THE QUESTION

What did the early Christians believe about Jesus as the Son of God?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early writers taught that Jesus is the Son of God by nature, not by adoption: begotten of the Father before the ages and truly God, yet distinct from the Father. They said He became man to reveal the Father, and that through Him believers are made God's adopted sons.

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Both Son of God and Son of Man

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Novatian and Lactantius both say the title Son of God points to Christ's divine side, while Son of Man points to His human side. For them, Jesus is not only a man but also God, one person who is both.

1 "And indeed, Christ was not only man, but also God; and just as He was the Son of Man, so also He was the Son of God."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 11 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 52, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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2 "He became both the Son of God through the Spirit, and the Son of man through the flesh—that is, both God and man."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Divine Institutes* 13 (c. 290–320 AD) **Source 57, page 10** Read it in the library ›
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The Son is the Father's own Word

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Athenagoras explains to outsiders that God having a Son is not like the myths of the poets. The Son is the Father's Word and reason, and all things were made through Him. Justin also identifies the Son of God with the Word who appeared before He became man.

3 "The Son of God is the Word of the Father, in idea and in action. For all things were made after His pattern and through Him, and the Father and the Son are one."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Athenagoras,** *A Plea for the Christians* 10 (c. 170–190 AD) **Source 11, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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4 "But this much is written to prove that Jesus the Christ is the Son of God and His Apostle, previously the Word, and appearing sometimes as fire, sometimes like angels."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *First Apology* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 5, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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He was begotten before the ages

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The baptism confession in the Apostolic Constitutions has new believers confess the only begotten Son, begotten before the ages. Dionysius of Alexandria compares the Son to the brightness of eternal light: since God is light without beginning, His brightness has always shone with Him.

5 “who before the ages was begotten by the good pleasure of the Father, by whom all things were made, both the things in heaven and the things on earth, visible and invisible”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 56, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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6 “But God is the eternal Light, which has had no beginning and will never fail. Therefore the eternal brightness shines forth before Him and coexists with Him.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Dionysius of Alexandria,** *Miscellaneous Fragments* 1 (c. 232–265 AD) **Source 41, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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His Sonship is unlike ours

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Alexander of Alexandria says Christ's Sonship belongs to the nature of the Father's Godhead, so it has nothing in common with the way others are called sons. Lactantius describes two births: a spiritual birth from the Father alone, and a birth in the flesh from a virgin.

7 “From this one may see that the Sonship of our Savior has nothing at all in common with the sonship of the rest.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Alexander of Alexandria,** *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 (c. 313–328 AD) **Source 62, page 10** Read it in the library ›
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8 “In His first birth, which was spiritual, He was motherless, because He was begotten by God the Father alone, without the role of a mother.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Divine Institutes* 13 (c. 290–320 AD) **Source 57, page 10** **Read it in the library ›**
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The Son makes the Father known

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Irenaeus teaches that no one knows the Father except through the Son, who shows Him to us. The Father cannot be seen, but in the Son He is seen. Hippolytus adds that only the Son has seen God and declares the Father's will.

9 “For the manifestation of the Son is the knowledge of the Father, as all things are shown through the Word.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 13, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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10 “Through the Word Himself, made visible and tangible, the Father was shown, although not everyone equally believed in Him; yet all saw the Father in the Son: for the Father is the invisible aspect of the Son, and the Son is the visible of the Father.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 16, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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11 “And no one sees God except the Son alone, the perfect man who alone declares the will of the Father.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 32, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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The Son is not the Father

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Against teachers who said the Father made Himself His own Son, Tertullian argues that a father and a son are two, not one person playing both parts. Hippolytus reads Jesus' words "I and the Father are one" as speaking of two persons who share one power.

12 “In the same way, the Father is not the same as the Son, so that both of them would be one, and one or the other would be both.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *Against Praxeas* 10 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 28, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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13 “For the word "are" is not used of one person. It refers to two persons and one power.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 29, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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Yet Father and Son are one God

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Lactantius warns against speaking of two Gods. Because the Father and Son share one substance and one will, they are to be honored together as one God. Gregory Thaumaturgus likewise confesses three persons who share one Godhead.

14 “So they should not be called two, since in them there is one substance, one will, and one faith.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 49 (c. 290–320 AD) **Source 60, page 10** **Read it in the library ›**
THF's updated English

15 “We forswear this, because we believe that three persons—namely, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—are declared to possess the one Godhead.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 43, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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Through the Son we become God's children

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Irenaeus ties the Son's coming to our salvation. The Son of God became the Son of Man so that people could receive adoption as God's sons through Him. His Sonship by nature opens the way for ours by grace.

