

How Judaism and Christianity Separated: Does God Have a Son?



Scripture

- **John 10:32-33.36**

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.”
³⁶“You are blaspheming,’ because I said, I am the Son of God’?”

- **Daniel 7:13-14**

“I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.”

Other Scriptures

- Luke 24:27
- Romans 10:4
- John 5:46
- John 11:53
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (The Shema)
- Mark 2:5-12
- John 6:37
- John 10:30
- John 1:18
- Gen.1:26, 2:24; 18:1
- Matthew 3:17
- John 4:22

Main Points

- The Father created the world through His Son, saves people through His Son, and will reign through His Son.
- Within God there is relationship.
- The understanding of the Trinity is one of the main reasons traditional Judaism and Christianity separated.
- God’s Sacred Name-יהוה Or YHWH/Yahweh

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Questions for Discussion

1. Jesus rocked the Jewish leaders by claiming to have relationship with the Father. Rabbi mentioned several events, all the way from Genesis in the Torah, to Jesus' own life events, where God acted in relationship with the Son and Spirit. Does this help you see the Biblical consistency of who the Father is? How does this help you trust Him more?

2. Rabbi also gave us some advice on not trying to understand the mystery of the Three-Person-Godhead. He said we are used to a cause and effect world. If it is difficult for us in our understanding to really grasp the mystery of eternal and divine relationships, could this also be true for us in trying to grasp the divine love that God has for us? The mystery of the Eternal living in our Spirit? Write a little of your thinking about this. How does it affect you knowing that our lives are inside the Divine? Ask God today for a revelation from Him in these areas.

3. The second reason that Judaism and Christianity separated from each other was the inability of the Jewish leaders to understand the relationship that Jesus claimed to have with the Father. Has today's teaching helped you understand traditional Jewish objections and the answers from Scripture that help overcome them? How will this help you as you pray and share the Messiah with Jewish people?