

Was Christ YHVH's Son before His Crucifixion?

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The fact that Christ repeatedly referred to God as "my Father" and stated that He was sent by the Father indicates a relationship that existed prior to His crucifixion. Here are some key points and scriptures that support this belief:

- Christ Acknowledged God as His Father Before His Crucifixion
 - In John 3:16, Christ says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." This shows that Christ was already considered the Son of God at the time He was sent into the world.
 - Similarly, in John 5:18, the Jews sought to kill Him because He "called God His own Father, making Himself equal with God."
- Christ's Pre-Existence and Relationship With the Father
 - In John 6:38, Christ declares, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." This implies not only His pre-existence but also the fact that He was in a Father-Son relationship before coming to earth.
 - John 17:5 further reinforces this: "And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began."
- Christ's Own Statements About Being Sent by the Father
 - In John 8:42, Christ explicitly says, "I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but He sent me." This indicates that He was in a unique relationship with the Father as His Son before being sent.
- Prophecies of the Messiah as the Son of God
 - In Psalm 2:7, it is written: "You are My Son; today I have begotten You." While some interpret this as referring to His resurrection (as cited in Acts 13:33), it also points to His eternal identity as the Son of God.
- The Angel's Announcement to Mary
 - In Luke 1:35, the angel Gabriel tells Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you... therefore, the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God." This confirms that He was identified as the Son of God from the time of His conception, even before His crucifixion.

Conclusion:

The consistent testimony of Scripture is that Christ was YHVH's Son long before His crucifixion. His being "sent" by the Father emphasizes a pre-existing relationship, rather than one initiated post-resurrection.