

Lesson 19 Jesus as The Son of Man

I. Titles of Jesus

- a. One of the ways that the Church has historically defined its doctrine of the person and work of Christ is based upon the meaning and significance of the names and titles applied to the _____.
- b. By far and away the most frequently used title applied to Jesus in the New Testament is the word _____. This asserts the historic belief of Christianity that the person of Jesus is indeed the Messiah of OT prophecy.
- c. The second most frequently used title describing Jesus in the NT is the word _____. In fact, this became the first confession of Christianity, and one, which was proclaimed at the risk of martyrdom within the Roman Empire. 1 Cor 12:3 *Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. NIV*
- d. The title Lord (OT Adonai or Sovereign) is applied to Christ _____ with the Father and the Spirit. Phil 2:9-11 *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. KJV*
- e. It is God Himself who has bestowed upon Jesus the name above all names; a name which God shares with _____ of His creatures. Thus, rendering the inescapable conclusion that Jesus and the Father are one in essence. Phil 2:9-11 *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. KJV*
- f. The application of the title "Lord" also shows that the Messianic hopes conveyed by the name Adonai were for New Testament writers _____ in Jesus Christ; and that in Him, the long hoped for appearance of God was realized.
- g. Of all the titles held by Jesus, His favorite self-designation in the Gospels is the title: _____. In Matthew it occurs over 30 times, in Mark 15 times, in Luke 25 times, and in John a dozen times.
- h. For the reason that it crystallized the very foundation of apostolic understanding of the _____, one of the most important confessions of the New Testament is that of Peter at Caesarea Philippi Matt 16:13-17 *When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. KJV*

II. Questions as to Meaning

- a. Many today understand that this title points to the _____ in Our Lord's person, the divine element being similarly denoted by "the Son of God.,"
- b. Some suggest that it portrays Him as the _____ Man and that it designates Him as the "last Adam" in distinction to the "first man, Adam"
- c. However, when we examine the source from which Jesus probably derived this title, and, secondly, _____ He made use of it, we may be led to think differently about the way in which Jesus Himself used this title.

III. Source of the Title

- a. The phrase appears in the Old Testament 108 times and so it was not one of Jesus' own _____. Ps 8:4 *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?"*
- b. It is in the Book of Daniel that another occurrence of the phrase, used in a totally _____ sense; a sense that is much more in line with the Messianic office of Jesus that we uncover a likely source. Dan 7:13-14 *"I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed".*
- c. In comparing the imagery from Daniel with the words of Jesus spoken to the high priest during His trial and we see a clear connection in Jesus' _____ about the way in which He applies the title to Himself. Matt 26:64 *Henceforth ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven'*
- d. He expresses the same Messianic imagery directly to His Disciples in _____ in the mount of Olives in Matt 24:30, *"Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."*
- e. From this it is apparent that to Jesus, the term Son of Man, as He applied it to Himself, had a particularly regal and Messianic meaning rather than a _____

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IV. Expresses Both Deity and Messianic Ideas

- a. The concept of the Son of Man as used by Jesus is that of a _____. John 3:13 *No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven — the Son of Man.*NIV
- b. His origin is not of the earth but in _____. John 17:5 *And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.* NIV
- c. Jesus, using this title confirmed His _____ over the Sabbath: To create it, to own it, to interpret it, to preside over it, and to ennoble it, and His hearers understood that He was identifying Himself as God in this statement. Matt 12:6-8 *But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. 7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.* KJV
- d. Jesus asserts His authority to forgive sin using this _____ title. Matt 9:6 *But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.* KJV
- e. The use of this self-designation by Jesus is especially frequent and striking in passages referring to His future coming _____, in which there is a clear resemblance to the scene in Daniel. Matt 25:31-33 *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.* KJV
- f. In another series of passages Jesus is speaking of the fortunes to which He must submit to fulfill His Messianic vocation. Here this phrase is used by Jesus, with reference to His _____ and death. Mark 14:41 *And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.* KJV
- g. One of the most important uses of this title spoken by one other than Jesus is the statement of _____ as he was being martyred. Again, it is clear that the signification of the Son of Man is an exalted term, not a humanizing one. Acts 7:56 *And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.* KJV

V. Why Jesus Made Use of the Title

- a. Perhaps the first reason lies in His consciousness of being the Messiah. From His _____ of the Old Testament scrolls He discovered His own history and future. John 5:39 *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.* KJV
- b. He found in the sacred books references to His own person and work. He pierced the _____ of Scripture and brought forth meanings which to that time few had understood. Matt 7:28-29 *And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.* KJV
- c. From the passage in Daniel, or from some other passage of the Old Testament in which the phrase "the son of man" occurs, He concluded that this title was the best expression of His _____.
- d. Another reason why He fixed upon this as His favorite self-designation may have been that it _____ as well as half revealed His secret. Matt 16:20 *Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.* KJV
- e. Although He shunned other direct names for the Messiah chiefly because His contemporaries were _____ for God's Messiah, but at all stages of His ministry He called Himself the Son of Man without hesitation.
- f. The inference seems to be, that, while the phrase expressed much to Him, and it grew in significance for those immediately associated with Him, it did not convey a specific Messianic claim in the understanding of the _____. John 12:34 *The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?* KJV
- g. To a lesser extent a reason for His use of this term may indeed have been because it gave expression to His sense of _____ with all men in sympathy, in fortunes and in destiny. Matt 8:20 *And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.* KJV

Application

- a. To deny the Deity of Christ is to deny the objective truthfulness of God Himself, for it is God Himself, who has revealed Christ to us throughout the pages of Scripture.
- b. To every hearer the most important question in all of human history remains: "Who do you say that I, the Son of Man, am"?
- c. To those to whom it has been revealed, the benediction given to Peter is ours to receive as well. "Blessed art thou for flesh and blood has not revealed this unto you but my Father which is in heaven".