

## **The Trial That Never Happened**

### **Mark 14:63-64**

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1 - 2:3

#### **Why blasphemy?**

*Luke 22:66-71 When it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, saying, "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask a question, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." Then they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."*

*John 19:7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God."*

*Matthew 27:39-44 And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him ... "If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking ... "He trusts in God; let God rescue Him now, if He delights in Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.*

*Matthew 27:54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"*

*Acts 9:18-20 [Saul] got up and was baptized ... for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying "He is the Son of God."*

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

*John 20:31 These [things] have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*

## What did Jesus mean when He claimed to be the Son of God?

The meaning of "son of ..."

How do we know that Jesus was talking about His *nature*?

1. This is how Jesus Himself used the phrase.

Matthew 11:25-27

John 5:17-29

John 5:22

Matthew 11:25 w/ Matthew 28:18

Matthew 28:19

John 8:58

2. This is how the Jews understood Jesus to be using the phrase.

John 8:58-59

John 10:30-33 *"I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God."*

3. This is how the first Christians understood the phrase.

Hebrews 1:3 *And [Jesus] is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature.*

Hebrews 1:8 *But of the Son He says, 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.'*

4. This is what the Old Testament had suggested.

Isaiah 9:6 *For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

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John 3:36 *He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on Him.*

## Conclusion

John 20:26-31