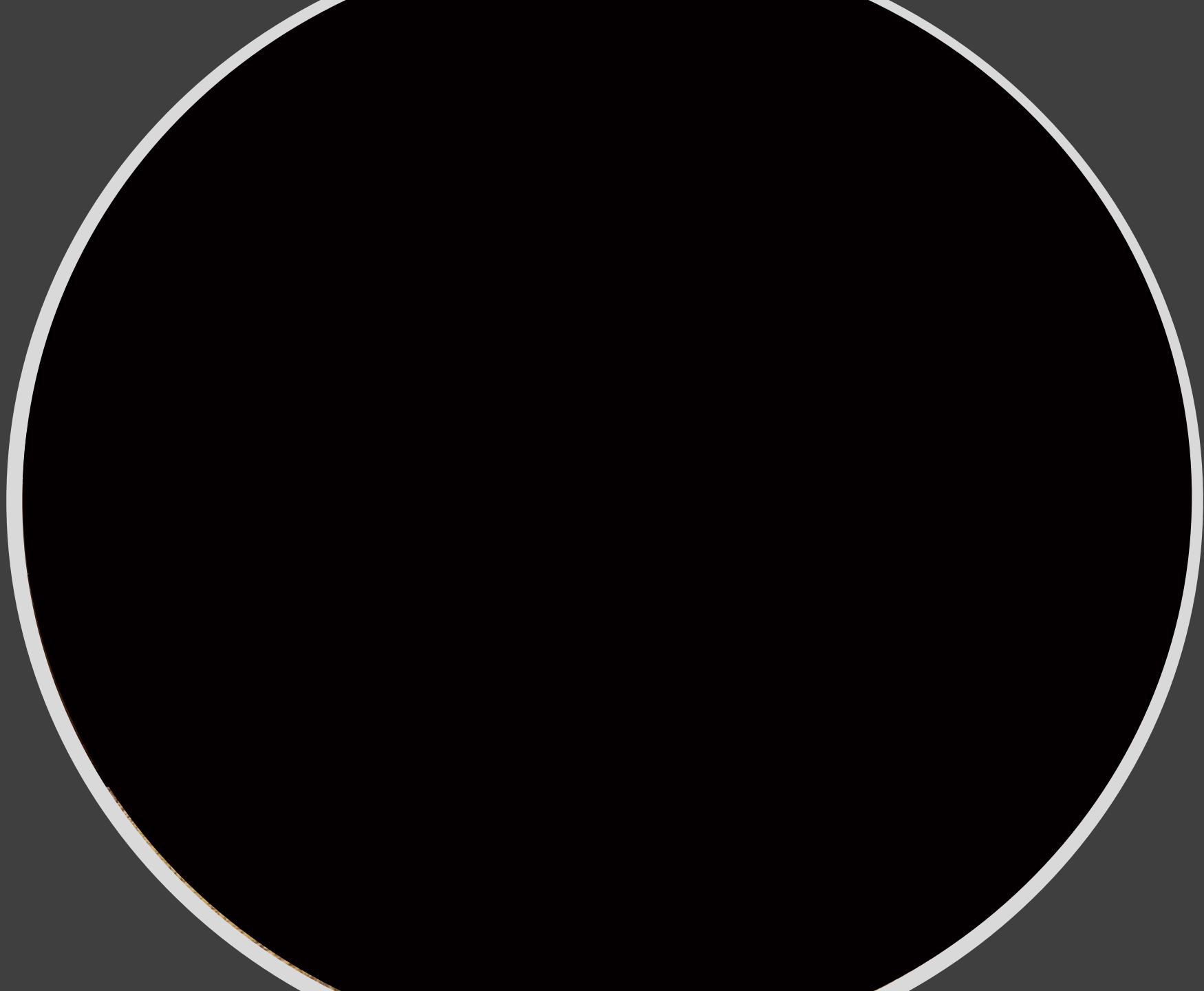




Snapshots of Jesus





What's the
significance of Jesus as
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14 times Mark or Jesus
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What

gives?

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“Son of man” was a common phrase in the days of Jesus, a way of referencing oneself or men in general

A historical reenactment of a busy ancient street scene. In the foreground, a woman in a yellow headscarf and a man in a blue robe are visible. A red and white striped awning covers a stall on the right. In the background, a large crowd of people in traditional robes and head coverings fills a dusty street between stone buildings. A rooster is on the ground in the lower right.

Rabbi Jacob makes a ruling

Rabbi Haggai hears and orders, “come and be scourged”

