

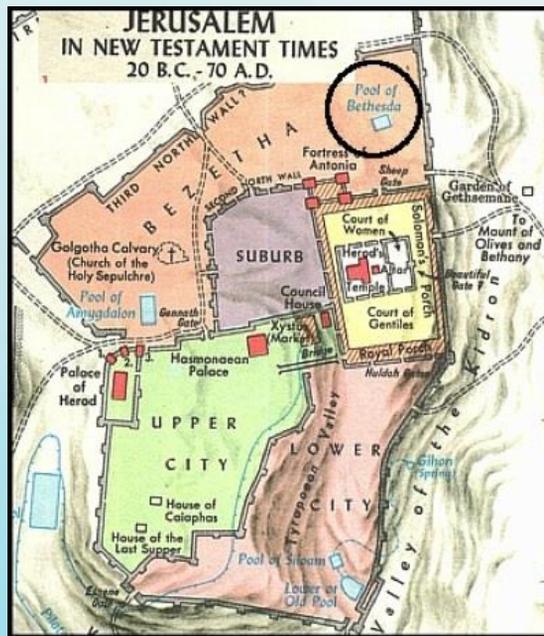


# Knowing Christ

Our Life



On the third Sunday in Advent  
the "Gaudete" or "Rose" candle is lit



- NIV **John 5:2** Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.
  - *Bethesda* = house of grace or mercy

## Doubling Down

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:17** But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working." <sup>18</sup> For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

## Turning it Up a Notch

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:18** For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.  
<sup>19</sup> Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. <sup>20</sup> "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and greater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel...

# Jesus: Truly God

## The Son of God

- Jesus refers to himself as “the son” of God nine times in this passage.
  - V.19 (x2)
  - V.20
  - V.21
  - V.22
  - V.23 (x2)
  - V.25
  - V.26

## A. Jesus: The Source of Life

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:21** "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes...<sup>26</sup> "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 1:3** All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

## B. Jesus: The Giver of Life

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:24** "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. <sup>25</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live... <sup>28</sup> "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, <sup>29</sup> and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 3:15** that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 3:36** "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 4:14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

