

John 5:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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because he is the Son of man.

Analysis

'And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.' Judgment authority is given because He is 'Son of man'—the Daniel 7:13-14 figure receiving dominion. His humanity qualifies Him to judge humans: He knows human experience, faced temptation, understands weakness. The one who became human will judge humanity. This combines divine authority with experiential identification.

Historical Context

The 'Son of man' title appears in Daniel's vision of one who receives everlasting dominion. Jesus frequently used this title, connecting His ministry to that prophetic figure. The judgment of humanity by one who shared humanity demonstrates God's justice—we're judged by one who knows our condition from inside.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Why is Jesus' humanity significant for His role as judge?
2. How does the Daniel 7 background illuminate the 'Son of man' title?

Interlinear Text

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| καὶ | ἐξουσίαν | ἔδωκεν | αὐτῷ | καὶ | κρίσιν | ποιεῖν | ὅτι |
| And | authority | hath given | him | And | judgment | to execute | because |
| G2532 | G1849 | G1325 | G846 | G2532 | G2920 | G4160 | G3754 |
| υἱὸς | ἀνθρώπου | ἐστίν | | | | | |
| the Son | of man | he is | | | | | |
| G5207 | G444 | G2076 | | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Acts 17:31 (Judgment): Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 10:42 (Judgment): And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

John 5:22 (Judgment): For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

1 Corinthians 15:25 (Parallel theme): For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.