

KESSID SERMON NOTES



Sermon
"Visible: Son of Man"

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Coram Deo means – "Before the Face of God"

2 Questions

1. What does the face of God look like? (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
2. Are there parts of my life, myself, my desires that aren't living a Coram Deo Life?

(Vs.) 2 Corinthians 4:6 – For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

(Vs.) Hebrews 12:1-3 – Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Vs.) John 21:25 - Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

We can't do this in one week, but we will do our best to look into the face of the man who lived some 2,000 years ago, from the town Nazareth, the son of a carpenter...

"Jesus... has exerted so deep an influence that it may be truly said that the simple record of three short years of active life has done more to regenerate and to soften mankind than all the dispositions of philosophers and all the exhortations of moralists." –W.E.H. Lekey, (Skeptic)

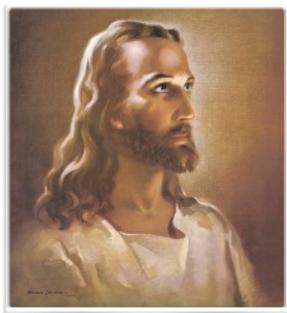
The Gospels give us 4 accounts of the life of Jesus to give a more complete picture of Christ.

- Our earliest historical traditions link this book to a Christian scribe named Mark, or John Mark. He was a co-worker with Paul, and a close partner with Peter. Mark recorded all the eye-witness testimony of Peter and shaped them into this account that we call the Gospel of Mark. He has carefully designed the story of Jesus....

In the very first line of the book, Mark's intentions are clear...

- "The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God," This is the only time that our author, Mark, tells you what he thinks. After this, he puts Jesus' actions and words in front of you, and shows you how other people react to them.
- From the beginning Mark wants us to get the right picture of this man, Jesus.
- More modern pictures of Jesus:

"The Head of Christ"

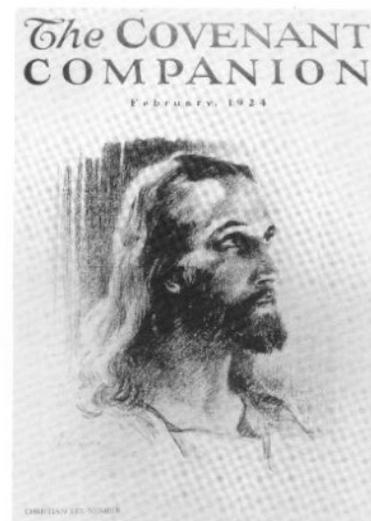


The ***Head of Christ***, also called the ***Sallman Head***, is a 1940 portrait painting of Jesus of Nazareth by American artist, Warner Sallman. As an extraordinarily successful work of Christian popular devotional art, it had been reproduced over half a billion times worldwide by the end of the 20th century. Enlarged copies of the work have been made for churches and small pocket or wallet-sized prayer cards, bearing the image, have been mass-produced for private devotional use. The painting is said to have "become the basis for [the] visualization of Jesus" for "hundreds of millions" of people.

"Son of Man"

The *Head of Christ* originated as a charcoal sketch entitled *The Son of Man* done in 1924 and sold to be the cover of the *Covenant Companion*, the denominational magazine for the Evangelical Covenant Church.

- If you do a study of the term "Son of Man" in the Gospels, you'll see that The Gospels record some seventy-eight times that Jesus used this title for Himself. Jesus didn't refer to Himself most often as Son of God but as Son of Man.
- In Daniel 7, the prophet Daniel records several of the visions he was given while living in Babylon. In verses 9–14, Daniel describes the vision he had of God Almighty. In this vision, God (the "Ancient of Days," [v. 9]) sits in judgment over the beasts that had been ruling the earth. He executes judgment and takes their dominion away from them (vv. 11–12). The dominion of the earth is taken from the beasts and given to "one like a son of man" (v. 13). This one becomes Lord of all and is given to reign over all "peoples, nations, and languages" in a kingdom that will never end (v. 14). This son of man, above all else, is a heavenly figure. It emphasizes the origin, majesty, and dignity of this ruler who will rule over all things forevermore. When Jesus calls Himself the "Son of Man," He is identifying Himself with this heavenly figure from the book of Daniel.
- "Son of Man" has the double meaning of human being and, according to Daniel 7, exalted heavenly one. And Jesus means to communicate both.
- (Vs.) Matthew 16:13-20 , (Vs.) Mark 2:1-12



i.6. Warner Sallman, *Son of Man*, 1924. From *Covenant Companion* (February 1924), cover. Collection of James B. Sallman; Covenant Publications, 5101 N. Francisco, Chicago, IL 60625.

(Vs.) John 4:25-26 - The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I, who speak to you, am he."

Jesus message is clear to all who will listen... "I am the one you are looking for!"

- If it is hope, healing, freedom, joy, peace you seek... I am it!

"Jesus—the Jesus we might discover if we really looked! — is larger, more disturbing, more urgent than we — than the church! — had ever imagined." — N.T. Wright

- The person that walks out of the pages of scripture is Jesus. He is always coming at us in a new way...
- In 1933 the students at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago voted "The Son of Man" the most accurate representation of Jesus.
- Soldiers have looked to this photo as a beacon of Hope.
- Although some may think that this is the best physical representation of Jesus, it doesn't even begin to describe all that He is.

The scriptures tell us that Jesus is....

- **Almighty One** – "...who is and who was and who is to come," Rev. 1:8
- **Alpha and Omega, Advocate, Resurrection and the Life, The Door, The Way,**
- **Bread of Life** – "Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" John 6:35
- **Beloved Son of God, Bridegroom, Chief Cornerstone, Deliverer, Faithful and True**
- **Author and Perfecter of Our Faith** – "who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb. 12:2
- **Good Shepherd, Great High Priest, Head of the Church, Holy Servant, Great I Am, Indescribable Gift, King of Kings, Lamb of God, Light of the World**
- **Immanuel** – "God with us." Is. 7:14
- **Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Lord of All, Mediator, Messiah, Mighty One, Authority,**
- **One Who Sets Free**, "sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36
- **Our Hope, Peace, Prophet, Redeemer, Risen Lord, Sacrifice for Our Sins, Savior**
- **Son of the Most High, Supreme Creator Over All, The Word, True Vine, Rock, Truth** "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32 **Victorious One, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Son of Man.** - All this...and so much more.

Jesus is bigger than the Bible, bigger than our minds can begin to wrap around.

"Look for Christ and you will find Him. And with Him, everything else." C.S. Lewis

We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by 'looking unto Jesus.' Keep thine eye simply on Him; let His death, His sufferings, His merits, His glories, His intercession, be fresh upon thy mind; when thou wakest in the morning look to Him; when thou liest down at night look to Him.

– Charles Spurgeon

Give up the struggle and the fight; relax in the omnipotence of the Lord Jesus; look up into His lovely face and as you behold Him, He will transform you into His likeness. You do the beholding - He does the transforming. There is no short-cut to holiness. - Alan Redpath

If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what it means to be human, look at Jesus. If you want to know what love is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what grief is, look at Jesus. And go on looking until you're not just a spectator, but you're actually part of the drama which has him as the central character. - N. T. Wright

- (Vs.) John 17 – Message

“Son of Man”

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to become a servant and give His life as a ransom for many – Mark 10:45