"Jesus: Son of Man" Sunday, May 5, 2019

The good news about Jesus, the Messiah:

"The good news about Jesus the Messiah, the son of God." (Mark 1:1)

Jesus repeatedly referred to himself as the "Son of Man," or Human One.

Daniel 7:13-14 (NLT)

13As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man* ("Son of Man") coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. 14He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

Genesis 1:26-28 (NLT)

26Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

27So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

Genesis 4:6-7 (NLT)

6"Why are you so angry?" the Lord asked Cain. "Why do you look so dejected? 7You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

The beast within...

Genesis 3:15 (NLT)

15And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.

He will strike* ("bruise") your head, and you will strike his heel."

Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

5But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed* ("bruised" in KJV) for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Daniel turns up the volume on this imagery.

Daniel 4:25-27 (NLT)

25You will be driven from human society, and you will live in the fields with the wild animals. You will eat grass like a cow, and you will be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses. 26But the stump and roots of the tree were left in the ground. This means that you will receive your kingdom back again when you have learned that heaven rules. 27"'King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right. Break from your wicked past and be merciful to the poor. Perhaps then you will continue to prosper.'

God has become what we are so we can become what He is and share in his divine life and love.