

## Who Is Jesus?

### Week 4: Jesus is God's Son

#### Welcome Question

“How did people know Jesus was God's Son?”

#### Introduction

Hi everyone! We are into our fourth week of our “Who is Jesus?” series. For the past few weeks, we've all become detectives investigating who Jesus really is. We've learned about Jesus as Healer, Teacher and friend. This week, we'll hear about another important part of Jesus' life: God's son. Our welcome question asked, “How did people know Jesus was God's Son?” Let's go over your answers now. *(go over answers written)* There were a lot of good answers, but one way people knew Jesus was God's son was by the miracles Jesus did. It showed others that He had power that could only be from God. Let's open up our case files and see what we can discover about these miracles and Jesus being God's son.

#### Large Group Lesson

This is Case #475, the Son of God. I have four witness accounts of Jesus performing miracles and demonstrating He is God's son. Today, we're going to divide into four groups and go over our evidence. It's your job to ask the tough questions: Who? Why? When? And then report your findings to the group. This might involve you getting a little creative. Are you up to the challenge?

#### Jesus' Miracles Case Studies

*Pass out manila folders marked “evidence” for each grade. Each small group will use their file to study scripture related to Jesus' teachings. Give the groups time to complete their study, then bring them back for a large group recap. (if time permits, they will complete their Bible challenge at the end).*

*K-1: The Storm, Mark 4:35-41*

*1-2: The Big Meal, John 6:5-13*

*3rd: The Walk, Matthew 14:22-33*

*4th: The Demons, Matthew 8:28-34*

#### Recap Discussion:

*Allow each group to come together and share the findings from their investigations, then wrap-up the lesson.*

Today, we learned a lot about who Jesus is: God's Son. Jesus showed us that He was God's son and had His Father's power by healing physical illness, raising from the dead, feeding the 5000, and even forgiving people's sins! These are things we haven't just seen today, but

from the past few weeks of our investigation. Jesus could do incredible things because He came from an incredible dad, God!

You know, as children we get all our “genes” from our parents. Jesus had genes from His Father too, His power. It was easy to see from Jesus’ actions that His power was from something greater than His earthly parents. It was from God. It helped people to see and believe that Jesus was truly God’s Son, sent to save the world. As 1 John 4:10 says, *“True love is God’s love for us, not our love for God. God sent his Son to die in our place to take away our sins.”*

Think about this, if Jesus had no special powers and just went around telling people He was the “Son of God”, do you think people would have believed him? Probably not. A lot of people, false prophets, had tried to do the same thing. Jesus was the real deal, God’s own son. How cool is that!?

### **Closing**

Jesus said in John 14:10, *“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”* Jesus was God’s son, doing God’s work. Next week, we’ll learn more about the specific job Jesus came to do. I hope to see all of you super sleuths here to help carry out our mission. Let’s pray.

*If time remains, dismiss back to small groups for Bible Challenge. If no time remains, pass out verse cards.*

**Case #475**  
**Evidence #1**  
**The Storm**

**Name of Witness:** Mark

**Personal Testimony of Witness:**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" **Mark 4:35-41**

**Evidence Report:**

Where was Jesus & who was with him? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the disciples afraid of? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jesus respond? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus ask his followers after? \_\_\_\_\_

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What questions did the disciples ask? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did that show Jesus was God's son? \_\_\_\_\_

**Take a few minutes to go over your report. Plan to share your findings with the group. You can act out the story, draw the story or come up with another way to share what you've learned with the group.**

**Case #475**  
**Evidence #2**  
**The Big Meal**

**Name of Witness:** John

**Personal Testimony of Witness:**

6 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" **John 6:5-13**

**Evidence Report:**

Where was Jesus & who was with him? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus ask Philip & Why? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jesus respond? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the people and disciples respond? \_\_\_\_\_

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What questions did the disciples ask? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did that show Jesus was God's son? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Case #475**  
**Evidence #3**  
**The Walk**

**Name of Witness:** Matthew

**Personal Testimony of Witness:**

**22** Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23** And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, **24** but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. **25** And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. **26** But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. **27** But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

**28** And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **29** He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." **31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." **Matthew 14:22-33**

**Evidence Report:**

Where was Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Where were the disciples? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jesus get to them? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the first problem? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jesus respond? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the second problem? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jesus respond? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the disciples respond? \_\_\_\_\_

How did that show Jesus was God's son? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Case #475**  
**Evidence #4**  
**The Demons**

**Name of Witness:** Matthew

**Personal Testimony of Witness:**

**28** And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. **29** And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" **30** Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. **31** And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs." **32** And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. **33** The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. **34** And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.

**Matthew 8:28-34**

**Evidence Report:**

Where was Jesus & who was with him? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did the men say Jesus was? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did Jesus respond? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the people of the city respond? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why were the people of the city fearful? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Who is Jesus? Week 4 Bible Challenge

*Bible Challenge will only be completed if time remains after large group recap.*

**This week's Memory Verse:** *"True love is God's love for us, not our love for God. God sent his Son to die in our place to take away our sins."* 1 John 4:10

**Last week's verse:** *"You are my friends if you do what I command you."* John 15:14

Go over this week's verse. Say it together a few times. Then transition into the Bible Challenge activity.

### **WhiteBoard Wipe Out**

**Supplies:** *Dry erase markers and whiteboards*

**Write the memory verse on the whiteboard. Practice saying it together. Then erase one word. Say it again. Erase another word. Say it together again. Keep erasing words until the children have memorized the verse. For older groups, have a boys against girls challenge for verse memorization.**

**Prayer:** Ask children if they have any prayer needs and then close in prayer.