



**REFERENCES TO THE SON OF MAN  
IN THE  
FOUR GOSPELS**

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Who is the Son of Man? This has been asked since the time of Christ and the Orthodox Church has, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, defended the truth that the Son of Man is Very God of Very God, Jesus Christ. He led the Israelites through the desert, fed them with manna from heaven and now has revealed Himself as the Messiah, God incarnate, God-Man, in the New Testament. Only God could raise a dead man from the grave.

*Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother (Lazarus) had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give it Thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he should die, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord: I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, He that cometh into the world. (John 11:21-27)*

It was God Himself, Jesus Christ, Who stood before the tomb of a dead man buried for four days and:

*cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with winding bands; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.*

St. Thomas, after touching Christ, *said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.* May we also believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, God-Man, the Messiah as foretold in the Old Testament and therefore have life ever-lasting.

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## References to the Son of man in the Four Gospels

### *Matthew*

8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.

9: 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the paralytic,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house.

10:23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for amen I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone through the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

11:19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. And wisdom is justified by her children.

12:8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this age, neither in the age to come.

12:39 But He answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of Jonas the Prophet. 40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea-monster; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

13:37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the sons of the Kingdom; but the tares are the sons of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of time; and the reapers are the Angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this age. 41 The Son of man shall send forth His Angels, and they shall gather out of His Kingdom every cause of stumbling, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the wailing and the gnashing of teeth.

17:9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

17:12 Yet I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they willed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

17:22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men: 23 And they shall kill Him, and the third day He shall rise again. And they were exceeding sorry.

18:11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Amen, I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

20:18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death, 19 And shall deliver Him to the heathen to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him: and the third day He shall rise again.

20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He shall send His Angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an

hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

25:31 When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy Angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: 32 And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats:

26:2 Ye know that after two days is the feast of the Passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

26:24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of Him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had 24: 45 Then cometh He to His disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep ye now, and take your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

not been born.

26:63 But Jesus held His peace. And the high priest answered and said unto Him, I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy.

### *Mark*

2:10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (He saith to the paralytic,) 11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thy house.

2:27 And He said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: 28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

8:31 And He began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy Angels.

9:8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, He charged them that they should tell no

man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. 10 And they kept that saying to themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean. 11 And they asked Him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? 12 And He answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things. And how is it written of the Son of man, that He must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

9:31 For He taught His disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him; and after He is killed, on the third day He shall arise. 32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

10:32 And they were on the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And He took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things would happen unto Him, 33 Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn Him to death, and shall deliver Him to the heathen: 34 And they shall mock Him, and shall scourge Him, and shall spit upon Him, and shall kill Him: and the third day He shall rise again.

10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then shall He send His Angels, and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

13:34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the gate-keeper to watch.

14:21 The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of Him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

14:41 And He cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep ye now, and take your rest? It is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

14:60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest Thou nothing? what

is it which these men testify against Thee? 61 But He held His peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him, Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? 62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming upon the clouds of heaven. 63 And the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What further need have we of witnesses? 64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned Him to be guilty of death.

### *Luke*

5:24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority upon earth to forgive sins, (He said unto the paralytic,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thy house.

6:5 And He said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

7:34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

9:22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy Angels.

9:43 And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while they marvelled every one at all things which Jesus did, He said unto His disciples, 44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. 45 But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they should not perceive it, and they feared to ask Him concerning this saying.

9:56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village. 57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto Him, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest, Lord. 58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.

12:10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven.

12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

17: 22 And He said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. 23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. 24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in His day. 25 But first must He suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation. 26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

17: 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

18:7 And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long regarding them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find the faith on the earth?

18:31 Then He took unto Him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the Prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. 32 For He shall be delivered unto the heathen, and shall be mocked, and reviled, and spitted on: 33 And they shall scourge Him, and put Him to death: and the third day He shall rise again. 34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

22:22 And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom He is betrayed!

22:48 And Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

22:67 If Thou art the Christ, tell us. And He said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: 68 And if I also ask you, ye will not answer Me, nor let Me go. 69 Hereafter shall the Son of man sit at the right hand of the power of God.

24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

### *John*

3:13 And no man hath ascended up to Heaven, but He that came down from Heaven, even the Son of man which is in Heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have life everlasting.

6:27 Labour not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto life everlasting, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed.

6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Amen, amen, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.

6:61 But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples murmured concerning this, said unto them, Doth this scandalize you? 62 What then if ye should see the Son of man ascend up where He was before? 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things.

12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

12:34 The people answered Him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest Thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

13:31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God be glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him in Himself, and shall straightway glorify Him.