

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B

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Know Your Faith



The Son of Man

For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mk. 10:45

“Son of Man” is also used to prefigure the Messianic vision of *Daniel 7:13*
I saw One like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven;

The suffering of **the Son of Man**, though necessary, is not the final

word; through this suffering Jesus will be vindicated. And, as Daniel foresaw, Jesus will be “given dominion and glory and kingdom.”

Jesus calls Himself the **son of man**, that is, a human being. And **He is the Son of God**, in that He has always existed as the Eternally Begotten One who comes forth from the Father forever. He always has, and He always will. He is the Second Person of the Trinity with all of the divine nature fully in Him. And Jesus is the only Son of Mary, a human being like us, except for sin.

Only Jesus uses **the title “Son of Man.”** He was very fond of this title, using it for Himself 81 times in the Gospels, always in association with His sacrificial death, mission of suffering, and His bond to all humanity.

Because a man caused the fall of humanity, a man had to redeem humanity.

ONLY GOD COULD SAVE US THROUGH HIS OWN FULL HUMANITY IN JESUS. CCC 440, 460

Jesus' humanity was directed toward His disciples, those who would sit with Him in glory (in heaven) must drink the cup of His suffering. Steven, the first martyr, is a perfect example of this pattern, when he conforms completely to Christ's passion.

As he died, Steven proclaimed all three persons of the Trinity.

*But [Steven,] full of the **Holy Spirit**, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of **God**, and **Jesus** standing in the right hand of **God**; and Steven said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and **the Son of Man** standing at the right hand of God.” Acts 7:55-56*

How can the indignities of your life draw you closer to God?

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