

# JESUS IS...

## Jesus Is...The Son of Man – Message 6

### Warm-up

A faithful, determined friend is a treasure--someone who keeps believing and stays focused on God's purpose when we may not be able. Does someone come to mind when you think of a friend with these qualities? How has this friend kept faith and focus when you needed them most?

### Overview

In this final message of the **Jesus Is...** series, we discover more truths about Jesus and learn how we can personally experience the Son of Man.

### Word & Application

Jesus calls Himself the Son of Man and is referred to as such eighty-eight times in the New Testament. This title is significant because it means that He was 100% God (Son of God) and 100% man (Son of Man). Jesus knows what it is to be human like us. Because He shared in our humanity, Jesus can connect with us--and we can connect with Him.

**Read Philippians 2:5-11.** What do you learn about Jesus' humanity in verses 7 and 8? How do these verses support the truth that Jesus is fully God and fully man? Why is it important to know that Jesus is the Son of Man?

### 3 Ways to Experience the Son of Man

**Read Luke 5: 17-25.**

#### 1. Come as you are to **Jesus**.

What do we learn about the friends of the paralyzed man in Luke 5:19? According to verse 20, what did Jesus see in these friends? Their faith enabled them to overcome obstacles so that their friend could be laid at the feet of Jesus. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." How will faith help you overcome the challenges you face during this time?

## 2. Find forgiveness.

In Luke 5:20, Jesus said, "Man, your sins are forgiven." **Read Ephesians 1:7 and 4:31, 32.** How are our sins forgiven? What part do we play in forgiveness? Why does God require that we forgive others?

## 3. Receive healing.

When Jesus forgave the paralyzed man, He knew that the Pharisees were thinking, "Who does this guy think He is?" When He healed the paralyzed man in Luke 5:24, Jesus declared who He was--the Son of Man. He demonstrated that He had the authority to forgive sins and proved that He also had the ability to heal. Jesus, the Son of Man, is infinitely powerful and that hasn't changed. The heart of Jesus is to see you healed--physically, mentally and emotionally. Do you believe that the Son of Man is as ready-and-able to heal as He is to forgive? Share and pray about the healing needs of the group.

## Life Challenge

Believing that Jesus is fully God and fully man is key to our faith. His life as the Son of Man proved that He welcomes us to come to Him just as we are, is ready to forgive us, and able to heal us. Ephesians 5:1 and 2 says, "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma." As we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection next weekend, may **love** be what we imitate from the One who is the Son of God and the Son of Man. In what ways can you imitate and express to others the love of Jesus?

## Prayer

*Father, we thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to become Man for us. Thank You that because of His life, death and resurrection, we have new life in Him. We praise You for the forgiveness and healing that the Son of Man freely gives. We pray for those who do not yet know Him. May they experience His love, forgiveness and healing during this most sacred time. We ask to be used by You as laborers for the harvest of souls into Your kingdom. All glory and honor are Yours now and forever. In Jesus' Name. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.*