**.

He claims to forgive sins. He says He has always existed. He says He is coming to judge the world at the end of time....

This man... was a Jew. God, in their language, meant the Being outside the world Who had made it and was infinitely different from anything else.

And when you have grasped that, you will see that what this man said was, quite simply, the most shocking thing that has ever been uttered by human lips.

Christ says that He is "humble and meek" and we believe Him; not noticing that, **if He were merely a man**, humility and meekness are the very last characteristics we could attribute to some of His sayings.



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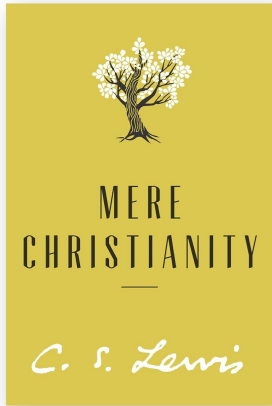
C. S. Lewis

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: *I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God.* **That is the one thing we must not say.**

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said **would not be a great moral teacher.** He would either be a lunatic... or else he would be the Devil of Hell. **You must make your choice.**

Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon or you can fall at His feet and call Him **Lord and God,** but let us not come with any **patronising nonsense** about His being a great human teacher.

He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.



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