

*Who Is Jesus?*

*Mark 2: 10-12*

## Who is Jesus?

- In 2000 a new kind of TV show started called CSI or Crime Scene Investigation and ran for 15 seasons
  - Character Gil Grissom's favorite line was, "What does it mean?"
  - There's more there than you're seeing, Go deeper
- This is exactly the way we must study Scripture
  - What does it mean, How do we apply it today, Go deeper
  - **Psalm 1:1-2 NIV**, 1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

## Who is Jesus?

- We began answering the question last week, “Who is Jesus?”
  - It is easy for us to settle for just some common phrases without pondering the depth of those phrases mean
- Last week the answer was, “He is God” and called the “*Son of God*”
  - **Hebrews 1:3a ESV**, “He is the radiance (*Shekinah*) of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”
- Jesus used a title or phrase to describe Himself and help answer the question, “Who is Jesus?”

## Scripture – Mark 2

- **Mark 2:10-12 NIV**, “10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, 11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.
- **Mark 2:27-28 NIV**, “27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

## The Son of Man

- “The Son of Man”, such a simple statement Jesus used to label Himself
- How did He use it?
- What does He want us to know about Himself by using this title in the way He used it?
- This term is used 108 times in the Old Testament almost exclusively for the prophet Ezekiel, 93 times
- It is used 84 times in the New Testament, 80 of them in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

## The Son of Man

- Only in the gospels do we find the term son of man associated with the word, “the”
  - Jesus always called Himself “the Son of Man,” as in the only one there is
  - Ezekiel is never called “the son of man”; he is always just a “son of man,” as in one among many
- Only Jesus used this term to describe Himself
- What does He want us to know about Him?

## Jesus is the FULLY HUMAN Son of Man

- The first thing we notice is Jesus identifies and emphasizes Himself with humanity and their suffering
  - **Luke 19:10 NIV**, “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost (*struggling, hurting, failing, drowning, dying, lonely, abused*).”
  - This was His mission in life and why He was sent and came from heaven
  - He came down into our pit of darkness to bring hope, peace, joy, security
  - We see Jesus identifying Himself with sinful man by being baptized by John the Baptist

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- To do this He had to become like us - human, flesh and blood
  - **Hebrews 2:14 NLT**, “14 Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood.”
    - **ESV**, “14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things”
    - All humans “*share*” in the flesh and blood, but Jesus “*partook*” of it – two different Greek words



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    - If I am entertaining someone in my home, we are partaking of the home environment
    - I belong there but you don't since you are just visiting
    - Even though we are both partaking of the same benefits at the time, one of us doesn't really belong to the home

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    - Humans share in the “flesh and blood” because we all have a sin nature, but Jesus “*took on*” flesh and blood but did not “*belong*” because He had no sin nature
- He identified Himself with humanity by becoming a man
  - **Hebrews 10:5 NIV**, “a body have you prepared for me”
  - **Hebrews 2:17 NLT**, “17 Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us”

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- So, one of the meanings of Jesus calling Himself the “the Son of Man” is to highlight His humanity
  - In Jesus were all the attributes, holiness, glory, and majesty of God Almighty with skin around it
  - **John 1:14 NIV**, “14 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.” – *“Godly grace and truth wrapped in flesh”*

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- He followed the same path as every human being
  - **Galatians 4:4 NIV**, “4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law”
  - Jesus was fully human all the way to placing Himself under the law of “sin and death”

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- Did Jesus cease to be God when He became human or were the Godly traits limited?
  - **Philippians 25:7 NLT**, “You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up (*set aside*) his divine privileges; he took the humble (*limited*) position of a slave and was born as a human being.”
  - Jesus purposely set aside the privileges of heaven to take up the position of servant to mankind

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- He chose to walk this earth like you and me, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit
  - **Colossians 2:9 NIV**, “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form”
  - Fully God, Fully human – Fully marvelous

## Jesus is the PERFECT Son of Man

- Not only is Jesus fully human, but He is also the fully perfect human
- Two men are said to represent all of mankind in Scripture
  - **1st Corinthians 15:45 NLT**, 45 The Scriptures tell us, “The first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit.”
  - The first Adam gave us our natural, human life, but the second Adam, Jesus, gives spiritual life
  - Through one comes death and separation; through the other comes life and acceptance

## Jesus is the PERFECT Son of Man

- Jesus is the perfect human because He lived a sinless life
  - **1st John 3:5 ESV**, “5 You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.”
  - **1st Peter 2:22 ESV**, “22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.”
  - **Hebrews 4:15 ESV**, “15 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.”



