

Sermon Title: Jesus, The Son of Man

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Luke 19:10

## **BIG IDEA:** The Son of Man came to seek and save YOU

To understand this, we'll work through three different questions:

## 1. <u>Does Jesus live up to the title?</u>

Psalm 8:3-5 says that man was made lower than the angels, which we know as heavenly beings. So, note that the title "son of man" stresses humanity and that we are lower than angels.

In Hebrews 2:5-9, the writer demonstrates Jesus' humanity and applies the implications of His humanity - a humble man who was made lower than the angels. One who was crowned in glory and honor through the suffering of death and one who tasted death for everyone. If Jesus was not human, He could never pay the price of death on our behalf!

There is a substitutionary aspect to the title Son of Man. Christ died for all so we could be in a relationship with the Father. Daniel 7:13-14 It is also a title of victory and everlasting dominion.

## 2. What Sets Him Apart?

Colossians 2:9-10

This verse does not say "half of deity" or "part of deity" but "the fullness of deity." Paul makes a dramatic, full declaration of Jesus being God.

- The Son of Man, Jesus, can forgive sins (Matthew 9:6) ESV
- The Son of Man is lord over the Sabbath (Mark 2:28) ESV
- The Son of Man came to serve (Mark 10:45) ESV
- The Son of Man came to save lives (Luke 19:10!) ESV

These scriptures show the power and authority that Jesus carried with Him as God on earth. Jesus came down to earth, lived a sinless life, was crucified, died, and was buried, and on the third day, He rose again. Jesus was set apart from the rest of us by His divinity! He had the divine ability to do things that no one else could.

3. Will You Recognize Him as Your Savior?

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.

God is holy, just, and loving, but our sin – our disobedience to Him has separated us from Him. Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The Bible tells us that the penalty for sin is death - both physical and spiritual. Romans 6:23a For the wages of sin is death.

This is where God's rescue plan comes in. Romans 5:8 but God showed his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Jesus lived a sinless life and died on the cross to pay the penalty for humanity's sins, yours and mine. His death serves as a substitutionary atonement. In other words, we deserved the cross, but Jesus subbed us out so that he would take on that punishment instead and, by doing so, reconciled humans to God.

He didn't just die - after three days, Jesus rose from the dead, demonstrating His power over sin and death. His resurrection offers the promise of eternal life to those who believe.

Salvation is the gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

When you become a new creation, God creates something unique and fresh. The new creation looks consistently towards Jesus. And your old nature? The one that was full of sin and disobedience? It was nailed to the cross.

John 11:25-26 I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Why are many people resistant to trusting in Jesus alone for salvation?
- Why is it important that Paul said In Him, "the fullness of deity dwells bodily"?
- What does Jesus' resurrection reveal to us about God?