



Walk through the passage

- 8:31-33: Jesus to his disciples
- First reference to his death; plot to kill him; will rise again in three days
- V:32: “He spoke plainly about this”
- Jesus calls himself “Son of Man”

Son of Man

- Comes from Daniel (OT)
- Ch. 7: Daniel’s dream of the four beasts
- Represent violent, prideful kings and their kingdoms
- Metaphor for humans - great capacity for good or evil

Son of Man

- Daniel’s vision: “one like the son of man” (7:13), in God’s presence, sits on a throne, dominion over nations, worshipped alongside God
- Able to resist and defeat the beast/evil
- Jesus “went about banishing the beast from people’s lives, and he was teaching people how to rule the beast instead of being ruled by it.” - Tim Mackey

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- No one thought the Messiah or the Son of Man would die
- 8:32: Peter rebukes Jesus
- Peter is tempting Jesus to be the conquering Messiah
- 8:33: Jesus rebukes Peter
- “Satan,” “get behind me”
- “Human concerns” vs “the concerns of God”

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- 8:34-9:1: Jesus to the whole crowd
 - Teaches what it means to follow
 - Denying oneself, not elevating one's wants (v.34), letting go of the world's framework (v.36)
 - Take up one's cross (v.34)
 - Dying to oneself, self-sacrifice
 - Jesus: Suffering Servant (Isaiah)

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Isaiah 53:4-5: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

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Jesus will die on the cross as "the result of Jesus' opposition to the corruption of religion, the oppression of the poor, and the perversion of justice." (R. Alan Culpepper)

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He continues to write... "to take up the cross means to step forward, regardless of the sacrifice required, to join in the work of confrontation of the powers and identification with the excluded and persecuted... being at work where God is at work in the world to relieve suffering and injustice, to rescue the weak, and to bring peace and justice to bear in the human community." (R. Alan Culpepper)

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- Jesus as Suffering Servant
 - We too will be servants of all, lead to suffering on behalf of another
- Jesus as:
 - Messiah: the one who save his people
 - Son of Man: defeat evil, rule with God
 - Suffering Servant: bring about redemption and wholeness

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- 9:2-8: The Transfiguration
 - A mountain: closeness with God
 - v.3: “His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach.”
 - Two figures appear:
 - Elijah: prophet, appear before the Day of the Lord
 - Moses: law, redemption

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- 9:2-8: The Transfiguration
 - V.7: “a voice came from the cloud: ‘This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!’”
- Son of God:
 - 1 John 5:20: 20: “We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”

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- Identities of Jesus:
 - Messiah: the one who save his people
 - Son of Man: defeat evil, rule with God
 - Suffering Servant: bring about redemption and wholeness
 - Son of God: shows us the Father, is the true God himself

Walk through the passage: Peter

- 8:27-30: Peter identifies Jesus as the Messiah
- Confession
- 8:31-33: Peter rebukes Jesus, used by Satan to tempt Jesus
 - Confrontation
 - 8:34-9:1: freedom to serve and love

Walk through the passage: Peter

- 9:2-8: Peter witnesses Jesus' glory, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (v.5); frightened
- Confused
- God says "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" (v.7)

Walk through the passage: Peter

- Confession, Confrontation, Confusion
- Raquel St. Clare: "So often, this is the failure of many of us as followers of Jesus Christ. We do not like what Jesus is saying or showing and so we rebuke him by rebuking and rejecting others. We do not like where Jesus is leading so we declare that it is not the right way, the right company, the right timing, nor the right assignment."
- Confession, Consent, Clarity

Takeaway

- the identity and lens by which we view Jesus and who Jesus is changes how we live

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- Jesus is:
 - The Son of God: means we listen to him
 - Suffering Servant: means we live likewise - suffer for the sake of others
 - Son of Man: means we confess and repent
 - Messiah: means we worship him alone, accept that he is the way

Takeaway

- Take to heart the design for followership Jesus lays out
- Our identity will be shaped as Christ-followers