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> "the Son of God becoming the Son of man, so that through Him we may receive adoption—humanity supporting, receiving, and embracing the Son of God."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD)
THF's updated English

Source 14, page 7 **Read it in the library ›**

THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These passages do not explain how the Son is begotten; they focus on who He is and what He reveals.
- The writers mostly argue against those who merged the Father and the Son, so they say less here about other questions on Christ's two natures.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 63 early Christian passages and 302 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–63, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 64–163, in Bible order), then 202 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

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EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *63 passages from 18 writers*

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *Shepherd* “the son is the Holy Spirit. And the slave is the Son of God… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Shepherd* First of all, sir, I said, explain this to me: what is the meaning of the rock and the gate? He answered, "This rock and this gate are the Son… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 3–4*

3 *Epistle to the Magnesians* (on point 3) “being begotten by the Father before the beginning of time, was God the Word, the only-begotten Son, and… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English) “the only-begotten Son,” saith [the Scripture], “who is in the bosom of the Father.” And again, “One Lord Jesus Christ.” And in another place, “What is His name, or… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 5–8*

5 *First Apology* **Quote 4, page 2** not understand." Jesus the Christ, because the Jews did not know what the Father was, or what the Son was, similarly accused them; and He said, "No one knows the… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Second Apology* (1885 English; on point 2) “His Son, who alone is properly called Son, the Word, who also was with Him and was begotten before the works, when at first He created and arranged all things… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Dialogue with Trypho* (on point 3) “begets me before all the hills.’ When I repeated these words, I… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *First Apology* (1885 English) “becoming man according to His will, He taught us these things for the conversion and restoration of the human race: and (thirdly) that before He became a man among men… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · source 9*

9 *Address to the Greeks* 5 (on point 2) simple will, the Word springs forth. And the Word, not coming forth in vain, becomes the first-begotten work of the Father. We know that He, the Word, is the… [continues online] **read ›**

Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · source 10*

10 *To Autolycus* 22 (on point 2) of whom, John, says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God… [continues online] **read ›**

Athenagoras, *c. 170–190 AD · source 11*

11 *A Plea for the Christians* 10 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** “the Son being in the Father and the Father in the Son, in oneness and power of spirit, the understanding and reason (νοῦς καὶ λόγος) of the Father is the… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 12–16*

12 *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (1885 English) “Priest among priests; among kings Prime Leader… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quote 9, page 4** one can know the Father except through the Word of God, meaning through the Son revealing Him; nor can anyone have knowledge of the Son except through the good pleasure… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Against Heresies: Book III* **Quote 16, page 6** the Gospel of God, which He promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born from the lineage of David according to the flesh, who… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* “Man among men; Son in the Father… [continues online] **read ›**

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16 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quote 10, page 4** “all saw the Father in the Son: for the Father is the invisible… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 17–21*

17 *Instructor* 1.8 (1885 English; on point 5) this was the import of the utterance, No man knew the Father… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Instructor* 1.5 (on point 7) “Son in the Father, and the Father in the Son… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Instructor* 1.5 (on point 5) late, then, God was known by the coming of Christ… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Stromata* 5.1 (on point 5) “is the Father without the Son, for the Son is with the Father… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Stromata* 5.12 (on point 5) “only-begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 22–28*

22 *Against Praxeas* 23 (on point 1) “was, then, the Son of God, who was in the Son of man, that was betrayed, as the… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Against Praxeas* 27 (1885 English; on point 1) “see plainly the twofold state, which is not confounded, but conjoined in One Person — Jesus, God and Man… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *Against Praxeas* 7 (1885 English; on point 3) “1:15 and His only-begotten also, because alone begotten of God, in a way peculiar to Himself, from the womb of His own heart — even as the Father Himself… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Against Praxeas* 21 (on point 6) one, the Word of God; the other, God. Although the Word is also God, He is God regarded as the Son of God, not as the Father. There is One… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Against Praxeas* 24 (on point 6) only point under discussion. Was it as the Father that they ought to have known Him, or as the Son? If it was as the Father, Praxeas must tell us… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Against Hermogenes* 18 (on point 3) “before the hills He generated me, and prior to the depths was I begotten… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Against Praxeas* 10 **Quote 12, page 5** “a father makes a son, and a son makes a father… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 29–32*

29 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 **Quote 13, page 5** “did not say, "I and the Father am one," but, "are one." For the word "are" is not used of one person. It refers to two persons and one power… [continues online] **read ›**

