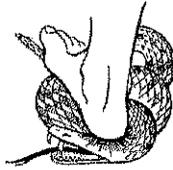


# Nicknames of Jesus That Teach and Inspire Gospel Hope

## “Son of Adam” Part 2 (Genesis 3 + 4)



**Intro:** The connection of bad news and good news...

### **I. The Bad, Discouraging, Yet Surely True News From Genesis 4:1-15**

- a. Adam's descendants will experience that sin is predatory (it probes for vulnerabilities) Genesis 4:3-8
- b. Adam's descendants will experience that sin starts manageably, but eventually overpowers us (Genesis 4:8-10)
- c. Adam's descendants will experience that sin has a devastating impact on our relationships (Genesis 4:13-14)

### **II. The Good News of Genesis 3 + 4**

- a. Even in the misery of sin's bite, God guides and watches over us (Genesis 4:15)
- b. Jesus is the "son/seed of Adam" who has crushed the serpent (Genesis 3:15, 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)
- c. Jesus is the "son/seed" of Adam who is able to bear the punishment and mark of sin (Genesis 4:14-15, Hebrews 12:2)

**Conclusion and Summary Statement:** Jesus is "the son of Adam" who *is* able to bear the punishment of sin, He is the awaited descendent who *did* crush sin's bite. Look to Jesus as the source of a victory and freedom over sin (that is otherwise unattainable).

## Discussion and Study Questions:

### “Jesus, the Greater Cain”

Use these for group discussion, or individual study and contemplation:

1. One contemporary view of sin, is that trying to obey God’s moral standards is an obsolete concept and people should feel free to do whatever is most fulfilling to self. What are the shortcomings or dangers of this modern philosophy?
2. What are:
  - the warnings and expectations regarding sin, listed in the curse in Genesis 3:14-19?
  - some dangerous things we see regarding sin’s impact, in the story of Cain’s fall, in Genesis 4:1-15?
3. Where are you, in this clash between philosophies? In your opinion and experience, does the Bible or modern philosophy have a more accurate view of sin?
4. What is the hope, that God’s people looked to be fulfilled, ever since Genesis 3:15?
5. How does the New Testament document that Jesus did in fact, crush sin and deliver us from its power?
  - How did Jesus exchange Himself, for sinners? Romans 5
  - What does 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 declare?
6. What did Cain declare, about the shame of sin (Genesis 4:14-15)?
7. How does Jesus absorb and solve the shame of our sin (Hebrews 12:2)?
8. What are some verses or illustrations that have helped you grow in your ability to resist the power and bite of sin, that Jesus delivered us from?
9. How is Jesus “the descendent of Adam” that is victorious over sin in all the ways Cain (and us) failed?