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  - We see this in His wilderness temptation in **Matthew 4:1-11**
  - **2nd Corinthians 5:21 NIV**, “God made him who had no sin to be sin (*a sin offering*) for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Jesus is THE Son of Man

- Beginning in Genesis after the sin, God said there will be one coming who will crush the head of Satan
  - Moses said there is another one coming similar to me you must listen to
  - David spoke about it in the Psalms
  - Isaiah and Jeremiah spoke about one coming in glory to restore what Satan destroyed and give His people new hearts

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- The religious leaders had a rough time grasping who Jesus is
  - They didn't want to accept what Jesus was saying and authenticating through His miracles
- **Mark 2:6 NIV**, 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
  - Jesus’ response **Mark 2:10 NIV**, “10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”
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- The Son of Man is a central figure in the prophecy in **Daniel 7**
  - Daniel is a very, very important chapter of the Old Testament having a huge impact on Jewish and Christian understanding of the end times
  - The climax is where a mysterious figure, “one like the son of man” receives power and authority from God

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- **Daniel 7:14-14 NIV**, 13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory, and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”
  - This speaks of the Messiah, Christ the Son of the Living God
  - Notice His position, power, authority, everlasting dominion
  - We see this in Jesus by how He used the title, “ the Son of Man”

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- You hear this in Jesus' response to the high priest
  - **Mark 14:61-62 NIV**, 14 Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, 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."
    - Jesus is saying, "I am the promised Messiah and not only that, but I am also the Son of Man"
    - I am the one Daniel spoke of as the Messianic King
    - I am THE Son of Man

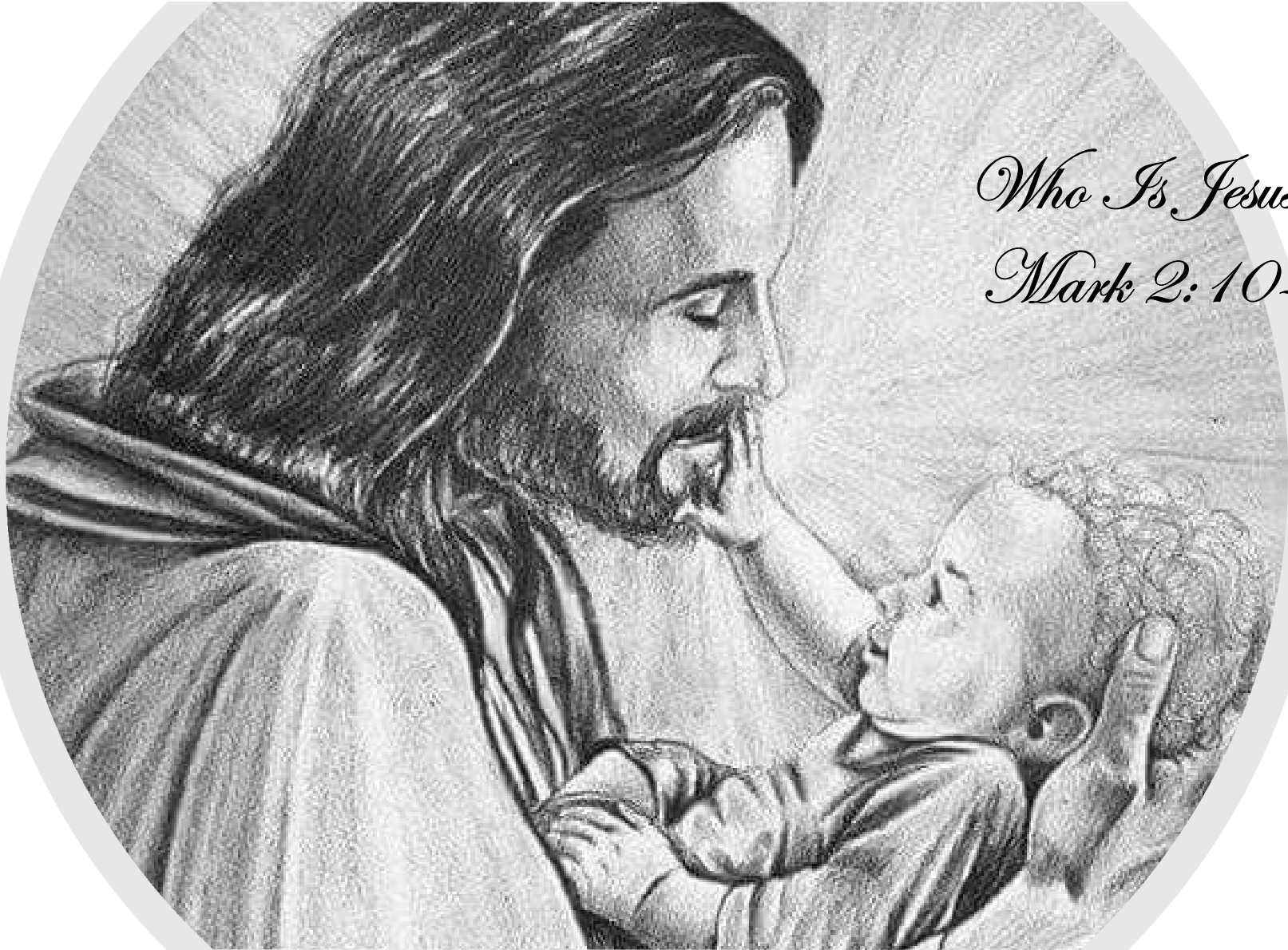
## The Son of Man

- The title, “The Son of Man” implies more than just a physical man
  - It is the exalted title of one who is vested with power and authority who is representative of all mankind
  - It is not Mohammad who can claim this position, nor Buddha, nor any other religious leader
    - They remain in their graves
  - Only Jesus, as the Messiah, can embrace it in the fullness of its meaning and His grave is empty

## The Son of Man

- Who is Jesus?
  - He is fully and totally God
  - But He is also fully and totally man
  - **Isaiah 9:6 ESV**, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”





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