

Text: Mark 14:60-64

Title: It's Personal – I am the Son of God

Thesis: Because Jesus is the Son of God, we must recognize His full authority on our lives and regard Him as He rightfully is.

- I. Introduction
 - a. NTA:
- II. Ask the right question. (60-61a)
 - a. E – Up to this point in the “trial,” Jesus has refused to answer his critics. Their testimonies do not agree, therefore not meeting the criteria of Deut. 17:6. Their own self-refutation was more than enough to discredit them, and Jesus remains silent, not even dignifying their falsehood with an answer. (Isa. 53:7) The problem is that they have not asked the right questions. They are making accusations (falsely) about things of lesser importance, things which do not essentially reveal who Jesus is or the things most important to Him.
 - b. I – I was told a long time ago by a very wise man, “a man of integrity lets time prove him right.” His point was that if your life is patterned after integrity, you cannot successfully answer false accusations, because they will only attempt to twist your answers into serving their purpose. Rather, let their own false accusations be found out, and your life prove you innocent.
 - c. A – If we want to get to the matter of who Jesus really is, we cannot be distracted with side issues. We cannot let our own perceptions of the world and of “religion” dictate to us the questions we ask or the answers we listen to. You must let Christ speak for Himself. You must get to know Him.
- III. Recognize the Son of God. (61b-64)
 - a. E – When Caiaphas asked Jesus if he really was both the Messiah and the Son of The Blessed (circumlocution for “God”), he gets straight to the heart of the matter. These were two separate claims, however Jesus readily admits to both in this context. (Up to this point, He has often refused the title Messiah, seemingly to avoid the misconceptions associate with the title, i.e., military deliverer, etc.) From the high priest, Son of God could mean something as innocuous as “king,” however Jesus’ response ties in Dan. 7:13 and Ps. 110:1, making certain that they understood His claim was of divinity. Tragically for them, Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin understood that Jesus was making this claim, but did not recognize the validity of that claim.
 - b. A – If you are going to know Christ, if you are going to receive the benefit of what His sacrifice accomplished on your behalf, you must recognize the truthfulness of what He was claiming. He is the Son of God, the second person of the Triune (3-in-1) God. He is the only one capable of reconciling humanity and all of creation to the Creator. You must recognize the truthfulness of His claims, self-sacrifice of His love displayed, and the authority of His commands. To resist any of this is to not truly acknowledge Him for who He is.
- IV. Conclusions