

Jesus Is-2

“The Son of Man”

Hey Newsong!

I want to take a moment and welcome our first-time guests and those who are worshipping with us online!

We're in a series called “Jesus Is” and we're looking at four different titles of Jesus and why they matter.

You see, people have different views of who Jesus is...Jesus is a teacher, Jesus is a prophet...Jesus never existed...and this was even going on in Jesus' day...

In fact, our series verse is found in Matthew 16 where Jesus asks His disciples, “Hey what are people saying about me?”

Series Verse

14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” **16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”-Matthew 16:14-16 (NIV)**

Last week we looked at the title “Jesus is the Son of God.” In order for us to unpack the idea of His divinity we had to put on our theology hats and briefly talk about the concept of The Trinity.

The Trinity is the biblical concept that there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct persons-Father, Son and Spirit-who are each fully and equally God.

The title Son of God speaks of Jesus’ divine nature...

Jesus is our Immanuel...He's God with us, He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, He performed miracles, went to the cross and paid for our sins, rose victoriously from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father...

Why does all of that matter? We said because Jesus is the eternal Son of God...Because He did all of those things, we can be saved! We can be born again! Last week we saw the greatest miracle of all, people placing their trust in Jesus!

Today, we're going to look at the title Jesus is the Son of Man...and why that matters to us today!

Pray

Last week our focus was on Jesus' divinity...This week we're going to look at His humanity...

Wait I thought you said Jesus was God...Yes He is! Now you're saying that Jesus was human too? Yes He was! And that's what we celebrate every Christmas...the incarnation...God comes to us...The Word takes on flesh...

Paul tells us

9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,-Colossians 2:9 (NIV)

Jesus was fully God and fully human

6 Though he was God,[a] he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges[b]; he took the humble position of a slave[c] and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,[d] 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. -Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT)

16 Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith[f]:Christ[g] was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit.[h]He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.-1 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

It was important for Jesus to be fully human so that He can identify with us as a human being.

Have you ever been talking with someone and they're going through something that you've gone through and you completely understand, and even feel closer to that person because of what you've both gone through? That's what Jesus did when He walked on this earth...

Identification is a powerful thing which is why we see the world use it in all kinds of ways...In fact, we're in an election year...Please pray!

I'm not against politicians, we need godly men and women serving in local and national government...But watch how the candidates try to identify with different groups of people during their campaigns...

For instance, they will meet with bankers and those in finance...they'll wear a suit and they'll say, "my father worked in finance, so I identify with you"...I know what you're going through...I know what you need

Then they'll get in their limo and change their clothes...put on a carhart jacket, a hard hat and some tims and talk to construction workers and say... "My grandfather worked in construction...so identify with you...I know what you're going through...I know what you need...

Then they'll get in their limo and change their clothes, put on a pair of scrubs and go talk to those in health care...

“My cousins, mothers, boyfriend’s sister was a nurse...therefore I get you...I know what you’re going through...I know what you need!

Here’s the point...

Jesus wasn’t God trying somehow to identify with us from far away...

He was God Who became human Himself to identify with us!

He was born...

He had a family...

He went to work...

14 Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had[g] the power of death.-Hebrews 2:14 (NLT)

So how does Jesus being the Son of Man help us now?

17 For this reason he had to be made like them, [k] fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.-Hebrews 2:17-18 (NIV)

How many of you have ever been tempted? Good news! Our Lord Jesus...the Son of Man was tempted...so He is able to help those of us who are being tempted!

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.-Hebrews 4:15-16 (NIV)

Have you ever had a need? Guess what! Jesus the Son of Man has mercy and grace to help you in your time of need!

Jesus is able to empathize with us...He understands our weaknesses because He was a human being! He knows what it means to suffer...He knows what it means to be tempted!

Jesus the Son of Man gets us...He understands what we're going through in every area of our life! I'm going to give you three key areas...

Jesus understands **RELATIONSHIPS**

He had a family...

