

February 2, 2020

“Building Blocks for Life:
Adding to Your Spiritual Journey”

“Building Blocks:
Add A New Understanding” Core 17

“Behold, with clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man.” Daniel 7:13

**A. It takes a new understanding to comprehend
the “Son of Man”...**

“As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into His presence. He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey Him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.” Daniel 7:13-14

1. The phrase, “Son of Man” is used 192 times in the Bible. 107 in the Old Testament and 85 in the New Testament.

“And a son of man, who is a worm?” Job 25:6b NKJV

“And he told them, ‘Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand!’” Acts 7:56

2. It is the most common title that Jesus uses to describe Himself.

“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’”

3. He was the only person to call Him the “Son of Man” and one would have to ask...Why?

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

B. The “Son of Man” came...

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made...The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:1-3, 14

1. God came from heaven to a manger, from a manger to a cross, from a cross to the grave, and from a grave back to heaven.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.” Luke 19:10

2. Jesus became man.

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!” Philippians 2:6-8

- a. He made Himself nothing!
 - b. He was completely human!
 - c. He humbled Himself and became the “Son of Man”
3. Jesus had to become fully human in every way.

“Therefore, it was necessary for Him to be made in every respect like us, His brothers and sisters, so that He could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then He could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.” Hebrews 2:17

4. Jesus had to have the same human struggles that we do, and yet was without sin.

“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.” Hebrews 4:15

5. Jesus was still God!

“No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is Himself God, is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us.” John 1:18

C. Why did Jesus call Himself the “Son of Man?”

“I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?” Luke 18:8

1. He called Himself the “Son of Man” because He loved identifying with us!

“How fond our Master was of the sweet title, the ‘Son of Man!’ If he had chosen, he might always have spoken of himself as the Son of God, the Everlasting Father, the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the Prince of Peace. He has a thousand magnificent titles, resplendent as the throne of heaven, but he does not care to use them: to express his humility and let us see the lowliness of him whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. He does not call himself the Son of God, but he speaks of himself always as the Son of Man who came down from heaven. Let us learn a lesson of humility from our Saviour; let us never court great titles nor proud degrees.” -Charles Spurgeon

2. He called Himself the “Son of Man” because He loved us that much!

“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you... My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:9a,12,13

3. He called Himself the “Son of Man” because He is the bridge between man and God!

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,” 1 Timothy 2:5

4. He called Himself the “Son of Man” because He would be approachable for man.

“Then Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.’” Matthew 11:28

5. He called Himself the “Son of Man” because He gives us the relationship to God.

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By His death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place...let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him.” Hebrews 10:19,20,22a

6. He called Himself the “Son of Man” because He connects us to our inheritance through Him.

“Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.” Romans 8:17 NIV

7. He called Himself the “Son of Man” because loving us and redeeming us was His greatest mission!

“But He replied, ‘I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent.’” Luke 4:43
“This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” 1 John 4:10

D. Jesus, as the “Son of Man,” offers...

1. His presence, no matter what you are facing.

“I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” Hebrews 13:5b

2. His residence in your life, no matter where you are you would always have Him living within.

“Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong.” Ephesians 3:17

3. His empathy, no matter what pain you carry.

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.” Psalm 34:18

4. His grace, no matter where you fail. Grace brings salvation. Grace covers our sin. Grace always offers forgiveness.

“God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.” Ephesians 2:8

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:16

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