The Good News of Christmas #4 Son of God Mark 1:1

Preface: My candy cane kids sermon… what does Red & White

 Remind us of…. Five year old boy…. Sooners!

**Intro**: Have you ever received a text message from an unknown #?

* *Are you going to be home for Christmas*?
* Will not respond until you first ask, “***Who Is This***?”

**t/s** – First, Who Is Jesus?

Christmas, the Birth of Jesus in NT, is all about Christology.

***What Child Is This?***

**Mark 1:1** Read and Review

***Gospel*** - Rejoice in the work that God has done to set things right.

***Jesus*** - The Lord is Savior… we need a Savior

***Christ*** – Messiah; the promised King. Opposition is expected and Vain

 There is no Refuge from Him; only refuge IN Him!

***Son of God***

Son of God is very important to Mark

 **Mark 1:11** Baptism – This is My Beloved (unique) Son

 **Mark 9:7** Transfiguration – This Is My Beloved Son

 **Mark 15: 39** Crucifixion – Centurion saw the way He died

 Surely this must be the Son of God!

Son of God is Important in the Nativity Accounts of Matthew and Luke

 **Luke 1: 31-35**

What are we saying about Jesus when we call Him the Son of God?

 *Silent Night, Holy Night,* ***Son of God****, love’s pure light*

Son of God is an important Title because it means so many things: Son of God is a Call to Worship!

 **ILL** – Wise men came to Worship Him!

 **Hebrews 1: 1-3**

This morning I want to set **two implications** of the Son of God….

***Son of God* Confronts Us with His Extraordinary Love for Us.**

**Exp** – Two adjectives are often added to the title Son of God:

 ***Beloved*** and ***Only Begotten***… Special, Unique, one & only

 Baptism; Transfiguration

 Language is rooted in a most important OT Story.

**ILL** – Genesis 22:2, 12 – ***your son, your only son, Beloved son***.

 Abraham’s Extraordinary Devotion to LORD.

**App** – LORD’s extraordinary devotion to US! **John 3:16**

 ***What Wondrous Love is this, O My Soul…***

***Son of God* Confronts Us with His Exclusive Claim on Us.**

**Exp** – ***Beloved*** = special and unique… One and Only!

 Jesus is the Final and Full Revelation of God.

 There is No Other Way! He is the One and Only.

**ILL** – When Authorities Questioned His Authority, Jesus told a parable

 (Mark 12: 1-12) – One more to send… ***Beloved Son***!

 **1 John 5: 11-12**

**Inv.** - Not a cosmic game of Dirty Santa… trading/waiting for a better Gift! Jesus is the Greatest Gift, The Son of God.

 (**Rejection Is Rebellion**)