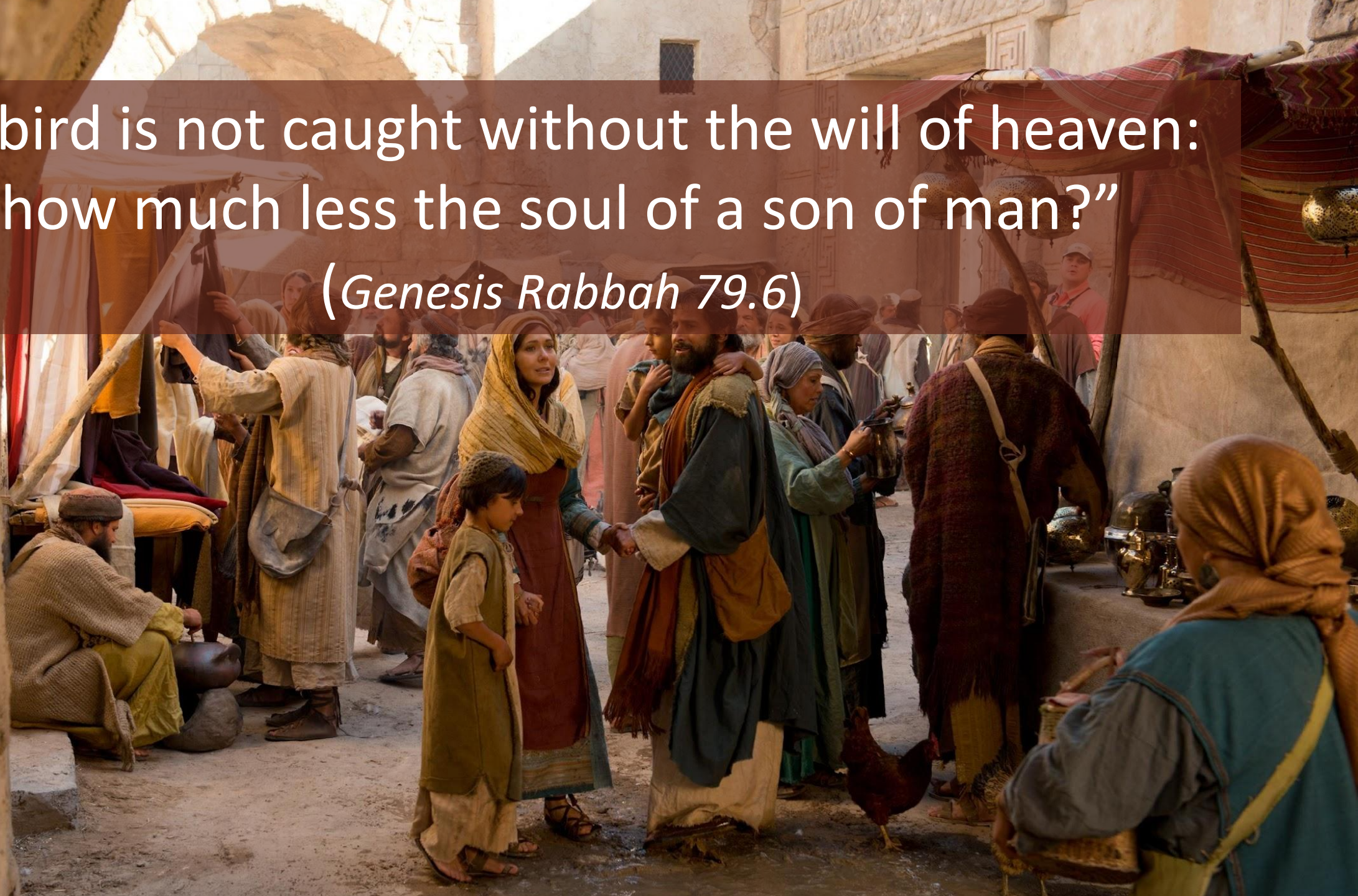
Rabbi Jacob says, “Should the son of man be scourged for proclaiming Scripture?”

Rabbi Haggai replies, “Yes, because you didn’t give the right ruling”

(Genesis Rabbah 7.2; Numbers Rabbah 19.3)

“A bird is not caught without the will of heaven:
how much less the soul of a son of man?”

(Genesis Rabbah 79.6)



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107 times in the Old Testament

**93 times in
Ezekiel**

**A profound
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Daniel 7:13**

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2:10, 28

**Present
activity**

Sufferings

**Future
vindication**

Mark 2:1-12 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak like

that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Mark 2:10-11 ...But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”

Mark 2:10-11 ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς _ λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· σοὶ λέγω, ἔγειρε ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ ὕπαγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου.

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**Present
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8:31

9:9, 12, 31

10:33, 45

14:21, 41

Sufferings

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In Thessalonica, “Paul ... reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that **it was necessary** (δεῖ) for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” (Acts. 17:2-3)

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Mark 9:31-32 ...he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “**The Son of Man** is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Mark 9:31-32 ἐδίδασκεν γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι **ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου** παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς μετὰ τρεῖς ἡμέρας ἀναστήσεται. οἱ δὲ ἡγνόουν τὸ ῥῆμα, καὶ ἐφοβοῦντο αὐτὸν ἐπερωτῆσαι.

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Mark 14:41-42 And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. **The Son of Man** is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Mark 14:41-42 Καὶ ἔρχεται τὸ τρίτον καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· καθεύδετε τὸ λοιπὸν καὶ ἀναπαύεσθε· ἀπέχει· ἦλθεν ἡ ὥρα, ἰδοὺ παραδίδοται **ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου** εἰς τὰς χεῖρας τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν. ἐγείρεσθε ἄγωμεν· ἰδοὺ ὁ παραδιδούς με ἥγγικεν.

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Daniel 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Mark 14:63-64 And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death.

Mark 14:63-64 ὁ δὲ ἀρχιερεὺς διαρρήξας τοὺς χιτῶνας αὐτοῦ λέγει· τί ἔτι χρεῖαν ἔχομεν μαρτύρων; ἠκούσατε τῆς βλασφημίας· τί ὑμῖν φαίνεται; οἱ δὲ πάντες κατέκριναν αὐτὸν ἔνοχον εἶναι θανάτου.



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Mark 10:43-45 ...But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:43-45 οὐχ οὕτως δέ ἐστιν ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ’ ὃς ἂν θέλῃ μέγας γενέσθαι ἐν ὑμῖν ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὃς ἂν θέλῃ ἐν ὑμῖν εἶναι πρῶτος ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθεν διακονηθῆναι ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

1 Pet. 3:18 ...For Christ
also suffered once for sins,
the righteous for the
unrighteous, that he might
bring us to God, being put
to death in the flesh but
made alive in the spirit...

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ἅπαξ περὶ ἁμαρτιῶν ἔπαθεν,
δίκαιος ὑπὲρ ἀδίκων,
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ζωοποιηθεὶς δὲ πνεύματι·

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