
CHAPTER 59
Who Is the Son of Man?

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he will repay each one according to his behavior.

(Mark 8:22-38) Now they put in at Beth·sa'i·da. Here people brought him a blind man, and they pleaded with him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand and brought him outside the village. After spitting on his eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked him: “Do you see anything?” 24 The man looked up and said: “I see people, but they look like trees walking about.” 25 Again he laid his hands on the man's eyes, and the man saw clearly. His sight was restored, and he could see everything distinctly. 26 So he sent him home, saying: “Do not enter into the village.” 27 Jesus and his disciples now left for the villages of Caes·a·re'a Phi·lip'pi, and on the way he began to question his disciples, saying: “Who are people saying that I am?” 28 They said to him: “John the Baptist, but others say E·li'jah, and still others, one of the prophets.” 29 And he put the question to them: “You, though, who do you say I am?” Peter answered him: “You are the Christ.” 30 At that he strictly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31 Also, he began teaching them that the Son of man must undergo many sufferings and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and rise three days later. 32 Indeed, he was making that statement openly. But Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 At this he turned, looked at his disciples, and rebuked Peter, saying: “Get behind me, Satan! because you think, not God's thoughts, but those of men.” 34 He now called the crowd to him with his disciples and said to them: “If anyone wants to come after me, let him disown himself and pick up his torture stake and keep following me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the good news will save it. 36 Really, what good will it do a man to gain the whole world and to lose his life? 37 What, really, would a man give in exchange for his life?

38 For whoever becomes ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

(Luke 9:18-26) Later, while he was praying alone, the disciples came to him, and he questioned them, saying: “Who are the crowds saying that I am?” 19 In reply they said: “John the Baptist, but others say E-li’jah, and still others say that one of the ancient prophets has risen.” 20 Then he said to them: “You, though, who do you say I am?” Peter answered: “The Christ of God.” 21 Then in a stern talk to them, he instructed them not to tell this to anybody, 22 but he said: “The Son of man must undergo many sufferings and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and on the third day be raised up.” 23 Then he went on to say to all: “If anyone wants to come after me, let him disown himself and pick up his torture stake day after day and keep following me. 24 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake is the one who will save it. 25 Really, what good will it do a man if he gains the whole world but loses his own self or suffers ruin? 26 For whoever becomes ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of man will be ashamed of that person when he comes in his glory and that of the Father and of the holy angels.

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(1 Corinthians 3:11) For no one can lay any other foundation than what is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 2:20) and you have been built up on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, while Christ Jesus himself is the foundation cornerstone.

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(Acts 2:37, 38) Now when they heard this, they were stabbed to the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: “Men, brothers, what should we do?” 38 Peter said to them: “Repent, and let each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the free gift of the holy spirit.

(Acts 8:14-17) When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Sa·mar'i·a had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them; 15 and these went down and prayed for them to get holy spirit. 16 For it had not yet come upon any one of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they

laid their hands on them, and they began to receive holy spirit.

(Acts 10:44-48) While Peter was still speaking about these matters, the holy spirit came upon all those hearing the word. 45 And the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the free gift of the holy spirit was being poured out also on people of the nations. 46 For they heard them speaking in foreign languages and magnifying God. Then Peter responded: 47 “Can anyone deny water to prevent these from being baptized who have received the holy spirit just as we have?” 48 With that he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they requested him to stay for some days.

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◇What views do some people have as to Jesus’ identity? How do the apostles view him?

◇Peter receives what keys, and how are they to be used?

◇What correction does Peter receive, and why?
