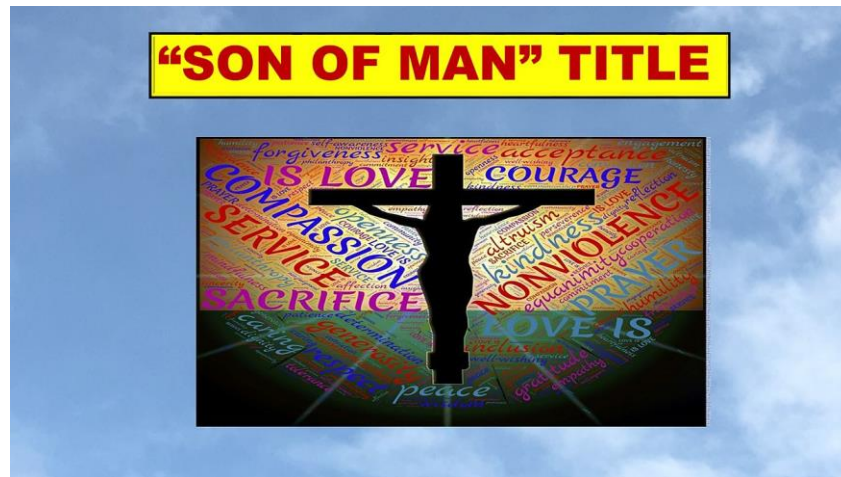


SON OF MAN



The “Son of Man” is not a name, but a description used 108 times in the Old Testament. It simply means a male human. This meaning can be seen very early in the Bible in the following scripture:

Ø Num 23:19 KJV God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

This description is also used as hyperbole to describe a man who is special to God. One example of this is:

Ø Psa 8:4 KJV..... What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

In the Old Testament, Ezekiel received the “Son of Man” as a title to show he was picked by God to be his special representative. We see proof of this in the following scripture:

Ø Eze 2:1 KJV And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

In the New Testament, Jesus is called the Son of Man more than 89 times, mostly by Jesus himself.

Jesus, is in fact, called by many titles. The Apostle John alone used 17 titles for Jesus such as Lord, God, Lamb of God, Root of David, True Vine, and King of Kings. Some, just like “Son of Man,” were titles shared by other people in the Bible:

1. King of Kings - Artaxerxes and Nebuchadnezzar

2. Lord - Mat 10:24 KJV..... The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

3. God – Even Jesus pointed this out to the Pharisees (referring to Psalms 82:6). Joh 10:34 KJV..... Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

Only Jesus received the title “The Son of God” to describe him as being unique to all the other sons of God and children of God. This title is shared by nobody in the Bible. Jesus was referred by this title 45 times by 25 people. Since Jesus did not have an earthly Father, we know this is just a metaphor showing a unique relationship between God and Jesus. A title did not prove Jesus to be unique, but instead, it was what he did. He was prophesied as the Messiah, existed in heaven before his birth, had a hand in creating the universe, was born of a virgin, healed the sick, did miracles, prophesied his death and resurrection and actually fulfilled this prophesy, and forgave sins. Even the Bible says Jesus is not just any child of God in Joh 3:16 KJV..... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. However, it is not the “begotten” that is important, since begotten is used 24 times in the KJV to describe many other people. Instead, the word “only” is the key word that separates Jesus from all other sons of man and children of God. In other words, it is not the titles that best describe Jesus, but what he actually did!