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THE “SON OF MAN” IS DIVINE = SALVATION

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THE “SON OF MAN” IS HUMAN = IDENTIFICATION

“*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin.*” - Hebrews 4:15

BECAUSE OF THESE TWO FACTS ABOVE, THE “SON OF MAN” IS THEREFORE BOTH:

1. Pauper and Provider.

“*Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.*” - Matthew 8:20

“*In my Father’s house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you.*” - John 14:2 (KJV)

2. Seeker and Saviour.

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“*When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”*” - Matthew 9:11

3. Victim and Victor.

“*The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.*” - Luke 24:7

“*For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father’s glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what they have done.*” - Matthew 16:27

IN DESCRIBING HOW HE WAS TO BE GLORIFIED, JESUS GIVES US THREE TRUTHS AT THE CENTRE OF CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE:

1. Only by death comes life.

“*Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.*” - John 12:24

2. Only by giving do we live.

“*Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.*” - John 12:25

3. Only by serving do we become great.

“*Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.*” - John 12:26

**** When death stung Jesus Christ, it stung itself to death! ****

HOW DOES JESUS, GOD’S “SON OF MAN”, WANT US TO RESPOND?:

1. Know that Jesus understands us completely.

“*Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!*” - John 12:27,28

2. Know that He came for our benefit – our salvation.

“*Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ³⁰Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine.*” - John 12:28,30

3. Act now on this truth.

“*Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you.”*” - John 12:35

4. Experience the joy of salvation.

“*Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.*” - John 12:36

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