

Christ is the Son of Man

Series:
The Gospel
According to
Matthew

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Dominion

Start by opening your Bible and reading Genesis 1:26-28.

- God's purpose for man includes image and dominion. In this Bible study we focus on Dominion.
- How is God's purpose fulfilled? To answer that, we need to see that Jesus Christ is a genuine man. He is the Son of Man. **1 Timothy 2:5** says, For there is one God and one Mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

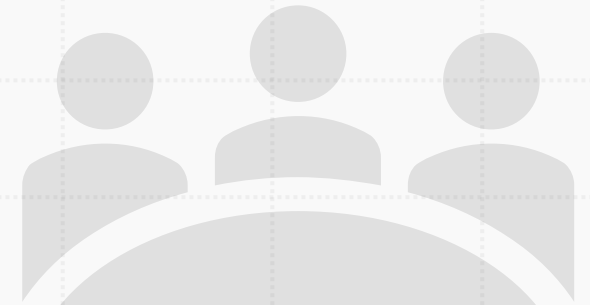
The Son of Man exercises authority to forgive sins.

- **Matthew 9:6** But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins – then He said to the paralytic, Rise, take up your bed and go to your house.

Authority is needed for establishing the kingdom of the heavens; this authority is to bind and to loose. God has shared this authority with us.

- **Matthew 16:19** I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.
- **Matthew 18:15-18** Moreover if your brother sins against you, go, reprove him between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not hear you, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to hear the church also, let him be to you just like the Gentile and the tax collector. 18 Truly I say to you, Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

For us to exercise dominion, we need to do what the Son of Man does, bind Satan and loose the sinners.



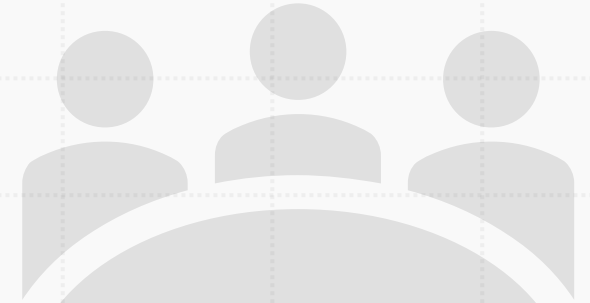
- What do you think of when you hear the word dominion?
- What is the meaning of "bind"? What is the meaning of "loose"?

The Son of Man is the Real King and the Real Priest

- **Matthew 12:1-8** At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath through the grainfields. And His disciples became hungry and began to pick ears of grain and eat. **2** But the Pharisees, seeing this, said to Him, Behold, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath. **3** But He said to them, Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, and those who were with him; **4** How he entered into the house of God, and they ate the bread of the Presence, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, except for the priests only? **5** Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? **6** But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. **7** But if you knew what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the guiltless. **8** For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.

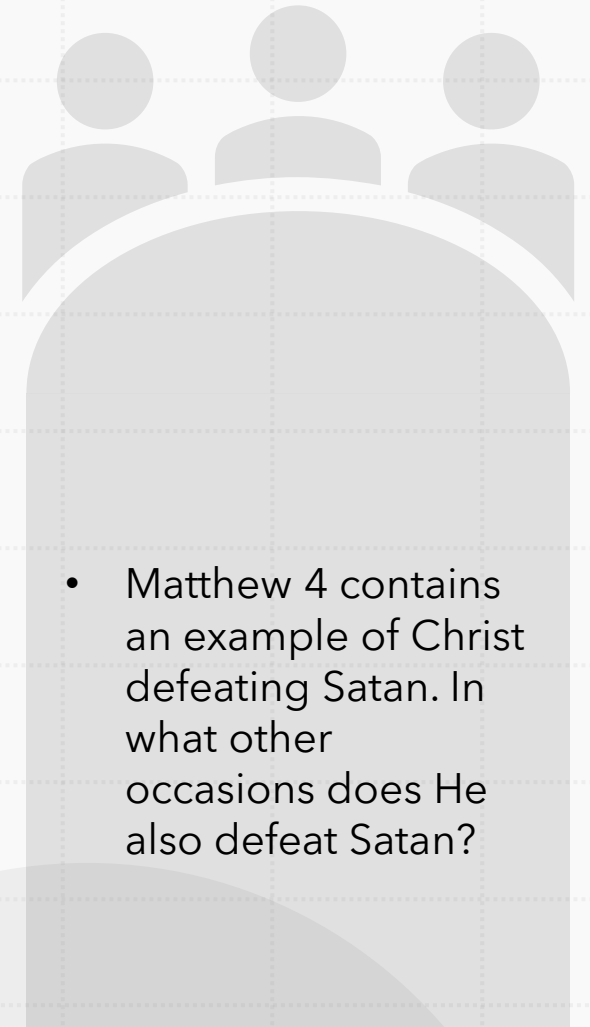
Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, is the real king and the real priest and He can do whatever He wants and is guiltless.

- What does this passage have to do with dominion?



A Man Defeated Satan

- Open your Bible once again and read **Deuteronomy 8:3** and then proceed on.
- **Matthew 4:1-10** Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. **2** And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He became hungry. **3** And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, speak that these stones may become loaves of bread. **4** But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God." **5** Then the devil took Him into the holy city and set Him on the wing of the temple,
6 And said to Him, If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down; for it is written, "To His angels He shall give charge concerning You, and on their hands they shall bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone." **7** Jesus said to him, Again, it is written, "You shall not test the Lord your God." **8** Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** And he said to Him, All these will I give You if You will fall down and worship me. **10** Then Jesus said to him, Go away, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."
- In order for the kingdom of the heavens to be established, the Lord Jesus stood as a victorious man—a man who could defeat Satan and withstand any hardship, opposition, or attack. We all must be deeply impressed that in His kingly ministry, our King Jesus continually took the standing of the Son of Man. No doubt, He was the King and the Son of God. However, He kept His stand as the Son of Man; He always stood in the position of man, especially when He had to deal with the devil. This is very meaningful. As a man, He resisted Satan's temptation and completely overcame him in every case.
- God's eternal purpose is for man to have dominion over the devil and for the devil to be under the feet of a real man with flesh and blood. This is who Christ was and this is what Christ did. When Satan thought he had defeated us all, there was one man whom he could not defeat—Jesus Christ, the man. This man defeated Satan. Today He is making all of us just like Him so that Satan will be under our feet as well. (*Crystallization Study of Matthew, Vol. 1, Message 3, Minoru Chen*)



- Matthew 4 contains an example of Christ defeating Satan. In what other occasions does He also defeat Satan?