

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.

Matthew 16:13-21

- Luke 9:18-22 Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, Who do the crowds say that I am? 19 And they answered, John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen. 20 Then he said to them, But who do you say that I am? And Peter answered, The Christ of God. 21 And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
- Luke 9:43-44 And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, 44 Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.

- Luke 17:22-25 And he said to the disciples, The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23 And they will say to you, Look, there! or Look, here! Do not go out or follow them. 24 For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.
- Luke 18:31-34 And taking the twelve, he said to them, See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise. 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

- Luke 24:1-8 - But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise. 8 And they remembered his words,

- Matthew 26 gives the full account of His betrayal, arrest, and trial as The Son of Man
- It begins with Jesus' prediction in Matthew 26:2 You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.
- Before He is arrested He gathers for one last meal (The last supper) with his disciples
- He speaks very openly about His suffering that must come
- V.20-25
- Jesus would be betrayed as The Son of Man, the divine human

- After the meal, they travel away from Jerusalem to the Garden of Gethsemane
- Jesus was under incredible stress as He anticipates what's about to happen and He asks the disciples to pray with Him
- V.36-46
- He prays until "the hour is at hand, and the **Son of Man** is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

- While Jesus was praying, in the dark of night, Judas had left to betray Jesus into the hands of His enemies and set into motion His trial and execution
- V.46-49
- Luke records an extra comment in the conversation at this point

Luke 22:47-48 - While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus said to him, Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

- Do you not remember who I claim to be Judas?
- Jesus was not simply v.48 "The one I will kiss is the man"
- He would be betrayed as God

- The disciples had put all their hope in Jesus
- They saw Him perform miracles, and do and say great things, but suddenly He seemed helpless
- He was arrested like an ordinary criminal
- The disciples had a feeling of confusion, despair, and hopelessness
- So one of the disciples tried to save Him by pulling out their sword to fight
- V.50-53
- Jesus used a Roman analogy, but the reference was clear

Daniel 7:9-10 - As I looked, thrones were placed, and the <u>Ancient of Days</u> took his seat... A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; <u>a thousand thousands served</u> <u>him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him</u>;

- In some of the last words his disciples hear Him speak before His arrest, He communicates a simple message
- I am the divine Son of the Ancient of Days
- My father is God the Father, and He has given me charge over all of His heavenly host
- The only power the Romans and the high priest have over me is what I allow them to have
- Jesus was claiming to be an exalted King and He had an army at his disposal
- He could call them whenever He wanted, but this must happen
- V.54-56

- Shortly after His arrest, Jesus is put on trial
- He stays silent while the Jewish high priest accuses Him
- Frustrated, the high priest challenges the identity of Jesus
- V.57-63
- "Son of God" does not necessarily mean someone divine

Job 1:6 - Now there was a day when the <u>sons of God</u> came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

- The Jews believed the Messiah would be a special person, but they didn't think he would be God
- The high priest was trying to set a trap
- If Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, he could be accused of being a political deliverer and he could take Jesus to Pilate to be executed for going against Roman authority

- Instead Jesus answers v.64
- Jesus actually makes a higher claim by combining Daniel 7 with Psalm 110
- It was common to combine 2 Old Testament passages to reveal a greater meaning
- It also meant that the entire passage was being referenced

Psalm 110:1; 4 – 1 Psalm of David. The Lord says to my Lord: Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool...4 The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

- By combining these passages, Jesus was claiming to be divine, a ruler, and a priest
- When Israel was established, the high priest was it's true leader
- It was a kingdom of priests, ruled by a high priest
- Exodus 19:6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.

- Jesus was telling Caiaphas, the current high priest, that He was a superior high priest
- Jesus was claiming to be God, King, and a priest superior to the Mosaic priesthood
- For that, he was accused of blasphemy and sentenced to death
- V.65-68

- From here, Jesus was turned over to Pilate, the Roman governor
- John 18:28-32
- Pilate was truly confused on why Jesus was sent to him
- Pilate was looking for some messianic challenge to Rome, so he asked a question
- John 18:33-37
- Jesus could not deny His kingship, but Pilate didn't have to worry, at this point Jesus is not setting up His kingdom
- In Jesus' first coming, He is securing a people, those who listen to His voice

Daniel 2:44-45 - And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, 45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold.

- Pilate doesn't see Jesus as a threat to Rome, so he tries to escape the situation
- John 18:38-19:5
- In that moment, Jesus was visible in all his humanity, and He was "The Man!"
- Jesus stood before the crowd as the ultimate human
- The moment wouldn't last long, soon He would be taken away to be crucified
- John 19:6-11
- Pilate thought he had authority over Jesus, but in reality his authority was only granted to him from God above
- The implication of Jesus' statement is that Jesus is the one who came from above (descended)
- Jesus was granting Pilate the authority to execute Him
- John 19:12-18a.

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- The path of suffering was not just Jesus' path, it's the path we must take as well
- If you are willing to lose your life in this age for the sake of identifying with The Son of Man, you will gain an everlasting inheritance
- Those who follow The Son of Man will lose their lives in this age because it remains under the influence of the beasts
- This may not mean becoming a martyr, but it definitely means loss of acceptance, fulfillment, and the inheritance of this age
- Do you feel lonely as a Christian? Like there's nothing to look forward to?
- You are suffering in this life for a future inheritance
- But don't worry, there is something to look forward to

- Matthew 16:28-17:2
- Jesus ends Chap. 16 with the prediction He would come in glory as The Son of Man
- That was enough, but Jesus wanted to give us something more
- He actually shows the disciples the future exalted Son of Man in His divine glory
- Jesus' appearance is similar to the appearance of God the Father

Daniel 7:9 - As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne as fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

- When The Son of Man is glorified He looks like The Ancient of Days
- Jesus was showing Himself to be YHWH, equal with God The Father

- What came next was equally amazing
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Daniel 7:24-27

As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. 25 He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. 26 But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. 27 And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.

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- When the saints are glorified, they will resemble the glory of The Son of Man
- We will look so much like The Son of Man in glory that when Peter saw the future glory of the saints, he was tempted worship them