

## **THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: JESUS THE SON OF MAN AND THE DEPLORABLES KNOWING JESUS SERIES**

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**TEXT: Luke 19:10 “For the *Son of Man* has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”**

INTRO: The book of Luke reveals Jesus as the “Son of Man.” In Hebrew this is literally *ben adam*, meaning “son of Adam” or human beings. But in Daniel 7, the Son of Man is a messianic title for Jesus. Luke emphasizes that Jesus came to seek and to save sinners, but Luke reveals that the harvest is among the marginalized, the poor, the sick, and the rejects of society. Today we would call them “the deplorables.”

PURPOSE STATEMENT: We are going to see how in Luke’s Gospel, the Son of Man reveals three truths about Jesus: (1) The Son of Man reveals that Jesus is 100% human but also 100% God. (2) The Son of Man came to seek and save the marginalized of society (the deplorables). (3) The Son of Man is the soon-coming Messiah as prophesied in Daniel 7.

### **I. JESUS IS THE SON OF MAN AND HE IS 100% HUMAN BUT ALSO 100% GOD**

#### **A. DR. LUKE’S BACKGROUND**

1. According to one early church father’s prologue of Luke, it says: **“Luke is a Syrian of Antioch, a Syrian by race, a physician by profession. He became a disciple of the apostles and followed Paul until his [Paul’s] martyrdom, having served the Lord continuously, unmarried, without children; filled with the Holy Spirit he died at the age of 84 years in Boeotia [Greece].”** (p.608, N.T. Wright)

1. **Luke wrote in beautiful Greek and to the Greek-speaking world. Only Luke called the place of Jesus’ death by its Gentile name—*Calvary* (Luke 23:33).** Because Luke was primarily reaching to the Greek world while Mathew was writing to the Jewish world.

#### **B. Luke’s Gospel deals with Jesus’ humanity.**

1. All four Gospels reveal that Jesus is God, but Luke presents Jesus also as the “Son of Man” instead of as the “Son of David” or the “Son of God.” This theme connects Christ not only with humanity but the marginalized part of society. “Son of Man” is a messianic title, but it is cryptic. The

phrase “Son of Man” appears over 100 times in the Bible, and only in Daniel 7 does it refer to the Messiah. Literally, it means “the son of Adam.”

2. **Luke traces Jesus’ genealogy not to King David but to Adam, the first man (Luke 3).**
3. **Luke gives us the fullest account of Jesus’ birth, emphasizing His humanity.**
4. **Luke is the only one who gives an account of Jesus at age 12, and His dialogue with the teachers in the Temple.**
5. Think about it: Jesus could have been born to a geopolitical king who was already in power and was extraordinarily rich, but He came as a babe born to Mary, a common teenager, albeit a descendant of David, and was raised as a carpenter’s son in the obscure and poor town of Nazareth. Why? Because He wanted to identify with humanity.
2. **Jesus is seen praying more in Luke than in the other Gospels (Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:28-29; 11:1,5-8; 18:1-8; 22:31-32; 22:41,44; 23:34). Although He is God, Jesus chose to be a man dependent on God the Father.**
3. **Luke presents Jesus as a human being with all the human emotions, like weeping over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41), showing compassion (Luke 7:13), and eating food with people (Luke 7:36; 11:37; 14:1; 19:7; 24:30,42-43).**
- C. **Revelation 4:7 The first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.**
  1. **Luke corresponds with the face of a *man*: the Son of Man. This corresponds with Jesus’ humanity.**
- D. **GENERAL OUTLINE**
  1. **THE SON OF MAN’S EARLY YEARS: Luke 1:5-4:14**
  2. **THE SON OF MAN’S MINISTRY IN GALILEE: Luke 4:15-9:17**
  3. **THE SON OF MAN’S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM: Luke 9:18-19:27**
  4. **THE SON OF MAN’S MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM: Luke 19:28-24:53**

## **II. JESUS IS THE SON OF MAN WHO CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST**

### **A. We know that God loves the world. He loves all people.**

1. But Luke shows that God is really for the marginalized of society: the poor, the crippled, the widows, Gentiles, tax collectors, and rejects of

society. The average Joe, or Joseph. Today we would say “the deplorables.” This was coined by Hillary Clinton when she was running against President Trump in 2016. She made a disparaging statement that Trump followers, you can put them in a “basket of deplorables.” From Luke’s perspective, Jesus likes these people, and they are the ones that respond to the Gospel.

