

## Who is Christ? Lesson 4 – Jesus is Fully Human and Fully Divine

### Introduction:

- It can be difficult to get a precise understanding of how Jesus' humanity and deity fit together in one person.

### 1. Three inadequate views of the person of Christ.

A. It is heresy to believe that Jesus had a human body but His \_\_\_\_\_ was divine and not human.

- It is a heresy because it denies that Jesus was truly and \_\_\_\_\_ human.

**Luke 2.52** *And Jesus **increased in wisdom** and in stature and in favor with God and man.*

**Heb 2.17** *Therefore he had to be **made like his brothers in every respect**, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

- It wasn't just our bodies that needed salvation and needed to be \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ in His work of redemption, it was our minds too.
- Jesus Christ was truly and \_\_\_\_\_ a man, with a human body, mind, and soul.

B. It is heresy to believe that there were two \_\_\_\_\_ persons in Jesus: a human person and a divine person.

- It is a heresy because if Jesus is two persons, then the human person could decide to do something \_\_\_\_\_ to the divine person.
- Scripture teaches that Jesus was a single person that always acted in \_\_\_\_\_ and unity.
  - The Bible always speaks of Jesus as “\_\_\_\_\_,” not as “They.”
- Jesus is one \_\_\_\_\_ with two \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He did and endured everything, including His sufferings on the cross, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His divine and human natures.

C. It is heresy to believe that Jesus had only one nature, which was a \_\_\_\_\_ of His divine and human natures.

It is a heresy because it leads you to think that Jesus is neither completely God nor completely man.

- If that were true, then Christ's true humanity and true deity have been \_\_\_\_\_.
- If that were true, then He could not truly \_\_\_\_\_ us as a man.
- Nor could He be truly God and able to \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation.
- Jesus has two distinct natures that \_\_\_\_\_ their own characteristics and yet \_\_\_\_\_ together in one person.

2. Combining specific passages of Scripture on Christ's deity and humanity.

A. One nature does some things that the other nature does not do.

- Example 1: Jesus has returned to Heaven, and yet He is also \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

***John 16.28*** *I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."*

***Matt 28.20b*** *And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

***John 14.23*** *Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.*

- Example 2: Jesus was about thirty years old, and yet He has \_\_\_\_\_ for ever.

***Luke 2.41–42*** *Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.*

***Luke 3.23*** *Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph*

***John 1.1–2*** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.*

***John 8.58*** *Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."*

- **Example 3: Jesus was weak and tired, and yet He has \_\_\_\_\_ to do all things.**

**John 4.6** *Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, **wearied as he was from his journey**, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.*

**Matt 8.24** *And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; **but he was asleep**.*

**Matt 8.26–27** *And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"*

**Heb 1.3a** *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and **he upholds the universe by the word of his power**.*

- **Example 4: Jesus died as a man, and yet He did not die as God, but \_\_\_\_\_ Himself from the dead.**

**Luke 23.46** *Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this **he breathed his last**.*

**1 Cor 15.3** *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,*

**John 10.17–18** *For this reason the Father loves me, because **I lay down my life that I may take it up again**. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and **I have authority to take it up again**. This charge I have received from my Father."*

**Heb 7.16** *who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by **the power of an indestructible life**.*

- **Example 5: Jesus was tempted as a man, and yet was not tempted as God.**

**Heb 4.15** *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, **but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin**.*

**James 1.13** *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," **for God cannot be tempted with evil**, and he himself tempts no one.*

**B. Anything that either nature does, the person of Christ does.**

- Anything true of \_\_\_\_\_ nature of Christ is true of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

**John 8.58** *Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I am.**”*

**1 Cor 15.3b** ***Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,*

**Conclusion:**

- This is the most amazing \_\_\_\_\_ of the entire Bible.

**Heb 2.9** *But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

**Heb 2.14–15** *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, **he himself likewise partook of the same things**, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*