



Lesson Title: The Revelations of Jesus—Son



Key Concept: This series of lessons explores various revelations of the one true God of Israel in the person of Jesus. This lesson examines the revelation of Jesus as Son who is temporal, immanent, and limited.



Scriptures:

²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel,
which means 'God is with us.'"

(Matthew 1:21–23 *New Living Translation*)

Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me?

(Luke 1:43 *New Living Translation*)

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion.

(Mark 4:38 *New Living Translation*)

No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

(John 1:18 *New Living Translation*)

Context Scriptures: Psalm 65:2



Lesson Thoughts:

In contrast to the revelations of Jesus as Father and Mother, Jesus also reveals God himself in time and space and limitation. This revelation is God born a human—the Son of God. God, who is a spirit, is eternal, transcendent and

without even the limitations of physical existence. But this also means he cannot be seen. The gospel of John tells us that Jesus reveals the invisible one. God chose to reveal himself—now visible and accessible—by being born a human. And that human is Jesus, the Son of God, described in his birth narrative in Matthew as Immanuel: God with us (Matthew 1:23).

The creator of all the world—its Father and Mother—was born a human and thus entered time and space and limitation through the womb of a woman. Elizabeth under the anointing of the Spirit spoke of the mother of the Lord God of Israel. How can he who is eternal, transcendent, and unlimited have a mother? Because the Creator became creation conceived by his own creative spirit in the womb of a woman who became his human mother (Luke 1:43). This powerful act of creation produced a revelation of God with limitations seen throughout the story of Jesus: he was hungry, he slept, he even prayed (Mark 4:38; Psalm 65:2).

Why? Why would the God who is eternal, transcendent, and unlimited be born a human in order to reveal himself as temporal and immanent and limited? Because he is re-revealing his image in humanity not unlike he originally revealed it in Adam and Eve. And in the revelation of Jesus as Son that God provides himself as our kinsman Redeemer.



Discussion Questions:

- 1) What does it mean to you that the Father and Mother of all creation is also a fellow human being?
- 2) What are some questions that arise from the revelation of the unlimited God as a human being who is limited?
- 3) Jesus is the re-revealed image of God. How does this impact *our* reflection of God's image?
- 4) Why is it important that Jesus experienced the same struggles that we do?

Next Lesson: Redeemer

Notes and Reflections

- 1) Read through the gospel of John and pause for reflection at each of the passages where Jesus is spoken of as Son of God. Who is calling him Son? What does the passage add to your understanding of Jesus as Son of God?
- 2) As you read through the gospel of John, does Jesus act like a Son (in time and space with limitations) and if so, how?
- 3) Finally, how does the presentation of Jesus as the Son of God in the gospel of John contribute to our understanding of the revealed God?