

Son of David – Messianic Title

Romans 1:3, 4; Mark 12:35, 36

In the NT Jesus is described as the “son of David” at least in 17 verses, but we ask the question: “How can Jesus be the Son of David when David lived many years before?” The answer is that Christ the Messiah was the fulfillment of the prophecy of the seed of David (2 Sam. 7:14-16). Jesus is the promised Messiah, which means He had to be of the lineage of David. Matthew 1 gives the genealogical proof that Jesus, in His humanity, was a direct descendant of Abraham and David through Joseph, Jesus’ legal father. The genealogy in Luke 3 traces Jesus’ lineage through His mother Mary. Jesus is a descendant of David by adoption through Joseph and by blood through Mary. *“As to his earthly life (Christ Jesus) was a descendant of David”* (Romans 1:3)

- I. The title “Son of David” is more than a statement of physical genealogy. It is an emphasis upon the long-awaited Deliverer, the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.
- II. Matthew 15:22 speaks of a woman whose daughter was being tormented by a demon and Jesus was addressed as *“Lord, thou son of David”*.
- III. In Matthew 20:30 two blind men cried out to the Son of David for help. The titles they gave Him declared their faith in Him and expressed their sense of His DEITY, DOMINION, and POWER and revealed their faith that He was the Messiah.
- IV. Even the Pharisees understood what the people meant when they called Jesus “Son of David” but being blinded by their pride, could not see what the blind beggars could see, that Jesus was truly the Savior of the world. Some people physically blind can see better, spiritually, than many with physical sight.
- V. Jesus also had a way of confusing scribes and Pharisees by asking them to explain the meaning of this very title. He ask, *“How can the Messiah be the son of David, when David himself refers to Jesus as “my Lord”* (Mark 12:35-37)? The teachers of the Law could not answer, so Jesus exposed the Jewish teachers and revealed their ignorance (inability to understand) of the Old Testament.

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- VI. In [Mark 12:35, 36](#) Jesus pointed out that the Messiah is more than the physical son of David. If He is David's Lord, He has to be greater than David and Jesus reveals that in [Rev. 22:16](#), "*I am the Root and the Offspring of David*" which means that He is both the Creator of David and the Descendant of David. Only the Son of God, made flesh, could say that.
- VII. Jesus was called the Son of David during the triumphal entry.
- VIII. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people acknowledged Him as the "Son of David".
- IX. The crowds going ahead of him, and those who followed, were shouting, "*Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest*" ([Matthew 21:9](#)).
- X. In the temple in Jerusalem the people addressed Jesus as David's son.