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The **T**ext: *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only* ***begotten*** *Son…* Jn. 3:16

The **T**hots:

1. **The Connotation of *Begotten***
2. The Greek Word is *monogenēs*
A **C**ompound word **C**ompromising of *manos* = only, alone, without others and *genos* = offspring, stock;
3. Or from <G3441> (*monos*) and <G1096> (*ginomai*); only-born, i.e. sole, only (begotten, child). Strong.
4. Thus, *monogenēs* = **O**nly **O**ffspring, **O**nly physical stock, **O**nly born-one; a unique being. JD Watson
5. **The Concept of “*Begotten*”**
6. Jesus is the **O**n**ly** Son of God. He is in Essence God in the Son, Christ Jesus. Thus, …

Jesus, the Father’s ***Begotten*** Son describes His Unique Relationship with the Father. cf. #2

1. Jesus was *in the* ***F****orm of God*…*equal with God:* Phil. 2:6
2. *God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself…* II Cor. 5:19
3. *For it pleased the* ***F****ather that in Him should all* ***F****ulness dwell*; Col. 1:19
4. *For in Him dwelleth all the* ***F****ulness of the Godhead bodily.* Col. 2:9
5. Jesus was **U**nique**ly** the Son of God as no other person is or can be.

He is the Only ***B****egotten of the Father*…

1. **B**ecause He was the *Word* Who was God. Jn. 1:1, 14

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory,*

*the glory as of the only* ***Begotten*** *of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

1. **B**ecause *No man hath seen God at any time; the only* ***Begotten*** *Son,*

*which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.* Jn. 1:18

1. **B**ecause God’s Love for us was manifested in Him. I Jn. 4:9 cf. Rom. 5:8

*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent*

*His only* ***Begotten*** *Son into the world, that we might live through Him.* I Jn. 4:9

1. **The Compromise of Other Translations in Omitting “*Begotten*” –**

**They fail to translate *monogenēs* Correctly.**

1. They translate *monogenēs* as ***O****nly* or***O****ne and* ***O****nly*.
2. They **O**mit His unique relationship with the Father – *begotten.* See Footnote on AMP: (#3a below)
* HCSB - *For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son…*
* NRSV - *For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son*…
* MSG - *This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son…*
* NIV - *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son*…
* ESV *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son*
* GNT - *For God loved the world so much that he gave* *his only Son*…
1. They **F**ail to put across “*begotten*” - the unique relationship of Jesus as the **O**nly **O**ne with the Father.
2. Cf. AMP – *For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave*

*His [One and]* **[a]** *only begotten Son*…

 **F**ootnote: **[a]** *Jesus, God’s only Son, the One who is truly unique, the only one of His kind.*

1. Jesus was the **O**ne and **O**nly “Son of God” with **R**espect to the Quality of His **R**elationship with the Father that God is in Christ. Jesus has **O**ther “*brethren*” who are also *sons* (children) *of God.*
2. He was the first among “*brethren*” Rom. 8:29 29 *For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son,*

*that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

1. Other believers are also called the Sons and Daughters (Children) of God. 1 John 3:1 1

*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called*

*the sons of God: therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not.*

1. And He is not ashamed to call us “*Brethren*”! Heb. 2:11

*For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one:*

*for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren.*

1. Jesus is not just the *Only or the One and* Only Son as in the following cases:
2. The Widow of Nain had a son, he was *the only son of his mother.* Lk. 7:12
3. Jairus *had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying.* Lk. 8:42
4. *Behold, a man…cried out…Master… look upon my son: for he is mine only child.* Lk. 9:38
* These had their “only child” but they did not have any “***begotten*** *Son*” as God had!
* ***For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,***

***that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***Jn. 3:16

Let us Remember Him this day in the **B**reaking of the **B**read and Drinking of the Cup.

*Jesu, the Father’s only Son, Whose death for all redemption won*

*Before the worlds of God most high* ***Begotten*** *all ineffably.* Author Unknown

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 779**

1. *These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;*

*and that believing ye might have life through His name.* John 20:31

Apostle John wrote his Gospel to declare and proclaim specifically that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He is indeed the *Only* ***Begotten*** *Son of God* – the Son of God, Who is the Word, Who is God, Who has the Form of God, Equal with God and Who has the Fullness of the Godhead in Him bodily. He was God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.

Because He has a Father (He claimed *I and My Father are One*, Jn. 10:30) earthly followers assign to Him a mother. Virgin Mary was given the title “Mother of God” because she gave birth to Jesus who is God and that she herself was believed to be immaculately conceived and was without sin contradicting Rom. 3:23 – *all have sinned*.

But note, at the beginning of His ministry, Jesus never addressed her, “Mother”!

In Cana, *Jesus saith unto her,* ***Woman****, what have I to do with thee?* (Jn. 2:4) and at the end of His ministry on the cross, *When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He saith unto His mother,* ***Woman****, behold thy son!* (Jn. 19:26). Jesus was not Rude. He was very Respectful as He showed in Reality what her Relationship with Him actually was. In fact, in between He declared when it was brought to His notice that His mother was searching for Him, as…

*Then one said unto Him, Behold, Thy mother and Thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with Thee. But He answered and said unto him that told Him, Who is My mother? and who are My brethren? And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said,* ***Behold My mother and My brethren****! For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother*. Matt. 12:47-50

He is indeed the One and Only Begotten Son of God - in that unique relationship that is only possible with God, the Father. Mary certainly was not the Mother of God, or for that matters, the spiritual Mother of Jesus as many others who are prepared to do the will of the Father are confessed by the Lord Himself to be His “*mother*” and His “*brethren*”!

Why do so-called Christians still address Mary as the “Mother of God”?

Why do they say that Mary was perpetually a virgin when she had other children by Joseph after the birth of Jesus?

*Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not His sisters here with us?* (Mk. 6:3 cf. Mt. 13:55)

When the wise men came to Bethlehem *and when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and* ***fell down, and worshipped Him****: and when they had opened their treasures, they* ***presented unto Him gifts****; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.* (Mt. 2:11). Note that the wise men fell down and worshipped only Jesus, not Mary, though she was there! And presented gifts only to Him in homage, but not to Mary.

Why do “Christians” today regard Mary as perpetually an immaculate-born virgin and mother of God to be worshipped?

Is this right and glorifying to Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God? **REFLECT**.

1. In His amazing condescending grace, Jesus, when He ascended into heaven confessed those who do the will of His Father Who is in heaven, the same as is His brothers, and sisters. (Mt. 12:47-50) *For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren* (i.e. brothers and sisters)*, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."*

*And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."* Heb.2:11-13, NKJV

We are the Lord’s brothers and sisters. This is our **R**eal **R**elationship with Him,

Let us this New Year **R**esolve to **R**espect and **R**evere Him always. **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *Only Jesus* ***C****an* ***C****all us “Brethren”;* ***C****an we* ***C****all Him, Brother”?*

He **C**onfirms: *Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.* (Jn. 13:13)