

# John 10:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?** (ὃν ὁ πατὴρ ἡγίασεν καὶ ἀπέστειλεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι Βλασφημεῖς, ὅτι εἶπον· Υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ εἰμι, ὃν ὁ πατήρ ἡγίασεν καὶ ἀπέστειλεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ὑμεῖς λέγετε ὅτι Βλασφημεῖς, ὅτι εἶπον· Υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ εἰμι)—Jesus describes Himself with two divine actions: ἡγίασεν (hēgiasen, 'sanctified, set apart') and ἀπέστειλεν (apesteilen, 'sent'). The Father uniquely sanctified Him before sending Him εἰς τὸν κόσμον (eis ton kosmon, 'into the world')—language of preexistence and Incarnation. **I am the Son of God** (Υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ εἰμι, Huios tou theou eimi) isn't claiming adoptive sonship but eternal ontological relationship.

Jesus's argument reaches its climax: if Scripture calls human judges 'gods,' how can charging blasphemy against the one whom God Himself sanctified and sent be justified? The logic is irrefutable for those willing to accept it. 'Son of God' in Jewish context meant equality with God (John 5:18; Philippians 2:6)—not merely special prophet or Messiah.

## Historical Context

The title 'Son of God' carried profound theological weight in Second Temple Judaism. When Jesus claimed it, Jewish leaders understood He claimed divine nature, not merely Davidic Messiahship. At His trial, the high priest understood

'Son of God' as a blasphemous deity claim (Matthew 26:63-65), confirming this interpretation.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus being 'sanctified and sent' by the Father before incarnation demonstrate His preexistence and deity?
2. What's the difference between being called 'son of God' (like Israel corporately or judges functionally) and being THE Son of God eternally?
3. How should the logic of Jesus's defense shape how Christians explain His deity to skeptics?

## Interlinear Text

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ὄν	ὁ	πατήρ	ἡγίασεν	καὶ	ἀπέστειλεν	εἰς	τὸν
<b>of him whom</b>	G3588	<b>the Father</b>	<b>hath sanctified</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>sent</b>	<b>into</b>	G3588
G3739		G3962	G37	G2532	G649	G1519	
κόσμον	ὕμεῖς	λέγετε	ὅτι	Βλασφημεῖς	ὅτι	εἶπον	
<b>the world</b>	<b>ye</b>	<b>Say</b>	<b>because</b>	<b>Thou blasphemest</b>	<b>because</b>	<b>I said</b>	
G2889	G5210	G3004	G3754	G987	G3754	G2036	
Υἱὸς	τοῦ	θεοῦ	εἰμι				
<b>the Son</b>	G3588	<b>of God</b>	<b>I am</b>				
G5207		G2316	G1510				

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 3:17** (References God): For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**Jeremiah 1:5** (Holy): Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

**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.

**John 6:27** (References God): Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

**Psalms 2:2** (Parallel theme): The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

**Romans 9:5** (References God): Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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

**Matthew 27:43** (References God): He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

**John 20:28** (References God): And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

**John 17:8** (Parallel theme): For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.