

Why did Jesus refer to Himself as the Son of Man?

He referred to Himself as the Son of Man that He might identify with humanity.

Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Matthew 8:20

Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. Galatians 3:16

Might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. Hebrews 2:15

For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. Hebrews 2:16

Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:17

For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted. Hebrews 2:18

He referred to Himself as the Son of man to establish that He was the Father's representative.

Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son of Man can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. John 5:19

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. Mark 8:38

He referred to Himself as the Son of Man to connect Himself with the remnant.

And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. Luke 2:25

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed Luke 2:34

And a sword will pierce even your own soul to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed. Luke 2:35

However, I will leave a remnant, in that you will have those who escaped the sword among the nations when you are scattered among the countries. Ezekiel 6:8

Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. Ezekiel 33:7

In the same way there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice. Romans 11:5

Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal. John 6:27

He referred to Himself as the Son of Man to reveal His authority.

Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'? Mark 2:9

But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" He said to the paralytic, I say to you get up, pick up your pallet and walk. Mark 2:10-11

I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. Daniel 7:13

And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed. Daniel 7:14