



Who is the Son of Man?

John 12:20-34

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- **THE BIG IDEA:** On Palm Sunday, we see that Jesus is fully God and fully human. As fully human, we see that Jesus experienced **emotions** just like we do. As fully God, we see that He alone can **atone** for sin. This very Jesus is for all people groups. For thousands of years, Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant, has drawn all men to Himself. The cross, the symbol of shame and death, of Christ does not revoke the glory; it **amplifies** it.

John 12 (NASB95)

12 20 Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; 21 these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and *began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."* 22 Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. 26 "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. 27 "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 So the crowd of *people* who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him." 30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes. 31 "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." 33 But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die. 34 The crowd then answered Him, "We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

Who is Jesus?

- + People cannot hide the fact that they have **opinions** about who Jesus is.
- + People have been misrepresenting Jesus since the 1st century.
- + The title **Son of Man** testifies to Jesus' divinity.
- + No one expected a **suffering** Messiah.
- + Jesus cannot **forgive** if He is not God.
- + Jesus possessed glory with God the Father before the creation of the world. (He is eternal).
- + Jesus is also fully **human**.
 - o Part of Him being our Savior is being like us.

Why Did He Come?

- Jesus came to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).
- If we do not look to Christ, we cannot be **saved** (Hebrews 12:2).
- Only in Christianity do we see **shame** and **glory** collide perfectly in a single person and we see it happen on the cross.
- Christ came to glorify God and to take our place.

Who is He For?

- Jesus is a King for all **nations**, a Savior for the **world**.
- Following Jesus involves dying to self and living for Christ.
- Christianity is not difficult, it is **impossible**.
- In every moment, God will be glorified.
- As we go through dark clouds, God provides deep mercy.
- Jesus will draw all types of people to Himself. He has done this for thousands of years.

"Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us—a crucified God—must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world."

John Piper
