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INTRODUCTION

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DISCUSSION

Up until today, what did the words Son of Man meant to you?

EXPLANATION

How do you picture heaven?

What do you picture hell to be like?

What do people do in heaven all day long?

What do you think people do in Hell all day long?

What do you think it is about Jesus' revealed glory that scares John (almost) to death?

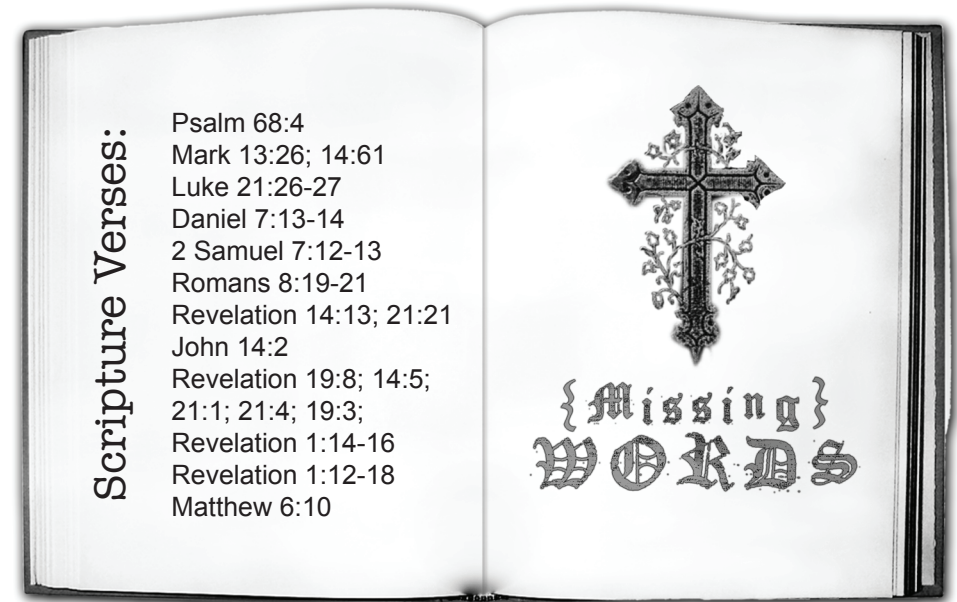
APPLICATION

How would you describe heaven to someone else who thinks it sounds boring?

How would you describe the idea to someone who has no idea who God is that He longs for redemption and not destruction?

How would you relate the ideas of redemption and heaven together?

How can trusting Jesus as The Son of Man change how you live today?



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Week 7 Notes

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Psalm 68:4 “Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds--his name is the LORD--and rejoice before him.”

There are certain things in scripture that, if you were reading it in the first century or from a Jewish perspective, you would automatically know. We are 2000 years removed from most of the historical context of scripture so it is good to get a deeper idea of what is going on, especially in regards with a term you may have heard a hundred times but have no idea what it means; the term is “the Son of Man.”

Mark 13:26 “At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory

Mark 14:61(end)-62 Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?” “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Luke 21:26-27 Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

To catch what Jesus is truly saying when says “Son of Man” we need to understand how the Jewish people of Jesus’ time interpreted a key messianic prophecy from the book of Daniel, about a figure called the “Son of Man.” ***Dan 7:13-14 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.***

Jewish scholars consider this passage from Daniel the most potent messianic prophecy in all of Scripture.

Early in church history, because with the fall of Jerusalem in AD70, the church became a largely Gentile (non Jewish) movement. Gentile believers failed to realize the implications of Jesus’ use of the phrase “Son of Man.” The church fathers rarely used the phrase because they couldn’t understand why Jesus seemed to be speaking about himself as a lowly human being.

Rev 1:14-16 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Rev 1:12-13 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone “like a son of man,”

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