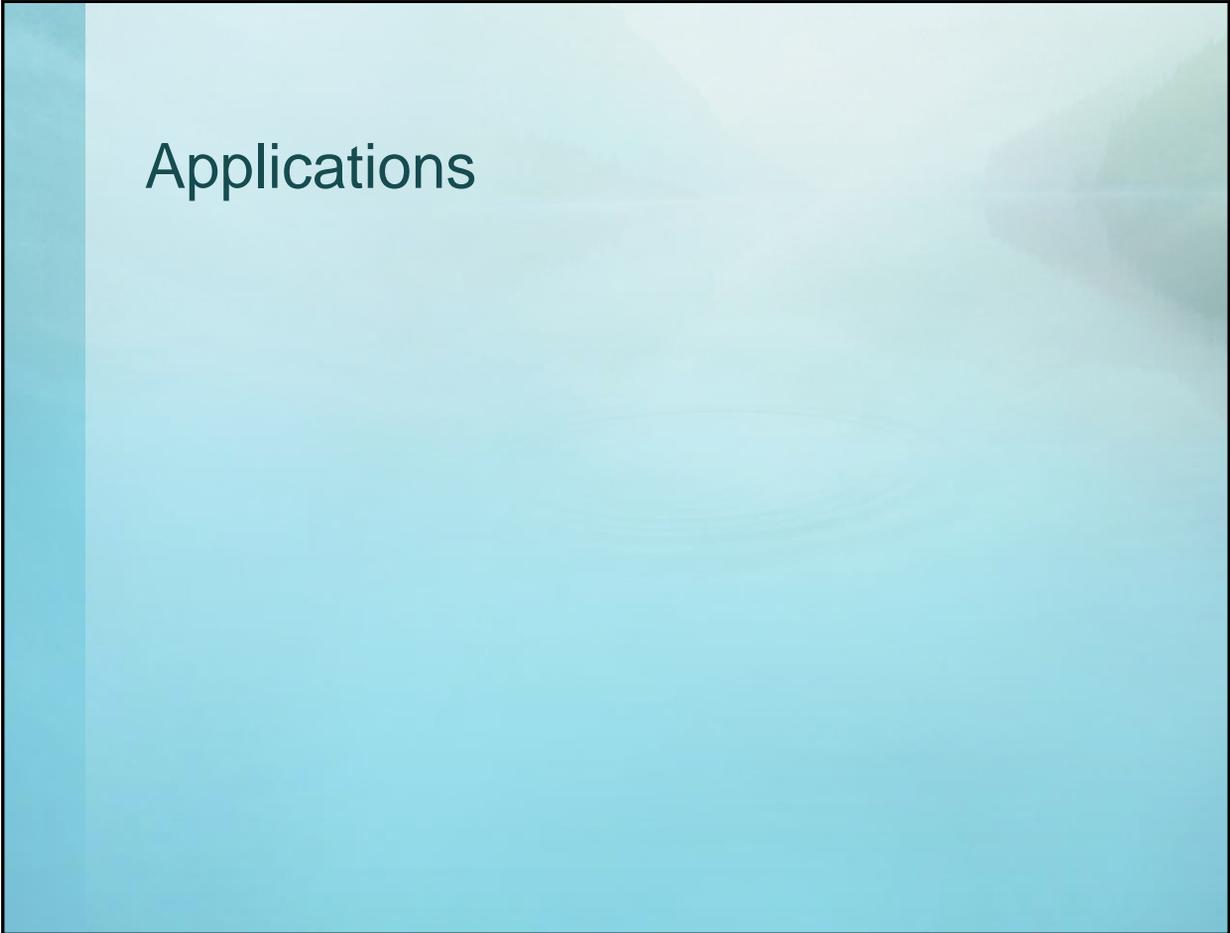
# Jesus: Truly Man

## Son of Man

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:27** and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man.
  - “Son of Man” 13 times in John.
    - ❖ 12 times with “the”; “the Son of Man”
    - ❖ 1 time without “the”; “a son of man”
- “the phrase *Son of man* is the expression of Christ's self-consciousness as being related to humanity as a whole: denoting His real participation in human nature, and designating Himself as the representative man”.
  - Vincent's Word Studies

## A Son of Man

- <sup>ASV</sup> **John 5:27** and he gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man.
  - *The Son of God became a man.*
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.



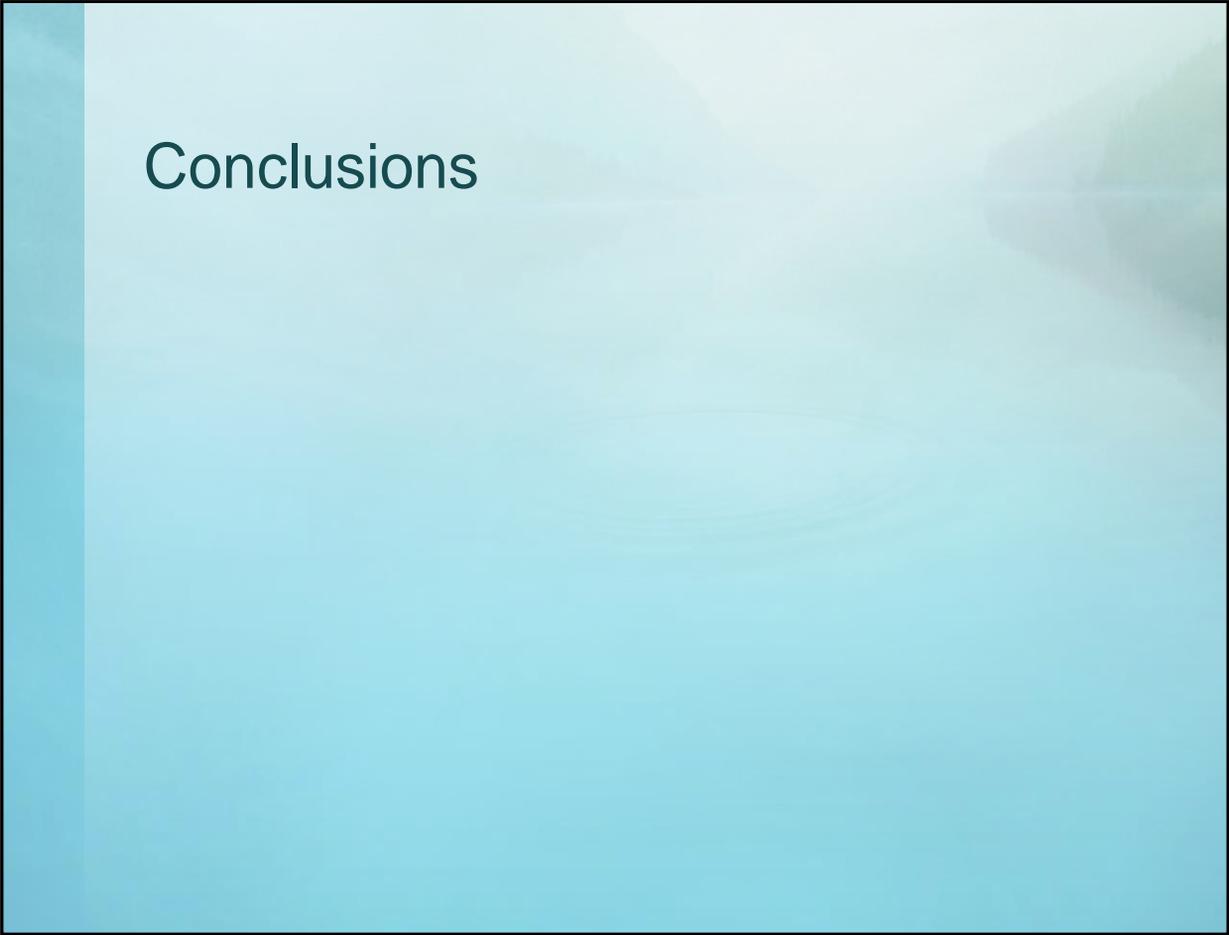
# Applications

## Son of God and Son of Man

- <sup>NIV</sup> **Philippians 2:6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 4:3** So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup> in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

## Our High Priest

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 2:17** Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 4:14** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.



# Conclusions

## Son of God and Son of Man

- In Christ God became partaker of the human nature so that in Christ we could become partakers of the divine nature.
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Peter 1:4** For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature ...
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

## Jesus, Our Life

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Colossians 3:1** If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.