

SON OF GOD: SON OF MAN - His Anticipation

Icebreaker: In some of the circles in which you run, what is the word out on the street about who Jesus is? In other words, what do people say about him?

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. (John 1:41-42a)

The Messiah was promised long before He arrived...

The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?" (John 12:34)

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14)

What are some promises given to you that were fulfilled? How did you feel when those promises were given? How did you feel when promises were not kept? What is the promise given in the passage of Daniel 7:13-14 and why is it significant?

The promised Messiah must be...

- **A King who rules (Rev. 19:16)** – “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.’” (Jeremiah 23:5-6) – In this verse, what are some words that describe how this King rules? How does that give you hope?
- **A Priest who provides (Heb. 2:17-18)** – “But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed...For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:5, 12b) The priest brings peace between a sinful people and a holy God. How did/does the Messiah (Jesus) do that for us? Why does that matter?
- **A Prophet who speaks (Matt. 17:5)** – “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to Him.” (Deut. 18:15) Have your actions or ideas ever been rebuked by the Word of God. What and how did it happen?
- **A Warrior who wins (1 Cor. 15:25-26)** – “Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against His Anointed One...You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” (Psalm 2:1-2, 9) – He came to defeat sin and death and the devil. In what areas are you letting the warrior fight for you? In what areas are you still acquiescing or trying to fight yourself? What would need to happen in order to let him fight?

Of the four bullets above, which do you like the best? Why?

“How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?” (Luke 24:25-26)