

Jesus Christ, the son of God (IV)

As has been stated in past articles, Christ is the divine son of the living God. He is the second person in the Godhead, having taken on flesh through the Virgin Birth. In his very nature he is deity. He has always been so. The last and ultimate proof of his deity is his resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4). Paul says that he was proven to be the son of God, *with power(emp.mine)*, by the resurrection from the dead. Had our Lord not come out of the tomb, then he would have been proven to have been a false teacher. Christ did not “figuratively” come out of the tomb as those in Neo-orthodoxy claim. Christ actually, bodily, came out of the tomb. One can know that Christ was who he said he was, because there is an empty tomb! One can know that everything that our Lord said is true, by the fact of his resurrection. One can know that the world was created in six literal days, because Christ affirmed it (Mk.10:6)! One can know that there was a literal, universal flood of water that destroyed the earth, because Christ said that it was so (Matthew 24)! One can know that baptism is essential to one’s salvation, because our Lord taught it as a fact (Mark 16:16)! One can know that there was but one church that Christ built, because Jesus stated it (Matthew 16:18)! One can know that the Kingdom has been established and is not a physical kingdom but is the church, because Christ says so (Mark 9:1; Luke 24:44-46; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; John 18:36)! A person can know that he is coming again, because he promised that he would (John 14:1-3)! We know that all to which our Lord had reference is accurate and true. Why is this the case? It is the case because he came out of that tomb never to die again (Romans 1:4). When a person denies the truthfulness of a statement made by our Lord, one denies his deity. Jesus was not just a “great prophet”. He was not “Michael the Archangel”. Jesus was and is the son of God. And if one is to have any hope beyond the grave, one must be obedient to him in every way (John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 16:16; Revelation 2:10).

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