

The Perfect Son of Man 2024-07-14

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

The title Son of God **affirms** Jesus’ **divinity**, as the title Son of man **affirms** his **humanity**.

- The **Son of Man** is an **Old Testament** and **New Testament** title. It’s a **racial** name of **Messiah** as **representative Man**.
 - The title has a **double meaning: human being** and **exalted heavenly one**. *Daniel 7:13-14, Matthew 26:63-65*

Jesus Christ used the title **Son of Man** more than any other for **Himself**: a total of **84 times** in the **Gospels**.

- Through the **perfect Son of Man**, (the 2nd heavenly Adam) **we can get back what was lost** when **Adam** (1st earthly) **sinned: fellowship** with God **without fear** of **judgement**.

To be our **representative**, the **Messiah** must be a **man**. *Hebrews 2:14, 17a, Colossians 2:9,*

- Jesus **joyfully humbled** Himself by **taking on full humanity**.
 - Jesus was **completely God** and **completely man** **simultaneously**.
 - **One person** with **two natures** and **wills**, **divine** and **human**, with **neither** being **diminished**.

The **virgin birth** made it **possible** that Jesus could become **truly human** without **inherited sin... legal guilt** and **corruption** are a **moral nature** inherited from **Adam**. Luke 1:35, 3:23.

- **Not only transmitted** through **father** but the **Holy Spirit** somehow **prevented transmission** of **corrupt nature** from **Mary... Not too hard** for the **Creator** of the universe.

He was **so fully** human that His **brothers, people** that He **lived** and worked with for **30 years** **didn’t realize** He was **anything more** than a very **good human** being. *Matthew 13:54-57a, John 7:5*

- Jesus **entered fully** into the **human experience: learned** things, had **human emotions**, physical **limitations**, experienced victories, **trials, and** suffering.
 - **Jesus** sets **examples** on how **endure struggle**, loneliness, **humiliation**, and abuse.
 - He **knows how** to **overcome** human **challenges** in the midst of **living** holy and joyful **lives**. *1 Peter 2:20-24a*

Jesus Christ, **perfect Son of Man**, had normal **human needs, emotions, limitations** and **temptations**.

- **Divine** nature could **not** be **tempted** but **human** nature **could** and **was** **tempted** in **every way**, yet He **NEVER sinned**. *Hebrews 4:15, 1 John 3:5*

- **How Jesus' two natures united to face temptation**, Scripture does **not explain**.
 - **It's not impossible**, it's merely a **mystery** we do not now fully understand.

It seems Jesus met every temptation not by relying on His divine nature to make obedience easier, but by the strength of His human nature. Matthew 4:1-4

- **Jesus experienced suffering and temptation we can't comprehend, and yet responded with perfect obedience to the Father...succeeding where Adam and where we have failed.**
 - Because the Son of Man **endured every kind of temptation without sinning**, He **knows how help** you when you're **tempted**. Hebrews 2:16-18
 - **We can resist temptation** through the **Son of Man's empowering, indwelling Spirit**.

Jesus Christ made a way to fellowship with God without fear of judgment through His representative, imputed, perfect obedience and substitute sacrificial death. Hebrews 2:9, Mark 10:45, Romans 5:19, 2 Corinthians 5:21

- **Old Testament sacrifices** show how a **substitute** could **pay the sin penalty**, so we are **right with God**.
 - If Jesus is **not fully man**, He is **not a sufficient substitute to die in our place and pay our penalty**.

Through the Son of Man's sinless life, substitute death and glorious resurrection, Jesus made a way for the sons of Adam get back what was lost when Adam sinned: fellowship with God without fear of judgement.

- **Son of Man's humanity assures His understanding and mercy when we fall to temptation.**
 - His **deity assures his strength to resist temptation and live holy lives**.