

More Than a Mere Man

by C.H. Spurgeon

C.H. Spurgeon's sermon emphasizes the necessity of recognizing Jesus Christ as both divine and human to fully grasp the significance of his teachings and promises of victory over the world.

Scripture: John 16:33, Philippians 2:5

Topics: "Overcoming the World", "Divinity of Christ"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus Christ, arguing that while some may admire Him as a mere man, His claims and teachings reveal His true identity as the Son of God. He points out the inconsistency in viewing Jesus as just a man, as His statements about overcoming the world and His authority cannot be reconciled with mere human limitations. Spurgeon highlights that understanding Jesus as divine allows us to appreciate the beauty and significance of His words, which combine both the tenderness of a brother and the authority of God. Ultimately, he praises Jesus for His dual nature as both Son of Man and Son of God, affirming His role as the Overcomer of the world.

Transcript

There are certain persons who deny the godhead of our Lord and yet think well of Jesus as a man; indeed, they have uttered many highly complimentary things with regard to his character: but I wonder it should not strike them that there is a great deal of assumption, presumption, pride, egotism, and all that style of folly in this man if he be nothing more than a man. For what good man whom you would wish to imitate would say to others "Be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." This is altogether too much for a mere man to say.

The Lord Jesus Christ frequently spoke about himself and about what he has done, and commended himself to his disciples as one who was only a man and of a lowly mind could never have done. The Lord was certainly meek and lowly in heart, but no man of that character would have told others so. There is an inconsistency here which none can account for but those who believe him to be the Son of God. Understand him to be divine, put him in his true position as speaking down out of the excellency of his deity to his disciples, and then you can comprehend his so speaking, Yea, it becomes infinitely seemly and beautiful. Deny his Godhead, and I for one am quite unable to understand how the words before us, and others like them, could ever have fallen from his lips, for none will dare to say that he was boastful. Blessed be thou, O, Son of man, thou art also Son of God, and therefore thou dost not only speak to us with the sympathizing tenderness of a brother man, but with the majestic authority of the Only Begotten of

the Father. Divinely condescending are thy words, "I have overcome the world."

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