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Alexander of Alexandria on Salvation

We're sometimes asked "Are you sure the adoption of humanity is the gospel? I've never heard it before." That's why we like to bring in the thoughts of various theologians from throughout history to add to our understanding of the gospel.

This text is from an essay by St. Alexander, an early 4th century bishop of Alexandria. He was a participant in the Council of Nicea and the mentor to St. Athanasius of Alexandria - who succeeded him as bishop in 326. In this essay Alexander explains who Jesus is as the Man who is fully God, and what Jesus' life means for the salvation of humanity:

Then the Lord, the third day after His death, rose again, thus bringing humanity to a knowledge of the Trinity. **Then all the nations of the human race were saved by Christ.** One submitted to the judgment, and many thousands were absolved. Moreover, He being made like to humanity whom He had saved, ascended to the height of heaven, to offer before His Father, not gold or silver, or precious stones, but the humanity whom He had formed after His own image and similitude; and the Father, raising Him to His right hand, hath seated Him upon a throne on high, and hath made Him to be judge of the peoples, the leader of the angelic host, the charioteer of the cherubim, the Son of the true Jerusalem, the Virgin's spouse, and King for ever and ever. Amen.

~ *Epistles on the Arian Heresy*, "On the Soul and Body and the Passion of the Lord", para. 7.
(Emphasis is ours.)