

Jesus

Son of Man, Son of God

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Outline

Reading: Matthew 16

1. Titles of Jesus

2. Son of Man

- 3 x uses by Jesus of this title in the **New Testament**
- 3 x different uses of this title in the **Old Testament**
- 3 x uses by disciples of this title in the **New Testament**

3. Son of God

4. Call to Action

Titles of Jesus

Examples of Titles of Jesus in the Bible

High Priest

Teacher

Shepherd

Brother

Friend

King

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Son of Man

Occurrences of “son of man”

English Standard Version (ESV)

107 x Old Testament

87 x New Testament

- 82 x Jesus referring to self = Preferred self-designation

Matthew 16:13; ESV

*Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the **Son of Man** is?”*

Matthew 16:13

King James Version (KJV)

*When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that **I the Son of man am?***

Three uses by Jesus

Matthew 9:6-8; ESV

...authority from God to forgive sins

*But that you may know that the **Son of Man** has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he then said to the paralytic— “Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.*

Matthew 16:26-28; ESV

...will return to redeem God's people

*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the **Son of Man** is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the **Son of Man** coming in his kingdom.*

Matthew 25:31-34; ESV

...will return to be King and Judge of all

*When the **Son of Man** comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'*

Three Old Testament uses

1. A “son of man”

...a mere human being

*“God is not man, that he should lie,
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.*

Has he said, and will he not do it?

Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”

(Numbers 23:19; ESV)

Man is made in God's image

...Hebrew word for "God" is "Elohim"

*Then **God** said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

(Genesis 1:26; ESV)

“The image of God”

...the Name and character of God

*The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God **merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.***

(Exodus 34:5-7; ESV)

2. “Son of man”

...an elevated human being

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

(Ezekiel 3:17; ESV)

The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?”

(Ezekiel 34:1-2; ESV)

The priesthood

And you said, ‘Behold, the Lord our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live. Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, we shall die. For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? Go near and hear all that the Lord our God will say, and speak to us all that the Lord our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.’ “And the Lord heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the Lord said to me, ‘I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

(Deuteronomy 5:24-29; ESV)

You are gods: “*Elohim*”

Psalm 82:1-8; ESV

*God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:*

“How long will you judge unjustly

and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

*Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.*

Rescue the weak and the needy;

deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

*They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.*

I said, “You are gods,

sons of the Most High, all of you;

nevertheless, like men you shall die,

and fall like any prince.”

Arise, O God, judge the earth;

for you shall inherit all the nations!

A perfect prophet

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

(Deuteronomy 18:5, 15-19 ESV)

*And I will set up over them **one shepherd, my servant David**, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and **my servant David** shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.*

(Ezekiel 34:23-24)

3. The coming “son of man”

...the perfect man, the Messiah

*“I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a **son of man**,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,*

*that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him; his dominion is an
everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.
(Daniel 7:13-14; ESV)*

Three uses by disciples

Revelation 14:14; ESV

*Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a **son of man**, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.*

Acts 7:56; ESV

*Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the **Son of Man** standing at the right hand of God.*

Hebrews 2:5-8; ESV

Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,

*“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the **son of man**, that you care for him?*

*You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honour,
putting everything in subjection under his feet.”*

Son of God

“Son of God”

Occurs only in the **New Testament**

- 44 x in the ESV

Almost ALWAYS a title others used of Jesus

(**NOT** Jesus' preferred **self-designation**)

Related terms in the Bible

*When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, **the sons of God** saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years. (Genesis 6:1-3; ESV)*

*But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all **sons of God**, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (Galatians 3:25-27; ESV)*

Adam is recorded as a “**son of God**” - Luke 3:38

Three aspects of the “Son of God”

1. Possessing human nature

...suffered temptation to sin

*And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the **Son of God**, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,*

*“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””*

(Matthew 4:2-4; ESV)

2. Never committing sin

...conquered all temptation

*“Therefore he had to be **made like his brothers in every respect**, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”*

(Hebrews 2:17-18; ESV)

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who **in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin**. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

(Hebrews 4:15-16; ESV)

3. Born of the power of God

...sent by God to be Messiah

*“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**. He will be great and will be called the **Son of the Most High**. And the Lord God will give to him the **throne of his father David**, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”*

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

*And the angel answered her, “The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the **power of the Most High** will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the **Son of God**.”*

(Luke 1:31-35)

Jesus misunderstood

*They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for **I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.** Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

(John 8:41-44; ESV)

God and Jesus: One in purpose

[Jesus said:] “I and the Father are one.”

The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

(John 10:30-38; ESV)

God and Jesus: One in purpose

*I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. **Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.***

(John 17:6-11; ESV)

“Beware the doctrine of the Pharisees”

Matthew 16:6; ESV

A call to action!

1 Timothy 2:5; ESV

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 3:16; ESV

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Matthew 16:24-25; ESV

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Will **YOU** take up your cross
and follow **JESUS**?