30 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 “He takes the common name for tender affection among men in being called the Son… [continues online] **read ›**

31 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 your power to acquaint yourself with the Maker's practiced and indescribable art, or method, but only to see, and understand, and believe that man is God's work. Moreover… [continues online] **read ›**

32 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 4** “only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 33–40*

33 *Commentary on John* 2 (on point 2) made the ages through His Son. The “through whom,” when the ages were being made, belonged to the Only-begotten. Thus, if all things were made, as in this passage… [continues online] **read ›**

34 *Commentary on John* 1 to wonder when I consider the things said about Christ, even by those who are serious in their belief in Him. Though there are countless names that can be applied… [continues online] **read ›**

35 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 6 (on point 1) “again, the Son of God, through whom all things were created, is named Jesus Christ and the Son of man… [continues online] **read ›**

36 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 2 image," so that in this way we may perceive how God is rightly called the Father of His Son. And let us, first of all, draw our conclusions from what… [continues online] **read ›**

37 *Against Celsus* 47 (1885 English) “is therefore of opinion that we employed the expression Son of God, having perverted what is said of the world, as being born of God, and being His Son, and… [continues online] **read ›**

38 *Against Celsus* 71 (on point 5) “only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him… [continues online] **read ›**

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39 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 (on point 5) “any one the Father, save the Son… [continues online] **read ›**

40 *Against Celsus* 14 (1885 English) “it is He whom we call Son of God— Son of that God, namely, whom, to quote the words of Celsus, we most highly reverence… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · source 41*

41 *Miscellaneous Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 3** “He is that Wisdom which says, I was that wherein He delighted, and I was daily His delight before His face at all times… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 42–44*

42 *On the Trinity* 1 (on point 3) “Word Himself is before every creature, eternal from the Eternal, like spring from spring, and light from light… [continues online] **read ›**

43 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 **Quote 15, page 5** “1:1. And there is a divinity present according to nature in… [continues online] **read ›**

44 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) “the recent comprehends all that has had a beginning, while mighty and measureless is lie who is before the ages… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · sources 45–52*

45 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 31 (on point 2) that nothing can be preferred, but that nothing can be compared. From Him, when He willed it, the Son, the Word, was born. He is not received in the sound… [continues online] **read ›**

46 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 18 “this is Christ. What in the world is the reason that we should hesitate to call Him God… [continues online] **read ›**

47 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 23 (1885 English) “other heretics have so far embraced the manifest divinity of Christ, as to say that He was without flesh, and to withdraw from Him the whole humanity which He took… [continues online] **read ›**

48 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 28 (on point 6) Christ was the Father? On the contrary, he had often heard and often learned that He was the Son, not that He was the Father. For when the Lord said… [continues online] **read ›**

49 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 24 (on point 1) man. But now, by explaining separately the ordinance and the reason of so great a mystery, he clearly showed, in saying, “And that Holy Thing which shall be born of… [continues online] **read ›**

50 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 27 (on point 6) the Father by saying, “I and the Father,” He separates and distinguishes what is proper to His person, that is, the Son’s person, from the Father's authority. He… [continues online] **read ›**

51 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 12 “as the Son, why do they deny that the Son of God is God… [continues online] **read ›**

52 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 11 (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** “Even as He Was the Son of Man, So Also He Was the Son of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 53*

53 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 8) “Son of God suffered that He might make us sons of God, and the son of man will not suffer that he may continue to be a son of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 54–56*

54 *Apostolic Constitutions* “brought all things out of nothing into being by Your only begotten… [continues online] **read ›**

55 *Apostolic Constitutions* delivered us from error and ignorance. You have sent Christ among men as a man, being the only begotten God. You have made the Comforter dwell among us. You have… [continues online] **read ›**

56 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 5, page 3** “into the Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, the First-born of the whole creation, who before the ages was begotten by the good pleasure of the Father, by… [continues online] **read ›**

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Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 57–60*

57 *Divine Institutes* 13 **Quotes 2, 8, pages 2, 4** "became both the Son of God through the Spirit, and the Son of man through the flesh—that is, both God and man… [continues online] **read ›**

58 *Divine Institutes* 6 (1885 English; on point 3) "He is the very Son of God, who by that most wise King Solomon, full of divine inspiration, spoke these things which we have added: , God founded me in the… [continues online] **read ›**

59 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 43 (on point 1) But so that there may be no doubt in your mind about why we call Him Jesus Christ, who was born of God before the world and was born of… [continues online] **read ›**

