

What is in a name? Son of Man!

Titles and Honors: Monument named after a person, or city named after a person

Caesarea (in honor of Emperor) Philippi (Philip son of Herod great) (Matt 16:13)

Matthew 16:13 "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **Well, who is the 'Son of Man'?**

The expression "The Son of man" appears 81 times in the four Gospels

30x in Matthew, 14x in Mark, 25x in Luke and 12x in John.

Jesus seemed not to speak of personal pronouns....me me me

John 8:25 Crowd very confused "They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "What I told you from the beginning....." (talked about Father, 'I am' and all Father says)

Book of Prophet Ezekiel (Chapters 2-5) Son of Man

Phrase 'Son of Man' basically used as description of simple human being

Ezekiel 2:1-3 "The voice said to me: Son of man, stand up! I wish to speak to you. As he spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,...." This is a way of saying, "human".

Jesus referred to as 'Son of Man' and 'Son of God', refers to his humanity/divinity

Book of Daniel Son of Man

Phrase 'Son of Man' may indicate a sense of 'that and more', as in a next generation, an even better or refined version like 2.0 upgrade

Daniel 7:13-14 "Daniel saw in his vision: "One like a **son of man** coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One [God] and was presented before him, He received dominion, glory, and kingship;"

Also, Revelation 1:13 "in the midst of the lampstands one like a **son of man**, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest"

These seemingly more exalted references are to Jesus as glorified redeemer

What do the crowds think of Jesus (who is He to them)?

Matthew 16:14 "They replied, "Some say 1) **John the Baptist**, others 2) **Elijah**, still others 3) **Jeremiah** or 4) **one of the prophets**."

- 1) John the Baptist -- Mark 6:14-16 "King Herod heard about it, for his fame had become widespread, and people were saying, "**John the Baptist has been raised from the dead**; that is why mighty powers are at work in him." Others were saying, "He is Elijah"; still others, "He is a prophet like any of the prophets." But when Herod learned of it, he said, "**It is John whom I beheaded**. He has been raised up." (**Herod is haunted by guilty conscience!**)
- 2) Elijah -- Matthew 11:7-14 "As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: '**Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.**' (**quote of Mal 3:1=but, also Mal 3:23 "Now I am sending to you Elijah the prophet, Before the day of the**

LORD comes, the great and terrible day). Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent are taking it by force. All the prophets and the law prophesied up to the time of John. **And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, the one who is to come.**"

3) **Jeremiah** – Why Jeremiah? Because Jesus sounds so much like Jeremiah.

They both:

1) Denounced the corruption of the Temple

Jesus in Matthew 21:13 "And he said to them, "It is written: 'My house shall be a house of prayer,'*(Isaiah 56:7) but you are making it a den of thieves."(Jer 7:11)

Jeremiah says, in Jr 7:11 "Has this house which bears my name become in your eyes a den of thieves? I have seen it for myself!—oracle of the LORD."

Also, **Jeremiah 7:4** "Do not put your trust in these deceptive words: "The temple of the LORD! The temple of the LORD! The temple of the LORD!"

And Jesus in **Matthew 24:1-2** "when his disciples approached him to point out the temple buildings. He said to them in reply, "You see all these things, do you not? Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

2) Both speak of a **New Covenant**

Jesus says in **Luke 22:20** "And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."

Jeremiah says in Jer31:31 "See, days are coming—oracle of the LORD—when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

Religion of the Heart Jeremiah 31:33 "I will place my law within them, write it upon their hearts"

Jesus in **John 4:3** "the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. **Luke 17: 20-21** Asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he said in reply, "The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you."

4) **Prophet (The Prophet or one of Prophets?)**

Deuteronomy 18:18 "I will raise up for them a ***prophet like you*** from among their brothers. I will put My words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him."

John 4: 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a **prophet.**"

John 9:17 "So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a **prophet.**"