## **B. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HIGHLIGHTED BY LUKE**

1. **THE POOR - Luke 4:18 “THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.”** Mary was a poor young lady living in Nazareth. The common denominator is that poor people know that they are sinners and they need a Savior. Rich people and religious people don’t see their needs. So, we find in Luke 6:20: “Blessed are the *poor*, for yours is the Kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3 says, “Blessed are the *poor in Spirit*, theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.” The poor in spirit know that they are bankrupt in their spirit. Poor people, too, recognize their need for a Savior. These are the ones who get saved. I learned at Fuller in the School of World Missions: **The harvest is always among the poor.**
2. **WIDOWS - Luke 7:12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her...** Luke 2:37, 4:25-26, 18:5, 21:2. Of course, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a widow. Today we’d say “a single mom.”
3. **BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS - Shepherds - Luke 2:20**, and not kings, or wise men from the East. **Carpenters - Fishermen - Peter, Andrew, James, and John.** Other blue-collar workers like Joseph and Jesus were carpenters.
4. **GENTILES - Luke 2:32 “A Light Of Revelation To The Gentiles” -** Luke 4:25-27 talks about the widow of Zarephath, a Gentile woman, a widow of Sidon; then He highlights the healing of Naaman the Syrian. See also Luke 17:16. Luke 23:38 “A Superscription Was Written In Letters Of Greek, Latin, And Hebrew, ‘This Is The King Of The Jews.’” International outreach to nations.
5. **SAMARITANS – Luke 10:33 “But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion...”**
6. **LEPERS, THE LAME, THE BLIND, AND THE SICK - Luke 7:22 And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are**

cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.” See also Luke 14:12-14.

7. **TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS - Luke 5:30** And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Luke 5:27, the calling of Matthew. Luke 15:1-2, 18:10-13. Luke 19:7, Zacchaeus. Luke 19:10, our text for today.
8. **PROSTITUTES - Luke 7:36-47**
9. **WOMEN - Luke 8:2-3** And *also* some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means. See also Luke 8:43. Luke 24:10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. 11 But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them. Woman with the issue of blood (Luke 8:43ff). Mary and Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56). Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38ff).
10. **THE REBELLIOUS SON - Luke 15:11-32.** Known as the prodigal son vs. the elite brother. Only in Luke does this story appear.

### III. JESUS IS THE SON OF MAN IN DANIEL 7

#### A. THE SON OF MAN AS THE MESSIAH IN DANIEL 7

1. The context for this is that Daniel had a dream/vision of four beasts representing four nations that would conquer the world.
2. This parallels the giant statue that Nebuchadnezzar dreamt about in Daniel 2.
3. The last beast is the Roman empire.
4. The vision shifts to the Courts of Heaven, and the Ancient of Days takes His seat.
5. **Daniel 7:13** “I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. 14 And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.”
6. God shows Daniel the victorious resurrected Jesus coming back to earth with all His glory.

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8. Luke 21:27 “Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory. 28 But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

**B. THE SON OF MAN WAS TO BE THE PERFECT MAN TO TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF HUMANITY**

1. Why was He called “Son of Adam”? He had to be man in order to save man. The first Adam sinned. God said that the soul that sins must die.
2. And because God is a just God, humanity was sentenced to death. But God also loves people and wants to save them. The answer is a substitution.
3. “Let’s get a man who has never sinned before to be the substitute for the sins of humanity.”
4. The only one qualified is God Himself, but He had to first become man—but a perfect man, who had never sinned before.
5. He identifies with humanity and loves humanity. He was the second Adam. He came as a man, but without sin, so that He could take humanity’s place and be the perfect sacrifice to take away the sins of the world.
6. In Luke the One born is not called “the King of the Jews,” but in Luke He is *Savior of all people*. This title reaches out beyond the confines of Israel and takes in the Gentiles, too. Luke 2:11 “There is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

**C. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

1. **PRAY** - “It is doubtful that any soul is saved apart from believing prayer.”
2. **LIFE GROUPS** - We have to use our Life Groups to reach the lost and disciple them. Invite people to your homes. Buy them a meal.
3. **THE HARVEST IS AMONG THE POOR OR THE DEPLORABLES**. We must reach the 75 million that voted for Trump.

CONCLUSION: The harvest is ripe. We are going to see the fulfillment of Bob Jones’ prophecy of a Billion-Soul Harvest. I want to invite you to come to our Savior and Lord, Jesus.