Jesus' Identity Revealed

Mark 1:9-11



Jesus Is The "Son of Man"

- The term "Son of Man" was used as a poetic reference to humanity in general, inferring mankind's weakness.
- The most important use of the term "Son of Man," in the Old Testament, was in reference to the coming Messiah.
- The term "Son of Man" is used of Jesus in the New Testament 89 separate times.
- Jesus called Himself by this name to identify with humanity and its plight.
- Mark used the human, given name of Jesus to emphasize how Jesus shared in our common humanity.
- By humbling Himself and submitting to baptism of repentance, Jesus was identifying with the people as the Son of Man.

Mark Portrays Jesus As The "Son of God"

- The title the "Son of God" was descriptive of Jesus' entrance in human form in time and space.
- The term Son of God was meant to infer the deity of Jesus.
- Mark proclaimed Christ's deity in the very first verse of his gospel.
- All the Gospel writers clearly saw Jesus as the Son of God.
- At Jesus' baptism, God the Father clearly identified Jesus as His Son.

What Are The Theological Implications of The "Son" Theme

- "Incarnation" is a term used by theologians to indicate that Jesus, the Son of God, took on human flesh and became fully man.
- The Son of God, God Himself, left the heavens to become a human, to dwell with us sinners and live a life full of grace and truth.
- The incarnation was necessary for us to be saved from sin.
- Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins, but the blood of animals was not sufficient.
- Jesus came to earth to be born both as a man and as God so that He could fulfill all God's commandments and be a suitable substitute to pay the penalty for our sins.

Conclusion

- Every doctrine, every command, every injunction, every story in the Bible is designed not just to TEACH us things, but to help us know God better.
- The doctrines we have looked at this morning should compel us to run to Jesus for salvation.
- The Son of God came to earth to become the Son of Man to live a perfect life to pay our sin debt.