

Lesson 23

Pictures of Jesus

The Son of Man



Matthew 18:11 | “The Son of Man came to save what was lost.”

This stained glass picture shows the baby Jesus with His mother Mary. Jesus who is true God and Son of God the Father was also born as a human, the son of Mary and Joseph. Jesus was both God and man. This is the great miracle of Christmas.

In just a few words we have a good picture of Jesus and who He is. We also can see why Jesus came to live on earth.

Let us look at the title "The Son of Man" in two parts.

The first part is "The Son" which shows who Jesus really is. Jesus is The Son of God the Father. This means that Jesus is really God also. Jesus has all the power and glory of God but He left all of that and came to earth to live as a man.

The second part of the title is "of Man" which shows what Jesus became in order to save us from our sins. Jesus came to earth and was born as a human baby. Jesus was born "of Man". Jesus did not suddenly appear all grown up. Jesus came to earth as a baby and lived just like all of us but with one difference. Jesus never sinned.

When we put the two parts of this title together we have Jesus, The Son of God who was born of Man.

Now let us look at the last part of the Bible passage above. The Son of Man came to save what was lost. What does this mean? The answer is that we were all lost in sin and deserved eternal

punishment. God the Father did not want us to suffer eternal punishment so He sent His Son Jesus to live on earth as a real human person with every problem and temptation that all of us have. Jesus lived a perfect life without sin. Then, Jesus gave up His life on the cross to take the punishment for all of our sins. Jesus who was without sin became sin in our place and was punished. Because Jesus is God, the sacrifice He made for us was great enough to save everyone who believes in Him from their sins. We will not be punished eternally for our sins thanks to what Jesus did for us.

God became a man to save us all from our sins. We were lost but Jesus found us and saved us. Not only that, but Jesus has a place in heaven for all of us. What great love God has for us!

PRAYER TIME

Thank you for leaving the glory of heaven and coming to earth to live as a man. Thank you for the terrible sacrifice You made to save us who were lost from our sins. May we always remember what You did for us. Amen