

The Trilemma

Jesus Claimed to be the Son of God
Jesus made the claim to be the Son of God on many occasions:-

During his Ministry:-
I said, 'I am the Son of God'?
(John 10:36)

At his Trial:-
Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"
And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."
(Mark 14:61,62)

Jesus claimed to be the Son of God.

There are two possibilities
Either the claims are true or they are false.

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
(Psalm 2:7-11)

If The Claims are False

There are two further possibilities.
Either Jesus knew they were false or he did not know.

The Claims are True

Jesus is Son of God.
He is Lord.

Suppose

Jesus knew his claims were false:

He would have been a liar.
He would have been a fool, because he died for his claims.
But Jesus sets a standard for ethics unmatched by anyone else.

This option can be discounted.

Suppose

He did not know his claims were false:

He would have been a madman.
But Jesus' teachings are the most clear-headed words known to mankind.

This option can also be discounted.

We now have our own choice.

**We can reject Jesus.
Or we can accept him as Lord and follow him.**

This is our only real choice.