



Message One – Son of Man

Announcements

- **Becoming One Marriage Seminar** – Join Jimmy and Karen Evans this Valentine’s Day weekend, February 14-15, 2014 for this free event being simulcast at all of campuses. Free Children’s Ministry Services available, but registration is required at ChurchoftheKing.com/becomingone.
- **God in the Mirror** – This is a great opportunity to lead others into life-giving relationships through a God in the Mirror small group beginning March 8th & 9th. If you would like to lead a group, attend 401 Small Group Training | **Sunday, February 16th** | LCC Globe345 at 5pm. Register at ChurchoftheKing.com/register.
- **Men’s Night Rescheduled** – February 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm | Little Creek Campus. Pastor Steve will encourage and challenge men through a powerful message about finding their role in reaching the community.

Warm-up

Think of one of your favorite childhood friends. How did you stay close? What activities did you do together that made it clear that you were friends and understood one another?

Word and Application

Read Luke 5:24, Matthew 8:20, and Matthew 12:8. How does Jesus refer to himself in these passages?

The New Testament uses this phrase for Jesus eighty-eight times. However, this name is actually a reference to a prophecy in the book of Daniel, from hundreds of years earlier.

Read Daniel 7:13-14.

When Jesus calls himself “Son of Man” in the New Testament, He is making a clear reference to His identity as the **promised Messiah**. Yet, the phrase “Son of Man” also refers to the fact that Jesus shares in our humanity. The title “Son of Man,” means that Jesus is *not* out-of-touch with our lives. He knows what hard work is, he knows what a blister feels like, and he knows what it’s like to have bills to pay. Jesus is able to identify with you in your sorrows and sufferings, as well as in your pleasures and successes.

Below are three simple ways to experience the Son of Man:

1. Come to Jesus.

Read Luke 5:17-19. The men carrying the paralyzed man didn’t let the crowd stop them. They climbed the roof, ripped up the sticks, straw, and mud between the beams and lowered their paralyzed friend into the

room where Jesus was teaching. And Jesus didn't mind! Jesus didn't say, "Hey, I'm in the middle of something!" He didn't send them away. He stopped what He was doing and gave the paralyzed man His attention. **Jesus, the Son of Man, is infinitely approachable.**

Read Hebrews 4:16.

Jesus will not turn you away. He will not laugh in your face. He will not turn up His nose at you. But, He also won't force Himself on you. He will wait for you to come. Jesus is approachable and available.

2. Find forgiveness.

Read Luke 5:20.

Notice that it doesn't say, "When Jesus saw *His faith* . . . ?" It says, "When Jesus saw *their faith* . . ." He sees that the men carrying their friend had faith. We don't know how much faith the man had. Also notice that when the paralyzed man appears before Jesus, Jesus doesn't say, "Be healed." He says, "You are forgiven." The paralyzed man came to experience healing. But first, Jesus wanted him to experience forgiveness.

Jesus is always eager to forgive. That's true for us, too. Whether it's forgiveness for the sins of a lifetime, forgiveness for the sins of this past week, or forgiveness for what you said today, Jesus is ready to forgive. So find forgiveness. It is yours for the asking. **Jesus, the Son of Man, is infinitely gracious.** He is willing to forgive us for anything.

3. Receive healing.

Read Luke 5:21-26.

Wouldn't you like to know how the paralyzed man responded when Jesus says, "Friend, your sins are forgiven?" However, we don't know. None of the Gospel writers tell us, but what they *do* tell us is what the Pharisees in the crowd started *thinking*! They tell us that Jesus read their minds and calls them on their wicked, faith-less thoughts. Jesus basically answers: "I'll tell you who I am—I'm the Son of Man. I am the Messiah. I have both the authority to forgive sins, *and* the power to heal this man's hurts." Then Jesus heals the man. He tells the paralytic, "Stand up. Pick up your mat. And go home." The man did that very thing. Jesus reveals Himself as the Son of Man. He demonstrates that He had the authority to forgive sins, and He also proved that He also had the ability to heal.

Jesus' ability to heal is as true for us as it was for the paralytic. Whether our need is physical or mental, emotional or spiritual - the Son of Man is as ready-and-able to heal as He is to forgive. He can heal a broken heart . . . or a broken relationship. He can heal our weariness... or our worry. He can heal our body... or our soul. Come to Jesus. Find forgiveness. *Receive healing*. Healing and forgiveness go hand in hand throughout the Gospel.

Read Acts 10:38.

The heart of Jesus is to see you healed – physically, mentally and emotionally. Healing is available today.

Jesus, the Son of Man, is infinitely powerful. The same power that healed the paralyzed man dwells within us today.

Prayer

Pray that all the members of your group will experience the Son of Man by coming to Jesus, finding forgiveness, and receiving healing. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.