



# SON OF DAVID

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## ABSTRACT

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that the chicken was gas ...

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## Passage

Matthew 9:27 – 31

- Same message (CSB, ESV, NIV, GNT)

## Notes

### What Does Son of David Mean?

In **Matthew 9:27**, two blind men cry out to Jesus:

*“Have mercy on us, Son of David!”*

In some translations, they say:

*“Have mercy on us, **Lord**, Son of David!”*

The Greek word used here for "Lord" is **κύριε (kyrie)**, which is the **vocative form** of **κύριος (kyrios)** — meaning "lord," "master," or "sir."

### *So is it respectful or divine?*

**Short answer:**

In this context, **"Lord"** likely expresses more than just polite respect — it points toward a **recognition of Jesus' divine authority or messianic role**, but not necessarily full understanding of His divinity as later Christian doctrine defines it.

### *Explanation:*

**"Son of David"** is a messianic title, showing they believed Jesus was the promised Messiah from David's line (see 2 Samuel 7 and Isaiah 11).

**"Kyrie"** could be used simply as "Sir," but paired with "Son of David" and the request for **mercy**, it suggests a deeper spiritual recognition.

In the Gospels, the use of **"kyrie"** for Jesus often implies a faith response that goes beyond courtesy, especially when linked to miracles.

### *Conclusion:*

While **"kyrie"** can be used in a respectful human sense, in **Matthew 9:27**, its use alongside “Son of David” and in the context of a miraculous plea suggests that **it carries a messianic and potentially divine connotation**, at least in terms of Jesus' authority and power from God.

## Opening Scripture

Isaiah 11:1 – 5

*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

*<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

*<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.*

*He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,*

*<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

*<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

## Introduction

The daughter that I am blessed with told her mother this week that the chicken was gas. Those of you who know know that in that context, it means that the chicken was really, really good. Now that reminded me of when my grandmother used to say I was cooking with gas. That doesn't mean the same as the chicken is gas. And then that reminded me of when I have gas, which is different from both of them, as well as when I need to go get gas, which is different from all three of them.

Context matters, and it matters when we read the Bible; it definitely matters today because there are two desperate men who exclaimed to Jesus and called Him the Son of David. What does that actually mean, since that phrase is used 24 different times in the Bible? Do they all mean the same thing, or is it like what I described with the gas? Let's discover it together today as we learn about the "Son of David."

Let us Pray ...

## Body

### Scripture of the Day

Matthew 9:27 – 28

*<sup>27</sup>And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on*

*us, Son of David.”<sup>28</sup> When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.”*

## Biological

When preparing for this sermon and I read the phrase son of David I knew that it had been used before in the Bible and I thought to myself, “I don't know if everyone nose that this is used differently in different parts of the Bible.” And since this use of the son of David is the first use in this way in the Bible I thought this was a good time to go over all of the uses of the son of David.

So the first use is what most of us think of when we think of the son of someone. So up on your screen I have a couple of Davids and their sons.



On the left is my cousin David and his sons Aaron and Felix and on the right is our good friend David and his sons Chandler and Kai. Ten of the 24 uses of the “son of David” are used in this way.

- Solomon, the son of David (9x)
- Jerimath, the son of David (1x)

All eight times the son of David is used in the OT it is used in this manner. The two times in the NT it is used in describing the lineage of Jesus.

## Lineage

His ancestors. During this time in this part of the world, knowing your ancestors is very important and most families were able to trace their lineage back hundreds and even over a thousand

years. This not uncommon even today in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the Middle East. I met someone who is a former Muslim who can trace his family lineage all the way back to Islam's founder, Muhammad.

So the next use of the "son of David" is used in this context:

### Matthew 1:20

*But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, **son of David**, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

This is referring to the lineage of Joseph, but it is also making the point that Jesus qualifies as a person who could be the Messiah because Jesus is the son of Joseph. Even though Joseph was not Jesus's biological father, he was legally his father and Jesus would qualify because legal rights and inheritance. Jesus also qualifies through His biological lineage through Mary.

However I do want you to know that from the Jewish point of view Jesus does not qualify because they believe it had to be biological lineage through the father.

## Have Mercy on Us

The next use of "Son of David" is where we are now. So let's look at these two verses again:

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One of things you may notice in your Bibles is that Son is capitalized. Now you might think that is because different Greek words are used here that were not used in Matthew 1:20 for example, but that is not the case. The exact greek words are used: **υἱὸς Δαυὶδ**

So why did they capitalize Son? Because of the context.

In these two verses we have the phrase "Son of David" paired with a plea for mercy in verse 27 and the use of the word **κύριος**, in verse 28. **κύριος**, is used in the Bible as a respectful term meaning sir, but when it is used in connection with what these men are saying and asking to be done for them, everyone during that time for this context know that they are saying they believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

## Take Aways

We have talked about this before. Regretfully people in the 21st century forget how we speak and

what we know today is a little different from people from 2000 years ago. Not to mention that we are talking about 2000 years ago in a very different culture.

This is why we must study the Bible and not just read it. We need to take the time to understand the culture of the people who were living at that time, so we can truly understand what is being communicated.

When people deny that Jesus claimed to be God, we can stand firmly on passages like this to remind ourselves that what Jesus did and the words He said and the words and actions of people who interacted with Him clearly show that He totally confirmed to all who had ears to hear and eyes to see that He was the fulfillment of the coming Messiah.

And for those folks you come in contact with who are open to at least listening and learning, we hope that you share what you learned here and show those folks that Jesus is the Son of David.