60 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 49 **Quote 14, page 5** "the Son is through the Father, and the Father through the Son… [continues online] **read ›**

Alexander of Alexandria, *c. 313–328 AD · sources 61–63*

61 *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 (1885 English) "that hears these words of the Gospel, the only-begotten Son… [continues online] **read ›**

62 *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 **Quote 7, page 3** "not in time, nor after an interval, nor… [continues online] **read ›**

63 *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 (on point 4) "the only begotten Son of the Father indeed possesses an indefectible Sonship… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *100 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

64 **Genesis 21:11** The word seemed very hard in Abraham's sight because of his son. **read ›**

65 **Genesis 22:2** He said, "Take your son, the beloved one, whom you have loved, Isaac, and go into the high land, and offer him there as a whole burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall tell you of." **read ›**

66 **Genesis 27:18** He brought them in to his father and said, "Father." And he said, "Behold, here I am. Who are you, child?" **read ›**

67 **Genesis 49:22** Joseph is a son increased, my son increased, to be envied, my youngest son: turn back to me. **read ›**

68 **2 Samuel 7:14** I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. And if his unrighteousness comes, I will correct him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of men. **read ›**

69 **1 Chronicles 28:5** And of all my sons — for the Lord has given me many sons — he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. **read ›**

70 **Psalms 2:7** declaring the statute of the Lord: the Lord said to me, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you. **read ›**

71 **Psalms 4:5** Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and hope in the Lord. (Septuagint Psalm 4:6 (Psalm 4:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

72 **Psalms 13:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

73 **Proverbs 8:22** The Lord created me as the beginning of his ways, for his works. **read ›**

74 **Proverbs 8:23** Before the age he founded me, in the beginning, before he made the earth, **read ›**

75 **Jeremiah 2:7** And I brought you into Carmel, to eat its fruits and its good things; and you went in and defiled my land, and made my inheritance an abomination. **read ›**

76 **Jeremiah 9:1** Who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to my eyes? And I will weep for this my people day and night, for the wounded of the daughter of my people. (Septuagint Jeremiah 8:23 (Jeremiah 9:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

77 **Jeremiah 34:17** Therefore thus said the Lord: You have not listened to me, to proclaim a release, each to his neighbor. Behold, I proclaim a release for you to the sword and to death and to famine, and I will give you up to be scattered among all the kingdoms of the earth. (Septuagint Jeremiah 41:17 (Jeremiah 34:17 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

78 **Jeremiah 52:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **Ezekiel 15:7** And I will set my face against them; they shall come out of the fire, and fire shall devour them; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I set my face against them. **read ›**

80 **Daniel 4:3** how great and mighty they are. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his authority is to generation and generation. **read ›**

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81 **Daniel 11:19** And he shall turn his face back toward the strength of his own land, and he shall grow weak and fall and not be found. **read ›**

82 **Amos 2:13** Therefore, behold, I am rolling beneath you, as a wagon full of straw is rolled. **read ›**

83 **Amos 5:5** But do not seek Bethel, and do not go into Gilgal, and do not cross over to the Well of the Oath; for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall be as though it were not. **read ›**

84 **Amos 7:5** And I said, “O Lord, cease, I pray! Who will raise up Jacob? For he is very small. Relent, O Lord, concerning this.” **read ›**

85 **Amos 9:1** I saw the Lord standing upon the altar, and he said: Strike the mercy seat, and the gateways shall be shaken; and cut into the heads of all; and the rest of them I will kill with the sword; no fugitive of them shall ever escape, and no survivor of them shall ever be saved. **read ›**

86 **Tobit 4:5** My child, remember the Lord our God all the days, and do not be willing to sin or to transgress his commandments. Do righteousness all the days of your life, and do not walk in the ways of unrighteousness. **read ›**

87 **Tobit 13:4** There make known his greatness; exalt him before every living thing, for he is our Lord, and God himself is our Father forever. **read ›**

88 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:13** He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself the child of the Lord. **read ›**

89 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:18** For if the righteous man is a son of God, God will help him, and deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. **read ›**

90 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:23** For God created man for incorruption, and made him an image of his own nature. **read ›**

91 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:5** How has he been counted among the sons of God, and how is his lot among the holy ones? **read ›**

92 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:5** For no king had any other beginning of birth; **read ›**

93 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:1** “O God of the fathers, and Lord of your mercy, who made all things by your word, **read ›**

94 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:1** My child, if you come forward to serve the Lord God, prepare your soul for testing. **read ›**

95 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:12** My child, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives. **read ›**

