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The Son of Man

Matthew 26:1-2

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"The Son of Man will Be Delivered Up to Be Crucified"

- The significance of Jesus's favorite Self-title: *The Son of Man*
 - Jesus is the Son of Man Who has authority to forgive sin: Matt. 9:6
 - Jesus is the Son of Man Who is the Lord of the Sabbath: Matt. 12:8
 - Jesus is the Son of Man Who sows the seeds of the Word: Matt. 13:37
 - Jesus is the Son of Man Who was delivered up and crucified: Matt. 26:2
 - Jesus is the Son of Man Who would be betrayed: Matt. 26:24
 - Jesus is the Son of Man Who is the great Judge: Matt. 25:31
 - Jesus is the Son of Man Who stands at the Right Hand of God: Acts 7:56
- The most compelling use of this Title occurs in **Mark 4:61-64.**

Mark 14:61-64 Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the Right Hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

- In the Old Testament, the *Blessed One* is a reference to God Himself.

Is. 65:23 ...the blessed of the Lord

- Israel is called God's son [Ex. 4:23] to show that they were in a special relationship to God. In His answer, Jesus was saying that in using the Title of the Son of Man, He was saying that He is the unique Divine the Son of God.

- And this elicited the following charge of blasphemy from the high priest:

63 The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. 64 "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned Him as worthy of death

- This seemed to be a direct attack against the most sacred of all Jewish doctrines, monotheism, the belief in only one God (Deut. 6:4).
- When Jesus used the title *The Son of Man*, He was referring to Himself as both Human and Divine.
- His reference as to His Humanity comes from Ezekiel, in which the Lord calls Ezekiel son of man 93 times to refer to his humanity.

- His reference to His Divinity is a reference to the Divine Figure in Daniel 7:

Daniel 7:13-14 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. 14 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.

- This Figure is described with the same terminology as the prophesied Son of David in 2 Sam 7:11-14:

2 Sam 7:11-14 ...the Lord declares to you [David] ... 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your Offspring [Seed] after you, Who shall come from your body, and I will establish His kingdom. 13 He shall build a House for My Name, and I will establish the Throne of His Kingdom forever. 14 I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son...

- A human Son but more than a human Son.
- Jesus was affirming that He was the Incarnate Son of God: John 1:14.
- Adam's sin corrupted and condemned the world, bringing it under God's just judgment of death. Jesus came to undo the first Adam's sin by His perfect obedience.

Rom 5:12 ... just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...

Rom 5:19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous...

2 Cor. 5:19 God was in [...the Son of Man...] reconciling the world unto Himself, not counting their sin against them...

- How did God accomplish this reconciliation?

2 Cor 5:21 For our sake [God] made [...the Son of Man...] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the Righteousness of God

The Significance of the Son of Man

- God the Father created the world through His living Word, the pre-incarnate Logos.

***John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made*

- The Word of God, the eternal Son, was at work in the world throughout the O.T. [John 1:10], Who would be born into the world as the Son of Man.

***Gal 4:4-5** ...when the fullness of [God's] time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons...*

- Paul's explanation of the ministry of the Son of Man:

***Col 2:9-15** For in [...the Son of Man...] the whole fullness of Deity dwells bodily... 10 and you have been filled in [...the Son of Man...], Who is the Head of all rule and authority. 11 In [...the Son of Man...] you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with [...the Son of Man...] in baptism, in which you were also raised with [...the Son of Man...] through faith in the powerful working of God, Who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with [...the Son of Man...], having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in [...the Son of Man...]*

***Phil 2:9-11** Therefore God has highly exalted Him [...the Son of Man...] and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*