3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, [a] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.-Mark 6:3 (NIV)

Jesus had four brothers that are mentioned and at least two sisters, maybe more...

Jesus understands what it's like to have family drama...

How many of you had that one brother that was always picking on you, scaring you...always getting you in trouble...that was me!

Now Jesus was perfect...He was sinless...He didn't lie or cheat or steal, but don't think that His family unit didn't have some kind of drama...

You know his brothers and sisters had to be jealous of Jesus from time to time

Minimally his brothers and sisters had to hear their parents say “Why can’t you be more like Jesus?”

James, why did you have to lie to your parents? Jesus doesn’t lie...Jude why did you disobey your mother...Jesus never did that!

How about this...

Jesus understands what it’s like to lose a father. Now we don’t know what exactly happened to Joseph, because the Bible doesn’t tell us, but it’s more than likely that he died sometime before Jesus started His ministry...

Jesus understands the pressure of being the oldest child, caring for...helping to provide for the family...He can identify with that!

Jesus understands what it’s like to have your family turn on you...

31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." 33 "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. 34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."-Mark 3:31-34 (NIV)

Jesus is teaching and his family shows up and the crowd is like your family's calling for you and Jesus was like... "That's not my family!" You guys are my family...not those guys!

That's what He said...Have you ever felt like that? You're hanging with your friends at the mall and your mom shows up...you pretend you don't know her...

My daughter Mecaila did that once...I had an old beat up dodge caravan...You know the one that had the wood panel on the side...

It would make all kinds of noises, my daughter would rather walk home from school than have me pick her up in that...

One day I rolled up in that old van...blue smoke coming out of the tailpipe and she just turned and walked back into the school!

Why did Jesus do this?
Go back to verse 21...

21 When his family[b] heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."-Mark 3:21 (NIV)

Translation: Jesus is crazy! I don't know what He's doing...He was doing fine as a carpenter and now...

He's giving up the family business and going into the ministry...He's got 12 disciples...He's talking about demons...He thinks He's the Messiah!

Has your family ever turned on you? Have they ever thought you were crazy? Jesus understands how that feels!

He understands friendships...
He had good friends Lazarus, Mary & Martha...When Lazarus died...Mary & Martha say the exact same thing...

"Lord, if you would have been here, he wouldn't have died" That's the way we read it...

It could have sounded more like this...**IF YOU'D HAVE BEEN HERE...**" He understands what it's like to have your friends upset with you...

He understands what it's like to have your friends abandon you when you need them the most...

He understands what it feels like to have a close friend betray you...

Jesus understands relationships...

He understands what it feels like to be a teenager and be tempted and still walk in purity...

He understands what it feels like to be a single adult in your 30's...and walk in purity...The pressure you get from society...from your family...

Jesus understands relationships

Jesus understands **WORK**

Jesus understands what it feels like to have to get up and go to work everyday...

More than likely Jesus started working with His dad when He turned 12...because traditionally that's what the Jewish boys would do...

He worked from the time He was 12 until He went into the ministry around 30...This means that He worked in the market place longer than He did in the ministry!

He knows what it means to work hard...

He didn't have a cushy 40 hour work week...with overtime kicking in after 8 hours...

He didn't have a benefits package with vision and dental, a 401k or a pension plan...

Jesus had to work hard...

Think about this...He was a carpenter with no power tools and no home depot...

He knows what it means

To sweat...

To hit your finger with a hammer...

To have blisters...

To be hungry and not get a break...

To be thirsty...

To be tired...

He knows what it's like to own your own business... To be your own boss... or to be in charge...

To have to deal with customers who have a nasty attitude...

He knows what it's like to work around an environment where there are people who are far away from God and all they do is lie, cheat, gossip...

He knows what it's like to work with church people who lie, cheat and gossip...

He knows what it's like to pay taxes...

There's nothing about work that you can't talk to Jesus about...He understands...He's the Son of Man!

