

MESSAGE 6:

SON OF GOD AND SON OF MAN

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: John 5:18-27 (NASB)

¹⁸ For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. ²² For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

²⁴ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

²⁵ Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; ²⁷ and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.”

MESSAGE GOAL: The goal of this message is to help you understand and apply Jesus’ power and provisions as the Son of God and Son of Man so you can live out God’s kingdom purpose for you today and for eternity.

INTRODUCTION: There is a simple statement that summarizes the final two names of Jesus that we want to consider as we close this study. They are “Son of God” and “Son of Man.” The statement says: “I am what I was. I was not what I am now. But now I am called both.”

That is, “I am what I was,” the eternal Son of God. “I was not what I am now,” the Son of Man. “But now I am called both,” the Son of God and the Son of Man. We’ve been looking at the names of Jesus, what they mean and how they matter, and these two names given to Jesus are staggering in their meaning and relevance to our lives.

SERMON POINTS:

1. THE VIRGIN BIRTH IS THE ANSWER TO HOW JESUS CAN BE FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN—OUR PERFECT SAVIOR AND LORD (JOHN 5:18; 14:8-11):

- Jesus is the exact representation of God the Father. Jesus is God taking a selfie!
- Because Jesus was human, He can fully identify with everything that we experience and feel as human beings, including temptation—but without sin.
- Mary’s humanity and God’s deity came together through the Holy Spirit to create the unique, “only begotten” (John 3:16, meaning “one-of-a-kind”) Person of Jesus.
- The Jewish leaders clearly understood what Jesus was saying (John 5:18). They sought to kill Him because He made Himself equal with God.
- Jesus carries out the responsibilities that come with both of these names. As Son of God, He is fulfilling what the Father says, and as Son of Man He is fulfilling what you and I need.

2. GOD’S ETERNAL KINGDOM PLAN EXPLAINS THE REASON FOR THESE TWO NAMES OF JESUS:

- God has a kingdom called the kingdom of heaven, where He rules. There was a rebellion against the kingdom by Lucifer, who became Satan.
- So, God decided to forge a plan by which He would create a being who is constitutionally inferior to the angels called mankind (Psalm 8:5, KJV). God did this to demonstrate what He could do with less when less was dependent upon Him rather than with more when that more was in rebellion against Him.

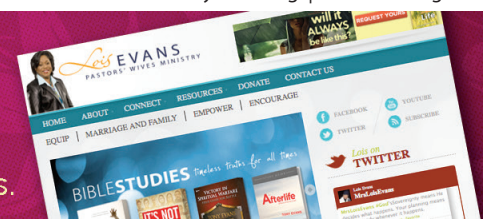
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- With man's creation, God was announcing, "I will establish My kingdom on earth as it is in heaven," which is why Jesus taught us to pray for this (Matthew 6:10). But God chose to restrict Himself to working through people.
- But Adam, who was given the earth to rule as God's kingdom representative, sinned and handed this world over to Satan. Adam messed us up, but Jesus "the last Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:45) brought us back into God's kingdom.
- So, God foretold in Genesis 3:15 that the seed of the woman would crush Satan. God accomplished this by becoming a man Himself in Jesus. The Son of God and Son of Man came to reclaim what the devil stole from Adam and to render the devil powerless over us (Hebrews 2:14-15).

3. JESUS CAME TO EARTH TO SAVE US AND EMPOWER US TO LIVE OUT GOD'S KINGDOM PURPOSE NOW IN TIME AND AN ETERNAL KINGDOM PURPOSE FOREVER:

- When we were saved, you and I were brought under God's rule and dominion in His kingdom.
- A very intimate relationship exists between a believer and Jesus who lives within. Since we are also sons and daughters of God, we share the same Father with Jesus. That means we can share the same intimacy and access to the Father that Jesus enjoys.
- Jesus wants you to have the same intimacy with His Father, His Abba, His "Daddy," that He has. God adopted us into His family as Jesus' brothers (Hebrews 2:11) so we could cry out, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:4-5).

