

PÄIVI RÄSÄNEN

member of the Finnish Parliament since 1995
(re-elected April 2023)

former Minister of the Interior

former chair of the Christian Democrats

medical doctor, mother of five and grandmother of six

member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland



Wrote pamphlet for her church over 15 years ago, questioning their support for a gay pride event

Authorities concluded NO criminal action

2 years ago, charged with hate speech for the pamphlet & posting a pic of Romans 1:26-27

And Genesis 1:27

Acquitted March 2022

Appeal filed – now appearing in court again

The prosecution kicked off the proceedings with arguments against the defendants, focusing on a booklet written by Räsänen nearly two decades ago and stating that the content was "insulting" and violated "sexual rights."

The prosecutor argued that the use of the word "sin" in Räsänen's booklet was "degrading" and that her interpretation of Bible verses was "criminal."

"The point isn't whether it is true or not but that it is insulting," the prosecutor stated, according to ADF International.

"We can limit freedom of expression in the outward expression of religion," the prosecution added. "You can cite the Bible, but it is Räsänen's interpretation and opinion about the Bible verses that are criminal."

Concerning Himself...

The Son

Jesus

Son of man – 80X

Son of God – 1X

Others

Son of man – 0

Son of God – 20X

Concerning Himself...

The Son of Man – The Son of God

Matthew 16:16

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”

Matthew 26:2

“...the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

Son of Man:

Forgives sin – Mark 2:10

Lord of the Sabbath – Matthew 12:8

**you, a mere man,
claim to be God**

John 10:33

Concerning Himself...

The Son of Man – The Son of God

Humanity over Deity

The American Worldview Inventory 2023 survey of born-again Christians, less than half (44%) claimed to believe that Jesus lived a sinless life (56% say Jesus was a sinner)

Deity over Humanity

Would we have a sympathetic High Priest?

Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:14-16

Concerning Himself...

The Son of Man – The Son of God

Hebrews 1:1-13

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Philippians 2:5-8

being in very nature God
made Himself nothing,
in human likeness

Concerning Himself...

The Son of Man – The Son of God

Genesis 28:10-13

...a stairway resting on the earth,
with its top reaching to heaven,
and the angels of God
were ascending and descending on it.
There above it stood the LORD

You are the Son of God
**you shall see heaven open,
and the angels of God ascending and descending
on the Son of Man**

John 1:49-50

Concerning Himself...

The Son of Man – The Son of God

Hebrews 10:19-20

a new and living way opened for us
through the curtain, that is, his body

Who has gone up to heaven
and come down?

Proverbs 30:4

**What if you see the Son of Man
ascend to where he was before!**

John 6:62

Concerning Himself...

The Son of Man – The Son of God

John 5:25

**a time is coming and has now come
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God
and those who hear will live.**

John 5:25

They all asked,
"Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied,

"You are right in saying I am."

Luke 22:66-71