

jenaministries – Part 7 My Questions

6. Why Did God Call Ezekiel Son of Man?

God spoke to all the prophets in the Holy Bible (Old Testament) personally. But he only referred to one of them, Ezekiel, as “son of man” (**Scriptures 1 – Ezekiel – Son of Man**). Why didn’t he call the other prophets “son of man”? Was there something special or different about Ezekiel?

Also, in the New Testament, Jesus refers to himself as “the son of man” (**Scriptures 2 – Jesus – The Son of Man**). And just before Stephen died, he said “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

So, clearly Jesus is “the son of man”. Jesus is not the son of God, he is God. God came down to Earth as a human son – a man. Jesus is the “son” part of the holy trinity - Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. God is three in one. So calling Jesus “the son of man” can make a little sense.

But still, it’s confusing. Being that there are scriptures like: *John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his **one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* And: *1 John 4:15 If anyone acknowledges that **Jesus is the Son of God**, God lives in them and they in God.* Those verses indicate that Jesus is God’s son. Not the son of man, but the son of God.

So which is it? Is Jesus the son of man or the son of God? Well, Jesus can be what ever he wants to be. He is God. So maybe he is both the son of man and the son of God.

Going back to the original question – Why did God call Ezekiel “son of man”? There was something different about Ezekiel. God opened up the heavens for him and showed him part of the spiritual world (**Scriptures 3. Ezekiel’s Vision of Spiritual World**). Freaky things and creatures. He saw visions of God. And the Lord spoke to him in those visions (**Scriptures 4. The Lord Spoke to Ezekiel in the Visions**).

God didn’t give any other prophets these visions. So maybe seeing part of the spiritual realm did make him different. It made him special & unique. To be in the presence of God and all those creatures must have made Ezekiel feel something powerful. It gave him an insight that no one else had. Being in the middle of all that splendor may have made Ezekiel forget for a minute that he is just a man. But still, why call him son of man?

The Bible doesn’t explain why, so all we can do is guess. That’s why I put this article under Part 7 – My Questions; because it is a question I don’t have the answer to. I don’t think God wants us to perfectly understand every little thing in the Bible. He wants us to ponder and meditate on things. And to faithfully trust that the Bible is the word of God; from God.

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Scriptures 1. Ezekiel – Son of Man:

Ezekiel 4:1 “Now, **son of man**, take a block of clay, put it in front of you and draw the city of Jerusalem on it.

Ezekiel 6:2 “**Son of man**, set your face against the mountains of Israel; prophesy against them

Ezekiel 11:4 Therefore prophesy against them; prophesy, **son of man.**”

Ezekiel 16:2 “**Son of man**, confront Jerusalem with her detestable practices

Ezekiel 21:2 “**Son of man**, set your face against Jerusalem and preach against the sanctuary.

Ezekiel 23:2 “**Son of man**, there were two women, daughters of the same mother.

Ezekiel 25:2 “**Son of man**, set your face against the Ammonites and prophesy against them.

Ezekiel 27:2 “**Son of man**, take up a lament concerning Tyre.

Ezekiel 35:2 “**Son of man**, set your face against Mount Seir; prophesy against it.

Ezekiel 38:2 “**Son of man**, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshek and Tubal; prophesy against him

Scriptures 2. Jesus – The Son of Man:

Matthew 9:6 But I want you to know that **the Son of Man** has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.”

Matthew 24:30 “Then will appear the sign of **the Son of Man** in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see **the Son of Man** coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

Matthew 26:24 **The Son of Man** will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays **the Son of Man**! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

Mark 2:10 But I want you to know that **the Son of Man** has authority on earth to forgive sins.”

Luke 6:5 Then Jesus said to them, “**The Son of Man** is Lord of the Sabbath.”

Luke 19:10 For **the Son of Man** came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 22:69 But from now on, **the Son of Man** will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.”

John 12:23 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for **the Son of Man** to be glorified.

John 12:34 The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘**The Son of Man** must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?”

Acts 7:55-56 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and **the Son of Man** standing at the right hand of God.”

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Scriptures 3. Ezekiel’s Vision of Spiritual World:

Ezekiel 1:1-18 In my thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. On the fifth of the month—it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin—the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, by the Kebar River in the land of the Babylonians. There the hand of the LORD was on him. I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north—an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was human, but each of them had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight; their feet were like those of a calf and gleamed like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. All four of them had faces and wings, and the wings of one touched the wings of another. Each one went straight ahead; they did not turn as they moved. Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a human being, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle. Such were their faces. They each had two wings spreading out upward, each wing touching that of the creature on either side; and each had two other wings covering its body. Each one went straight ahead. Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, without turning as they went. The appearance of the living creatures was like burning coals of fire or like torches. Fire moved back and forth among the creatures; it was bright, and lightning flashed out of it. The creatures sped back and forth like flashes of lightning. As I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the ground beside each creature with its four faces. This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: They sparkled like topaz, and all four looked alike. Each appeared to be made like a wheel intersecting a wheel. As they moved, they would go in any one of the four directions the creatures faced; the wheels did not change direction as the creatures went. Their rims were high and awesome, and all four rims were full of eyes all around.

Scriptures 4. The Lord Spoke to Ezekiel in the Visions:

Ezekiel 2:1-3 He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day.