



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Jesus – The Son of Man

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Pastor Daniel shared it was important that we know who Jesus is. Increasingly in these end times, the Church must be able to discern truth from falsehood and be watchful. Matthew 16:13-16 tells us that Jesus calls Himself as the Son of Man. Appreciating, knowing, and praying the names of Jesus helps us draw closer to Him. Our experience of who Jesus is will change our lives and transform us as we grow from faith to faith, as we move from grace to grace, and as God transforms us from glory to glory.

JESUS – THE SON OF MAN

1) WHO is He?

Jesus as God is infinite. As we are finite, Jesus reveals Himself to us through each of His specific names. This is also how He administers His specific grace to us. Knowing the names of Jesus helps us grow in our understanding of Him and deepens our relationship with Him. The names of Jesus include the Son of God, the Son of Man, Redeemer, Healer, Saviour, Deliverer, Protector, Wisdom of God, Great Shepherd, Provider, The Bread of Life, Power of God, The Vine, Light of the World, The Resurrection and the Life, The Head of the Church, The Lamb of God, the Great I AM.

Jesus is fully God and fully man. As the Son of Man, Jesus is fully Man. In the prophetic passage of Daniel 7:13-14, Jesus manifests as the Son of Man, where God gives Him an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away and a kingdom which will not be destroyed. Yet while Jesus was on earth, He put aside his divine powers and lived solely as a man but without sin. All miracles are done under The Anointing of the Holy Spirit. While we experience in part and in various measures the gifts of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit without limit and measure (John 3:34), and with all power (Acts 10:38). That was how Jesus was able to perform all His great miracles and work.

2) HOW did He Become the Son of Man?

Jesus became the Son of Man to save us. God always had a plan of salvation and Genesis 3:15 tells us that Jesus shall bruise Satan's head and Satan shall bruise His heel. Matthew 1 explains the virgin birth and announces that Jesus is Immanuel – God with us. Jesus became the last Adam to save us because the first Adam sinned and subsequently mankind was born in sin. Increasingly, Jesus will reign over lives. Isaiah 9:6-7 declares that Jesus will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His reign will be established with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever and accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

3) WHY did He Become the Son of Man?

Jesus is the Son of Man who:

a. Is God's Justice and Righteousness to Overcome the Evil One

God could have easily destroyed the devil but that would have been unjust. Jeremiah 9:24 tells us that God is perfectly loving, just and righteous and therefore Jesus came as the last Adam to destroy the works of the evil one. God created man to have a relationship with Him, but when the first Adam fell, he lost (a) access to God and (b) dominion of the earth. Satan used these two rights against mankind as accuser and to sway the world to sin and rebellion against God's laws. Jesus as the Son of Man and the last Adam redeemed these two rights for us. 1 Timothy 2:5 explains that Jesus the Son of Man is the mediator between God and Man.

b. Reconciles Man to God

Father God gave Jesus to save us and give us eternal life (John 3:16). We are to see our lives in the light of eternity. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 tells us God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. Hebrews 2:14-15 reinforces that Jesus shares in our humanity so that by His death he might break Satan's power and free those who are held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2:17 says that Jesus perfectly understands everything that we go through and makes propitiation for our sins. We receive salvation, right standing with God and abundant life when we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 10:9-10).

c. Fully Experienced Humanity and therefore Perfectly Understands our Life Struggles

Isaiah 53:4-6 tells us that Jesus bore our griefs and carries our sorrows. He was nearly beaten to death. Jesus was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities and chastised that we may have peace. We remember Jesus's bodily death and shed blood and receive His grace when we partake in the Lord's Supper. Every curse directed at us can be broken in the Name of Jesus. Jesus can sympathise with all our weaknesses and every struggle because He is our perfect High Priest (Hebrews 4:15-16).

d. Is our Model to Live the Victorious Life.

Jesus is our model as Man. We can apply Luke 3:21-23 and understand that we live under open heavens. We have access to God and abundance of Grace through prayer. This means we have all sufficiency for every work (2 Corinthians 9:8) and reign in life with Christ (Romans 5:17). We have anointing and authority in Jesus. We are accepted by God and find approval in Him. We are saved by grace through faith. Not by works so that nobody may boast. The Holy Spirit gives us boldness and wisdom to live the victorious life and to have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5).

CONCLUSION

With the Lord Jesus, we can overcome (a) the evil one via the three spiritual weapons (Name of Jesus, Blood of Jesus, Sword of the Spirit); (b) the world by being plugged in the Father's love; and (c) our self-life by the empowering of the Holy Spirit. We are to live our lives and follow Jesus as the Son of Man because one day we will stand before Him to be judged.

QUESTIONS

1. Think of a time where you were given access to a special place or person. How does that experience compare to living “under open heavens” as a child of God?

2. Of the 4 reasons given by Ps Daniel on why Jesus became the Son of Man, which is particularly significant to you and why?

3. How willing are you to follow Jesus as the Son of Man and do what He wants? How can you strengthen your connection with Him this week?