4. WHEN WE RELATE TO JESUS AS SON OF GOD AND SON OF MAN, WE WILL SEE HEAVEN OPENED AND COME DOWN TO EARTH IN OUR LIVES (JOHN 1:45-2:10):

- When Philip went to tell Nathanael that he had found Israel's Messiah, Nathanael was skeptical but agreed to come and meet Jesus.
- Jesus revealed Himself to Nathanael, who immediately confessed Him as "the Son of God" and "the King of Israel."

- Jesus made the promise of John 1:51 to us too, since He went from using the singular "you," Nathanael, to the plural "you," speaking to all believers including you and me today.
- The point of this story about the angels of God ascending and descending is that God was showing Jacob how heaven was going to come down and work on earth in his behalf. Then the disciples got to see heaven at work on earth in the Person of Jesus just one chapter later at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1).
- Wine in the Bible is a symbol of celebration. So, when they ran out, there was no celebration, no joy, at the wedding. But Jesus ordered the servants to fill those pots, *and when they obeyed* the result was not just more wine, but the very best of wine so the celebration could continue and become more joyful because of what Jesus provided.
- You may be here today feeling drained. There is no celebration, no joy, no peace, no victory, no deliverance. It could be that while you are praying for Jesus to replenish the "wine" of your joy, you haven't filled your water pots—meaning obedience to Jesus.
- You're waiting on Jesus for a miracle when Jesus is waiting on you to obey. But when you get your life in line with Him, you'll see Him open heaven and do things that only heaven can explain.

SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS:

VISITING ALL THE WINDOWS:

When you go through the drive-in at McDonald's, there are the three stops you have to make. At Window #1, you don't see anyone, just a voice through a microphone asking for your order. In other words, "What do you want? What are you here for?"

Then you drive to Window #2. Here they ask you to pay for what you ordered. They want you to pay the price for what you asked for. Then at Window #3, they hand you what you asked for and paid for. You can't start at Window #3 because you haven't paid at Window #2 yet, and you can't pay at Window #2 because you haven't ordered anything at Window #1 yet. But when you make your request at

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number 1, and pay for it at number 2, you will get what you ordered at number 3.

Jesus was saying to Nathanael in John 1, and to every believer, "What do you need Me to do for you on earth that you need heaven to open up and do in your life?"

But once you make your prayer request, you can't stop there. You've got to go to Window #2 where you are going to be asked, "Where's your money? How are you going to pay for what you have requested?" That's when you say, "The price has already been paid. Jesus paid it all." Then you can move forward to Window #3 where the Holy Spirit delivers what you need because you've seen heaven opened up and the Son of God and the Son of Man connecting heaven with earth.

QUOTES BY DR. TONY EVANS:

"When you buy a house, you don't stop at the door and brag about how nice it is. You go through the door into the house. The door is important, but it's just the entry point to a new way of life. Salvation is the door to God's kingdom, and now we are supposed to be living in that kingdom environment. Jesus is the door to the kingdom. But there's more to our kingdom house than the door."

"God wanted His world back, but He had to find a man through whom He could regain this world's kingdom. But every man born since Adam has failed to meet God's righteous standard and qualify to be the One through whom God could reclaim the earth and make the kingdom of heaven manifest on earth."

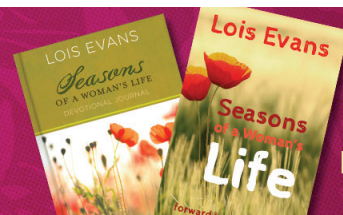
"The Bible declares that Jesus Christ is both the Son of God and the Son of Man equally. That is, He has a divine nature and a human nature, both resident in one Person. To be the Son of God means possessing all the divine attributes that God the Father possesses. So, all that is true of God is true of Jesus. To be the Son of Man means possessing all the traits of humanity, yet in perfection."



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