



## Jn 20:31

“...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 mean?

# Jn 8

**"father" – "son"**

37 "I know that you **ARE** Abraham's **descendants** [seed ASV; offspring ESV]; ... Jesus said to them, "**IF** you are Abraham's **children**, do the deeds of Abraham.

40 "But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. 41 "You are doing the deeds of your father." They said ... we have one **Father**: God." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your **Father**, you would love Me, ... 44 "You are of your **father** the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth ...

## ***“father”—“son”***

- Connotes ***various*** concepts
- “father-son” > ***relationship***
- ***Context*** determines sense

**Cannot *arbitrarily* assign meaning**

**“father”—“son” > relationship**

**provision, protection**  
**Job 29:16 (vv12-17)**

Really?  
No...Yes

“Fig.” =  
NOT Really?

12 Because I **delivered the poor** who cried for help, And **the orphan** who had no helper. 13 The blessing of the one ready to perish came upon me, And I **made the widow's heart sing** for joy. ... 15 I was **eyes to the blind** And **feet to the lame**.  
16 "I was a **FATHER** to the needy ... 17 "I broke the jaws of **the wicked** and **snatched the prey from his teeth**.

**Context determines sense**

*“father”—“son” > relationship*

**dynasty, royal line**  
**Lk 1:32 (Mt 1:1...16)**

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He will be great and will be called the SON of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His FATHER David (v33)

*Context determines sense*

**“father”—“son” > relationship**

origin of *physical*  
life Lk 3:23f...38

Really?  
No...Yes

23 Jesus Himself ... the **son** of Eli ...  
38 Adam, the **son** of God.

**Context determines sense**

*“father”—“son” > relationship*

*spiritual “life” thru  
God’s grace Jn 1:12-13*

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12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become **children** of God, even to those who believe in His name,

13 who were **born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God.**

*Context determines sense*



**“father”—“son” > relationship**

**spiritual life through teaching  
someone the gospel Phm 10;  
1Co 4:15**

**Really?  
No...Yes**

**Phm 1:10 “Onesimus, whom I have **begotten** in  
my imprisonment”**

**1Co 4:15 “I became your **father** through the  
gospel”**

**Context determines sense**

**“father”—“son” > relationship**

**likeness in attitude and conduct**

**1Jn 3:9-10; Mt 5:44-45**

**1Jn3 “9 No one who is born of God practices sin... 10 By this the **children** of God and the **children** of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God”**

**Mt 5:44-45 “love your enemies ... so that you may be **sons** of your Father who is in heaven”**

***Context determines sense***

**“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God”**

**Jn 20:31**

**Son REAL; Father REAL.**

**Relationship REAL**

**“Father/Son” > relationship**

**WHAT relationship?**

***Context determines sense***

# “ONLY BEGOTTEN Son of God”

- Unique **Heb 11:17**
- “only-begotten” (of Christ) - 5 times  
**Jn 1:14,18; 3:16,18; 1Jn 4:9**

*Let John explain ...*

*Relationship* - Share the **DIVINE NATURE** **Jn 1:1-18**

**1:1-2** Eternal, self-existence (**Jn 8:58**)

**1:3** Creator

**1:4,12,17** Life, Judgment (**5:21-23**)

**1:14,17,18** Unity of Mind - Will, Purpose, Grace  
e.g. **5:30; 12:44** (“not ... but”)

*Mutual respect, Complete Trust, Perfect Unity*  
**Jn 3:35; 5:19,24-27; 14:9-10; Mt 17:5**

Compare **Jn 10:33** with **10:36**

Highlights the **LOVE** behind our redemption  
**Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8-10**

**“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God”**

**Jn 20:29-31**

**Mt 16:16-18; Mk 1:1...16:15-16; Ac 2:36-38**