

THE SIGN OF THY COMING

INTRODUCTION

- I. There are several ways that our Lord is identified in the New Testament.
 - A. He acknowledged that He was the Messiah, Son of God and king. John 4:36; 9:35-37; 18:37
 - B. However, Jesus ALWAYS referred to Himself as the "Son of man"--no exceptions.
 1. It was as IF He was talking about someone else—using the 3rd person singular.
 2. However, the significance is that He was not only "man" (a human being), AND descended FROM man in that He did not come as an angel or bypassed physical ancestry, but was born of woman, with all the characteristics of a human being.
 - a. This way, He could identify with mankind in every respect **except** He did not sin, as other humans do.
 - b. As the Son of man, He had a physical body which was necessary for Him to die on the cross and shed His blood, as a perfect sacrifice for sin. Heb. 10:6; Matt. 26:26-28
 - c. As the Son of man, He could become a perfect mediator, being both divine and human, He could represent both God and man in the matter of salvation and reconciliation.
 3. The Old Testament prophetically identifies Him as "God" and "man" in the same book, making Him (God) who was also (man).
 - a. Daniel once referred His being "like the Son of God." Dan. 3:25
 - b. Then, Daniel refers to Him as one "like the Son of man" in coronation as King by the Ancient of Days". Dan. 7:13
- II. The New Testament speaks of three "comings" of the Son of man, into the world from heaven, when He came **personally**, when He came **representatively**, and when He shall come again

DISCUSSION

I 1st, the Coming of the Son of man PERSONALLY.

- A. God sent Him into the world to become a SAVIOR to those who really want salvation. John 3:16
 1. Matthew records 5 things that He came to do.
 - a. He came to fulfill what the Law of Moses foretold. Matt. 5:17
 - b. He came to bring a sword because some would accept the peace He offered. Matt. 10:34
 - c. He came to call sinners to repentance. Matt. 9:13
 - d. He came to save the lost. Matt. 18:11
 - e. He came to minister or serve. Matt. 20:28
 2. His mission is summed up by John in His coming to give spiritual and eternal life to those dead in sin. John 10:10