

“The Lamb Of The Sabbath”

Matthew 12:8

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INTRO: Have you ever experienced the eye-opening, jaw-dropping marvel of discovering how things that you thought were independent actually fit together... by design.

CONTEXT:

- We continue to walk thru Matthew’s Gospel
- We continue to be shocked by Christ
- We continue to grow by His grace

BIG IDEA: The Lamb of the Sabbath unifies the Love & Lord of the Sabbath.

PREVIEW:

1. “For”
2. “The Son Of Man”
3. “Is The Lord Of The Sabbath”

I. “For”

- A. “For” connects things, much like a “therefore.”
- B. In this case, Jesus is making a direct connection between what He said in:
 - a. Matthew 12:1-7
 - b. Matthew 11:28-30
 - c. Matthew 10’s major discourse
 - d. Matthew 5-7’s major discourse
 - e. Matthew 1-4’s Messianic incarnation introduction
 - f. ALL of the Old Testament’s truth in love...
 - g. AND this “For” preps for all that follows
 - h. ALL of the New Testament’s truth in love...
 - i. ALL of Scripture’s teaching, preaching, reprimanding, & discipleship tools.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, correcting, rebuking and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- C. The fact that Christ’s rest is pointed to & planned for throughout Scripture, starting with the Love of The Sabbath found in Creation’s designed 7th day (which points to the LORD’s “celebration of completion”) is an incredible, faith-strengthening, foundational truth that supports The Gospel of Jesus The Christ.

- D. To support, illustrate, and in many ways exemplify this direct teaching, preaching, and reprimanding of Jesus, see the truth in love of Leviticus 23 (as shared in our “BE Holy” sermon series that surveyed the book of Leviticus).

VIDEO:

“Come & See Jesus In The Leviticus Festivals”

https://youtu.be/rHDFgmIqqys?si=Hq1WSs_juvkjpejG

II. *“The Son Of Man”*

- A. After recognizing that Jesus was using the “For” to underscore that everything that was said prior (by Himself and ALL of Scripture) pointed to Himself as “The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,” He was now doubling down on His own declaration of His deity!
- B. When Jesus called Himself the Son of Man, He was declaring Himself to BE The Messiah... The One promised of through out the Old Testament.
- C. He was especially connecting to Daniel 7...
- D. He was also connecting to Revelation (we’ll dig into that reference next time).
- E. **The important thing to realize is:**
- a. Son/sons of God points to humanity.

- b. **The Son of Man is a Messianic title**
 - c. **The Son of Man is declaration of deity**
 - d. The Son of Man is what gets the wicked riled
- F. The fact that Jesus is self-declaring that He is in fact the Son of Man, is exactly why the hypocrites and false teachers are hating Him...***

VIDEO: *"The Son Of Man"*

(The Bible Project)

<https://youtu.be/z6cWEcqxhII?si=fhDE82cFmbagTdWh>

- G. Note again the "both/and" need for us to be Compatibilists...
- H. This "Son of Man" term/title declares BOTH:**
- a. Jesus is Lord
 - b. Jesus is Lamb
- I. If Jesus were not God incarnate, His work would not have had the power to purify & save us...
- J. If Jesus were not truly Man, He would not have been able to be our atoning sacrifice.

T/S: We ALL need to see, believe, receive, & repent... knowing that Jesus is truly the One and only loving, living, giving & forgiving Way of salvation!

John 14:6

***"I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father, except thru Me."***

III. *“Is The Lord Of The Sabbath”*

- A. If we take The Love & The Lamb metaphors and put them together, it opens the lens and gives us a better perspective on The Lord of The Sabbath.
- B. Knowing that the passage will continue and Jesus will add to our understanding of Matthew 12’s combative context, let us make the investment of time to broaden our horizon on the relationship between The Sabbath’s Love, Lamb, & Lord...
- C. Here again, see from the love letter known as the Book of Leviticus (and our “BE Holy” sermon series)... The Lamb of The Sabbath IS the Lord of The Sabbath – Amen & AMEN!
- D. From the 3rd book of the Bible and deep into human history, see the Jesus the Christ... Jesus the Son of Man... Jesus the Lord of The Sabbath... has ALWAYS been humanity’s only holy hope!

VIDEO: *Understanding Atonement*
<https://youtu.be/HoUFx98qS34?si=xbI2StT08yGu-FO1>

CLOSE: The Lamb of the Sabbath unifies the Love & Lord of the Sabbath.

PRAYER

WORSHIP:

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