96 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:17** My child, perform your works in meekness, and you will be loved by an acceptable man. **read ›**

97 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:10** Be like a father to orphans, and like a husband to their mother; and you will be like a son of the Most High, and he will love you more than your mother does. **read ›**

98 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:28** My child, glorify your soul in meekness, and give it honor according to its worth. **read ›**

99 **Wisdom of Sirach 14:11** My child, as you have the means, do good to yourself, and bring offerings to the Lord worthily. **read ›**

100 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:1** He who lives forever created all things together. **read ›**

101 **Wisdom of Sirach 23:20** Before all things were created they were known to him, and so also after they were completed. **read ›**

102 **Wisdom of Sirach 24:9** Before the age, from the beginning, he created me, and to the age I shall never fail. **read ›**

103 **Wisdom of Sirach 30:4** His father died, and it is as though he had not died, for he has left behind him one like himself. **read ›**

104 **Wisdom of Sirach 33:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

105 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:28** My child, do not live a beggar’s life; it is better to die than to beg. **read ›**

106 **Wisdom of Sirach 42:21** He has set in order the majestic works of his wisdom, as he is from before the ages and forever; nothing has been added, nor taken away, and he has no need of any counselor. **read ›**

107 **Wisdom of Sirach 47:12** After him rose up a son with understanding, and for his sake he lived in broad security. **read ›**

108 **4 Maccabees 5:37** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

109 **4 Maccabees 15:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

110 **1 Enoch 9:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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113 **1 Enoch 39:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

114 **1 Enoch 46:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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115 **1 Enoch 48:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
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120 **1 Enoch 69:29** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
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122 **1 Enoch 71:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
123 **1 Enoch 71:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
124 **1 Enoch 81:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
125 **Matthew 1:1** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. **read ›**
126 **Matthew 3:17** Behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” **read ›**
127 **Matthew 11:27** All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows the Son, except the Father; neither does anyone know the Father, except the Son and he to whom the Son desires to reveal him. **read ›**
128 **Matthew 14:33** Those who were in the boat came and worshiped him, saying, “You are truly the Son of God!” **read ›**
129 **Mark 1:1** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **read ›**
130 **Mark 12:6** So he still had one beloved son of his own. He sent him to them last, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ **read ›**
131 **Luke 3:38** the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. **read ›**
132 **Luke 10:22** Turning to the disciples, he said, “All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” **read ›**
133 **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **read ›**
134 **John 1:2** He was in the beginning with God. **read ›**
135 **John 1:6** There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. **read ›**
136 **John 1:15** John bore witness about him and cried out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for he was before me.’” **read ›**
137 **John 1:18** No one has ever seen God; the only-begotten Son, who is close to the Father’s chest, he has made him known. **read ›**
138 **John 1:30** This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me, for he was before me.’ **read ›**
139 **John 1:34** And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” **read ›**
140 **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **read ›**
141 **John 3:35** The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. **read ›**
142 **John 5:23** that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. **read ›**
143 **John 8:41** You do the works of your father.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father, God.” **read ›**
144 **Acts 1:2** until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. **read ›**
145 **Acts 9:5** He said, “Who are you, Lord?” The Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **read ›**
146 **Acts 9:20** Immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed the Christ, that he is the Son of God. **read ›**
147 **Romans 1:4** who was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, **read ›**
148 **Galatians 4:6** And because you are children, God sent out the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!” **read ›**

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149 **Ephesians 1:4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before him in love, **read ›**

150 **Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **read ›**

151 **Titus 1:2** in hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the ages began, **read ›**

152 **Hebrews 1:2** whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also made the ages, **read ›**

153 **Hebrews 1:5** For to which of the angels did he ever say, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”? And again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? **read ›**

154 **Hebrews 1:8** But of the Son, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; the scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness. **read ›**

155 **Hebrews 7:3** without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God), remains a priest continually. **read ›**

156 **James 1:18** Of his own will he gave birth to us by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. **read ›**

157 **1 Peter 1:20** who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in this last age for your sake, **read ›**

158 **1 John 2:23** Everyone who denies the Son does not have the Father either. **read ›**

159 **1 John 3:1** Behold what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God! Because of this the world does not know you, because it did not know him. **read ›**

160 **1 John 4:9** In this the love of God was manifested among us, that God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might live through him. **read ›**

161 **1 John 4:14** We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. **read ›**

162 **1 John 4:15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him, and he in God. **read ›**

163 **1 John 5:1** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God. Whoever loves the Father also loves the child who is born of him. **read ›**

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