

FOUR FATHERS

THE IDENTITY OF THE CHRIST

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- ◎ Our first introduction to Jesus in the New Testament.
 - “Son of...” expresses lineage — Matthew 1.1
 - Hebrews lacked a specific term for grandparents.
- ◎ Why identify Jesus as a descendant of David?
 - Because of God’s promise to David — Psalm 132.11
 - ➔ The Jews understood the concept of this prophecy — Mt. 22.42
 - ➔ The “Son of David” was term to reference the coming Messiah.
 - This explains the Jewish aristocracy’s furor in Matthew 21.15
 - ➔ This was fulfilled in Jesus Christ — Acts 2.30-32

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- ◎ What is the significance of Abraham?
 - God made three notable promises to him — Genesis 12.1-3
 - Land (Joshua 21.43); Nation (1 Kings 4.20); Seed
- ◎ Why identify Jesus as a descendant of Abraham?
 - He is the promised “Seed” of Abraham — Acts 3.25-26
 - ➔ Which makes the Jewish rejection of Him more sad — John 8.37-40
 - Paul emphasized this same reality — Galatians 3.16
 - ➔ The Seed of Abraham who benefits all nations — Gal. 3.7-9,14

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- One of the most popular designations of Jesus in the New Testament (84x – popular in Matthew and Luke).
 - It is an emphasis of His humanity – Mt. 8.20; 17.22
 - Especially when coupled with His divinity – Mt. 9.6
- Why should we note Jesus as the Son of Man?
 - There is a connection with OT prophecy – Daniel 7.13f
 - It reminds us of the reality of the Savior's love – Mark 14.41
 - It reminds us that we can relate to Jesus – Hebrews 3.1,6
 - It reminds us that He can relate to us – Hebrews 4.14-16

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- ◎ An unmistakable reference to the divinity (deity, Godhood) of Jesus.
 - John 5.16-18
- ◎ The phrase does not describe Jesus as the literal progeny of God, but describes a relationship.
 - God is a spirit being, not a human – John 4.24 (Luke 24.39)
 - The phrase remarks on their relationship:
 - ➔ A relationship marked by love – Matthew 27.43; John 10.17
 - ➔ A relationship marked by submission – John 6.38; 15.10

WHO IS JESUS?



Fulfillment of Davidic Promise

Fulfillment of Abrahamic Promise

The Perfect Mediator

The Perfect Sacrifice

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." (Acts 20.28)