

# *THE SON OF MAN*

## *JOHN 1:50-51*

*“Son of Man”* was the Lord’s favorite title for Himself; used 83 times in the Gospels, 13 in John alone.

- The title speaks of both the deity and humanity of Jesus, as we saw prophesied in **ISA. 7:14**.
- The vision in **DANIEL 7:13** presents the *“Son of Man”* in a definite, messianic setting.
- Jesus used the title in the same messianic way in the Olivet Discourse. **MATT. 26:64**

# ***NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!***

As Son of Man, Jesus is the “living link” between heaven and earth.

- This explains His reference to “Jacob’s ladder” in **GENESIS 28**.
- Jacob the fugitive thought he was alone, but God had sent the angels to guard and guide him.
- Christ is God’s “ladder” between heaven and earth. **JOHN 14:6**

# ***JESUS CAME TO US***

Often here in John's Gospel, we hear Jesus reminding people "*He came down from heaven.*" **JOHN 6:32-33**

- The Jewish people knew that "*Son of Man*" was a name for their Messiah (**JOHN 12:34**)—**the one who would come to them!**
- ***BUT THERE WERE STILL SKEPTICS.*** The Lord Jesus even had two doubters among His apostles: one at the beginning, ***Nathanael***; one at the end, ***Thomas***.

# ***THE LADDER TO HEAVEN***

Jesus had already said to Nathanael, *“Behold, an Israelite...in whom there is no deceit [not like Jacob].”*

- As we saw in **GEN. 28**, our Lord picks that up here and says that the ladder was Himself.
- Jesus is the only bridge between heaven and earth!
- Which is the reason for Peter’s incredible statement and boldness in **ACTS 4:12**.

# ***GREATER THINGS***

Jesus says *you shall see*. Not perhaps, not maybe, but you shall see with your own eyes, you shall have evidence that it is so.

- *Like the angels of God at work.* **HEB. 1:13-14**
  - Godly men are represented in the Scriptures as being under their protection. **PSALM 91**
  - They are the agents by which God often expressed His will to men. **HEB. 2:2**

# LEARNING FROM NATHANAEEL

1. That Jesus searches the heart.
2. That Jesus was truly the Messiah.
3. That Jesus was fully under the protection of God.
4. That if we believe His *word*, we shall yet see full proof that His word is true.
5. Jesus expressed unlimited power through humility.
6. Jesus is the only ladder between heaven and earth.

***The Son of Man is the only Way, Truth, and Life.***