

SERMON LISTENING WORKSHEET

Date: July 13, 2025

Passage: Luke 17:22 and Daniel 7

Title: Getting to Know the Son of Man

What is this message about?

The meaning of the name "Son of Man."

What is it saying about it:

This phrase was Jesus' favorite way of describing himself and essential for understanding his identity and mission. It identifies Jesus as the unique, authoritative human (the Second Adam) who is also divine, as prophesied in Daniel 7 and who must complete God's great plan by suffering, dying, and returning in glory to establish God's eternal kingdom.

What is the flow of the message:

1. Introduction
 - The text
 - The subject
 - The reason we are talking about it
2. Three Ways to Understand "Son of Man."
 - The words themselves.
 - The Old Testament context.
 - How Jesus uses it in the Gospels.
3. Conclusion

What is the message in brief:

What Jesus meant by calling himself "the Son of Man," is key to understanding Jesus. Understanding this name requires going back to Daniel 7. Jesus explicitly claims to be the one like a "Son of Man" from Daniel 7, making the prophecy a central part of understanding His identity and mission. In this chapter, Daniel has a vision where four "great beasts," representing human kings acting like animals, emerge from a chaotic sea and cause destruction. However, God, referred to as the "Ancient of Days," appears on a fiery throne to judge and defeat these beasts. Crucially, Daniel then sees "one like a son of man" who comes with the clouds of heaven, is presented before the Ancient of Days, and is given everlasting dominion, glory, and a kingdom that all peoples will serve, implying worship. This one like "Son of Man" is described as both like a man and also more than just a man, bearing characteristics of God and being referred to as "the Most High." A clear understanding of Jesus as the Son of Man should foster hope, eager anticipation for his return, and a vivid vision of God's extraordinary, often subtle, work.

What to be thinking about:

- The profound significance of who Jesus is (Christology) as the foundation for understanding any future events or God's plan.

- How Jesus, as "THE Human," embodies God's original design for humanity and came to fix what the first Adam broke.
- The paradox of Jesus' dual nature: both fully human and fully divine, signified by the name Son of Man and demonstrated in Daniel by his unique authority, his coming on clouds, and his worthiness of worship.
- The necessity of Jesus' suffering and death as "THE Human" to accomplish God's redemptive plan, and how this seemingly ordinary event was crucial for what God will do in glory.
- The warning against dismissing Jesus or God's work because it appears "ordinary" or doesn't fit our expectations, acknowledging that this ordinariness was prophesied and is integral to God's plan.
- The call for a "transforming sight of Jesus," eagerly anticipating "the days of the Son of Man" and remaining vigilant to God's grand plan.

What to talk about:

- How does Jesus' self-description as the Son of Man deepen your understanding of his identity and roles as Messiah and Lord? Specifically, how does understanding of Jesus as the Second Adam help you understand his role and mission?
- How is the name Son of Man different than the name Son of God?
- What aspects of Jesus' identity as "the Son of Man" presented in this sermon were most surprising or challenging to your existing understanding?
- What is the significance of human rulers being described as beasts? How does the promised reign of the Son of Man offer hope in contrast?
- What else might the book of Daniel have to say about the work of the Messiah?
- We might be tempted to dismiss Jesus because he appears "ordinary" or because God's work today might not fit our expectations. How can we cultivate a "transforming sight of Jesus" to recognise his extraordinary nature amidst the ordinary?.
- Believing Jesus is the Son of Man should lead to eagerly anticipating the days of the Son of Man. How does this message shape your personal hope and expectation for the future, particularly regarding Jesus' return?

What is your takeaway?

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION

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