

Trinity Home Teams

Sermon Notes / April 5, 2026

Romans 1:1-4 / SAVIOR: *The Sovereign Son*
Part 4 in a special series leading to Resurrection Day

1. Jesus described himself as “*the Son of man.*” Why? Survey the passages listed at right. What surprises you?
2. What are God’s intentions when He speaks the way He does in **Ps 2:7-8,12**.
3. What vital truths about the resurrection are identified in **Eph. 1:17-23**?
4. John uses both titles for Christ in **John 5:25-29**. Why?

On this Resurrection Day, we consider Jesus our Savior, ***the Sovereign Son***. His role as sovereign Son is both the foundation and the culmination of all we’ve examined the past three weeks: the Sublime Shepherd [knows, gathers, and lays down his life for his sheep], the Superior Servant [humble, obedient, and exalted], and the Sufficient Sacrifice [perfect and perfecting].

SOVEREIGN: “*a person who has supreme power or authority, ones who have power. Often describes power: absolute power that cannot be checked by anything.*”

Major components of the biblical concept of divine sovereignty or lordship are God’s control, authority, and presence. We encounter God’s control and authority in all our experience, so that we cannot escape from his justice or from his love.

The Son is the center of the gospel of God

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 “*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ... was buried ... raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.*”

As the Son of David, Jesus is the rightful King

2 Samuel 7:12-16 “*When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.*”

Matthew+Luke show Jesus is from the line of David because he was *the anointed one*, the king who came to establish his kingdom. Matthew identifies Jesus as the son of David (1:1), and Jesus himself identifies himself as “*the root and descendant of David*” (Rev. 22:16). His kingdom, however, extends far beyond the borders of Israel, for this king is the ***King of kings***.

Many sought a militaristic messiah, few understood that this king would achieve victory through suffering. Jesus used a less direct title suggesting kingship over the earth and that he was more than just another human being, but an exalted, divine figure.

As the Son of man, Jesus is promised Messiah

Another ‘son’ with messianic connections is the ***Son of man*** – Jesus’s favorite title for himself, used 91x in NT.

- signifies Christ’s Messiahship
- linked with Christ’s incarnation (**John 3:13**: “*No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.*”)
- identifies Christ with humanity (**Matt. 8:20**)
- signifies Christ’s authoritative and redemptive mission (**Luke 19:10** “*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*” (**Mark 9:31** “*he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him... after three days he will rise.”*)
- signifies Christ’s total redemptive victory (**John 3:14** “*as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*”)
- signifies the universal lordship of Jesus Christ (**Mark 14:62** “*Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”*)
- signifies the final judgment of Jesus Christ (**Matt. 13:41-42** “*The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*”) Also **Matt. 19:28**)
- ORIGIN – (**Daniel 7:13-14** “*... with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away...*”)

As the Son of God, Jesus is sovereign Lord of all

COMMENTARY: “‘*Son of God*’ goes back to Psalm 2:7; the Person to whom it is applied is conceived as the chosen object of the Divine Love, God’s instrument for accomplishing the salvation of His people.”

Christ’s incarnation life, death, and resurrection empowered him to “*be just and the justifier of the one who has faith*” in him (Rom. 3:26). The only check to divine power is righteousness, a glorious truth. Imagine *sovereign power without righteousness!*?

Therefore, the Father, in his divine power, carried out divine justice by placing our sin upon Christ and then pouring out his wrath against that sin upon Christ so that God could righteously redeem his people through the power of the Gospel.