MATTHEW 22:42

- In Matthew 16:13, when Jesus asked the question regarding his identity to his disciples, he actually supplied the answer.
- "Who do men say that I, the <u>Son of man</u>, am?"
- This was Jesus' favorite designation for himself.
- Within the gospels this phrase is used about 80 times.

- Consider such passages as:
 - Matt. 9:6 and Mark 2:10, "The Son of man hath power to forgive sins."
 - Matt. 12:8- "The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath."
 - Matt. 18:11- "The Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

- What does this title suggest about Jesus?
 - The common thought is that it refers to his humanity. The Son of God being a reference to his divinity.
 - Although, there is some element of this which is true, a deeper more complete understanding of this title can be shown.

- What does this title suggest about Jesus?
 - One writer suggests, "the Son of man does not express, then as many suppose, the humiliation and condescension of Christ simply, but his elevation rather above the ordinary level, and the actualization, in him and through him, of the ideal standard of human nature under its moral and religious aspect.."

• Let's explore the Son of Man as.....

HUMAN

- Jesus was truly greater than ordinary men but did come to earth as a human- Phil. 2
- Subjecting himself this low estate.
 - Had no home- Luke 9:5
 - Came to serve- Matt. 20:27-28

Let's explore the Son of Man as.....

THE MAN

- You have heard the phrase, "You Da Man!" (The best)
- The definite article <u>the</u> supports this idea.
 - Jesus wasn't just <u>a</u> son of man, he was the ideal conception of man. Man in the highest sense: perfect, righteous.

Let's explore the Son of Man as.....

THE MAN

- John 19:5-Pilate, says to the Jews, "Behold the Man."
 - He didn't even appreciate the full impact of what he uttered.
- I Tim. 2:5- Paul says, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

• Let's explore the Son of Man as.....

THE SECOND ADAM

- He is the head or representative of the race- the one true and perfect member of humanity.
- Romans 5:12-19
- I Cor. 15:45- The first Adam was a living being, the Second Adam was a life giving spirit.

• Let's explore the Son of Man as.....

THE EXALTED HEAVENLY ONE

- In Daniel 7:13, the prophet sees a vision of one like "a son of man" approached the Ancient of Days.
- This being is given dominion, glory and a kingdom.
- This was Jesus' subtle way of identifying himself as the Messiah.