

John 1:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Analysis

John's climactic testimony—'this is the Son of God'—declares Christ's unique divine sonship, not mere messianic status. The perfect tense 'I saw' (Greek: *heōraka*) emphasizes the continuing validity of his eyewitness testimony. This verse exemplifies the Gospel's purpose: presenting evidence that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (John 20:31).

Historical Context

'Son of God' in Jewish context could mean Messiah, but John's Gospel consistently uses it to signify ontological deity and unique relationship with the Father, a claim that led to accusations of blasphemy (John 5:18, 10:33).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing Jesus as 'the Son of God' impact your daily trust in His person and work?
2. What is the relationship between faithful witness (like John's) and others coming to faith in Christ?

Interlinear Text

κάγω	έώρακα	καὶ	μεμαρτύρηκα	ὅτι	οὗτός	ἐστιν	ὁ
And I	saw	and	bare record	that	this	is	G3588
G2504	G3708	G2532	G3140	G3754	G3778	G2076	
υἱὸς	τοῦ	θεοῦ					
the Son	G3588	of God					
G5207		G2316					

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 2:7 (Parallel theme): I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Matthew 4:3 (References God): And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

John 1:49 (References God): Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

Revelation 2:18 (References God): And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

1 John 5:20 (References God): And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Romans 1:4 (References God): And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

John 20:31 (References God): But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Hebrews 7:3 (References God): Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

1 John 3:8 (References God): He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 2:23 (Parallel theme): Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.