Jesus understands **PAIN**

He understands emotional pain...

He knows what it feels like to hear bad news...the kind that takes the wind out of you. He understands how it feels to lose a loved one...We already said He lost His dad...

When His friend and cousin John the Baptist was beheaded by Herod, do you remember what Jesus did?

13 As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone.-Matthew 14:13 (NLT)

Imagine how Jesus felt...John was out there preparing the way for Jesus...And it got him arrested and put to death in prison...

That had to rock Jesus...He just wanted to be alone...did you ever feel like that? Then the Bible tells us that a little while later, Jesus went back to serving others...feeding over 5,000 people...

Jesus knows what it feels like to serve others while you're hurting...To minister to others when you need to be ministered to yourself...

He understands what it feels like to go back to work when you're not 100% yet...Why? Because He's human...

When He's standing in front of His friend Lazarus' tomb **John 11:35** tells us that Jesus wept...Jesus understands emotional pain

3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief..-Isaiah 53:3 (NKJV)

How was Jesus despised and rejected?

He was mocked because He was a carpenter...What do you know? You're just the carpenter's Son...

He was mocked because of the rumors flying around about His birth...Want some tea? Mary is pregnant...who knows who the father really is...I mean Joseph says Jesus is His...They called Jesus illegitimate...

He was mocked because of His race...The sign they hung over Him on the cross was a derogatory remark "The King of the Jews"

He was mocked right up until His final moments on the cross... "If you are the Son of God come down off of that cross"

If you're going through emotional pain...Jesus identifies with you...He knows what it feels like to be bullied and picked on...laughed at

Jesus understands physical pain

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;-Isaiah 53:5a (NKJV)

19 Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. 2 The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him. 3 "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, as they slapped him across the face...So they took Jesus away. 17 Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha). 18 There they nailed him to the cross.-John 19:1-3;17-18a (NLT)

Jesus was tortured to death...

He was beaten with fists...

He was beaten with rods...

His beard was pulled out of His face...

Nails were hammered into His hands and feet...

He understands physical pain...

If you're here today and you're going through physical or emotional pain... Can I tell you that I'm sorry you're going through that... But can I encourage you that you're not alone?

I guarantee that you're sitting among others who are going through, or will go through emotional or physical pain...

And that's why God sent His Son Jesus to be born as the Son of Man so that Jesus can understand what we're going through and He can help us in our time of need...

As we come to a close today I want to give you one reason why all of this matters

Because Jesus is the Son of Man we can
TRUST HIM

We can trust Him with our pain and our problems...

See the devil gets us to believe the lie that Jesus doesn't understand what we're going through...

He doesn't understand this confusion, He doesn't understand this pain, He doesn't understand this temptation, so because He doesn't understand, I can't trust Him with it

No! Jesus experienced every kind of hurt and temptation that we can experience, and He did it without sinning... You can trust Him!

So the question is, if you're going through physical or emotional pain today...

Are you going to talk to Jesus the Son of Man about what you're going through? He understands!

He's an empathetic High Priest...He knows what you're going through...So you can trust Him...You can lean on Him...You can surrender your life to Him!

What's the Holy Spirit Saying To Me?

Thank You Jesus for being the Son of Man...
Thank You that You know exactly what I'm going through...Thank You for Your mercy and grace!

I want to talk to you for just a second if you don't have a relationship with Jesus...You see, Jesus understands what you're going through, but He doesn't condone sin.

He will meet you right where you are, but He doesn't want to leave you in the condition that you're in...

He offers you forgiveness and freedom
But I thought you said He understands me... So if He understands me, and He loves me, then He needs to accept me... He needs to validate me...

He does understand you... that's why He died for you. He validated you when He took the nails for you. Now you need to accept what He did for you...

How do I do that? Confess your sin, turn away from doing your life your way, and trust Him to be your Lord and Savior. He stands ready to forgive you, and free you from the bondage and burden of sin... Trust Him!

Altar Time

