

FACTS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 1:18-25

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: It is impossible for all the things about Jesus to be known or even written down but a general outline about His existence and ministry is and therefore a general outline about some facts about Jesus is herefore presented. Pastors can use any part of this outline as led and therefore introduce it as they want.

I. THE GODLINESS (DEITY) OF JESUS

1. The attributes of Jesus are incommunicable.
 - He is self-existent (*Hebrews 7:3; John 5:26*)
 - He is immutable/unchanging (*Hebrews 1:10; 13:8*)
 - He is eternal (*Hebrews 7:3*); omnipresent (*Matthew 28:20*)
2. Jesus is involved in what God does.
 - He created the world (*John 1:3*)
 - He keeps the world going (sustains it) (*Colossians 1:15-17*)
 - He forgives sins (*Matthew 9:12*)
 - He will be the final judge (*John 5:22; Revelation 19:16*)
3. Jesus receives worship.
 - Angels worship Him (*Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 5:12-13*)
 - People worship Him (*John 9:38; 20:28; Matthew 18:9*)
4. Jesus has divine (Godly) titles.
 - He is called Jehovah (*Luke 2:11; 5:8*)
 - He is called the Son of God (*Luke 1:35; John 5:18*)
5. Jesus claimed to be God (*John 5:18; 8:24, 28, 58; 10:30-33*)

II. JESUS WAS/IS TOTALLY HUMAN

1. Jesus had/has human intellect. His wisdom "increased" humanly (*Luke 2:40, 52*)
2. Jesus had/has human emotions.
 - He loved (*Matthew 9:36; John 11:36*)
 - He experienced grief (*John 11:35; Matthew 26:38*)
3. Jesus had human will.
 - He didn't want to suffer (*Matthew 26:39*)
 - He determined to go to Jerusalem in obedience to suffer (*Luke 9:51*)
4. Jesus had a human body.
 - He was born physically as everyone else is born (*Matthew 1:18; Luke 2:7*)
 - He grew and developed as every human being does (*Luke 2:40, 52*)

5. He had normal human needs.
 - He needed food (*Matthew 4:2*)
 - He needed drink (*John 19:28*)
 - He needed sleep (*John 4:6*)

6. Jesus is called a man.
 - He called Himself a man (*Luke 19:10*)
 - Others called Him a man (*1 Timothy 2:5*)

III. WHY THE SON OF GOD (JESUS) TOOK ON HUMANITY (BECAME A HUMAN BEING)

1. Jesus left Heaven and God, His Heavenly Father, to become a human being for the purpose of:
 - Revealing God to man (*John 1:18*)
 - Taking away sin (*Hebrews 10:5-13*)
 - Serving as man's High Priest before God (*Hebrews 4:14-16*)
 - Serving as an example of obedience to God (*1 Peter 2:21*)
 - Fulfilling the Davidic Covenant - The promise of an earthly king in the lineage of David (*Luke 1:31-33*)
2. Some evidences of Jesus leaving Heaven and becoming a human being.
 - Jesus was born of a virgin.
 - He was not conceived by Joseph and Mary, for Mary was a virgin when Jesus was born. (*Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:27, 34*)
 - Jesus was conceived by the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - Mary's conception was totally God's work (*Luke 1:35*)
 - Jesus was a unique "holy offspring"- The Son of God (*Luke 1:35*)
 - Jesus' birth was miraculous (*Luke 1:37*)
3. To become a human being, Jesus, the Son of God, had to empty Himself (*Philippians 2:5-11*)
 - Jesus was truly God, existing in the form of God, but took on true humanity, the form of a servant.
 - Jesus temporarily surrendered the use of some of His divine attributes.
 - He chose to do it Himself
 - He did it obediently to be able to provide mankind redemption.
 - He could still use some divine attributes (Omniscience, Omnipotence)-miracles
 - Jesus took on a permanent human body.
 - His humanity was genuine ("form of a servant, the likeness and appearance of man)
 - He remains a human being as well as divine forever (*Acts 1:3, 9-11*)
4. The "Word of God" (the eternal Son of God) became flesh and dwelt among mankind. (*John 1:1, 14*)

IV. THE LIFE OF JESUS WHILE HERE AS A HUMAN BEING

1. Jesus life in Chronology:
 - Years spent in preparation for His ministry.
 - Birth to His baptism by John the Baptist (*Luke 1-3*)
 - Life through age 32 (*Luke 3:1, 2, 23*)

- His ministry years (age 32-36)
 - His early Judean and Samaritan ministry (*John 2:13-4:42*)
 - His Galilean ministry (*Mattahew 4:12-18:35; Mark 1:14-9:50*)
 - His Perea ministry (*Luke 10:1-19:28*)
 - The Passion Week including His post (after) resurrection appearances (age 35/36)
 - *Matthew 21:1-28:20; Mark 10:1-16:20; Luke 19:29-24:53; John 11:55-21:25*)
2. Jesus' functions/positions during His earthly life.
- Jesus was God's Prophet (*Matthew 13:57; Luke 13:33*)
 - He delivered God's message to man by constant teaching and preaching (*Matthew 7:29;11:1*)
 - He fulfilled the office of prophet predicted by Moses (*Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22-26*)
 - Jesus was man's High Priest (*Hebrews 4:14-16; 6:20-7:3; 216-28; 9:11-14; 10:11-14*)
 - As a human High Priest, Jesus experienced man's weaknesses and temptations.
 - As the sinless Son of God, Jesus, as High Priest, could offer Himself as the once-for-all sacrifice for man's sins (*Hebrews 7:26-28; 10:11-14*)
 - Jesus came as King (*Mattahew 27:11*)
 - As the King of Israel as predicted by the angel Gabriel but was rejected by Israel.
 - The Kingdom age is postponed until Jesus returns to judge the earth.

V. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

1. Proof of Jesus' resurrection.
- The tomb was empty and if stolen by the Romans, they could have produced His body to disprove any resurrection story. (*Matthew 18:1-4; 28:11-15; Acts 4:1-22; 5:17-60; 12:1-2*)
 - If His body had been stolen by His disciples, then who would be willing to die for a lie?
 - Jesus Christ appeared several times to His followers, over 500 at one time. (*Acts 2:14-42*)
2. The nature of Jesus' resurrection.
- It was a physical bodily resurrection, not a "spiritual or immaterial body." (*Luke 24:39-43*)
3. The importance of Jesus' resurrection.
- It proves that one can trust what Jesus has said. (*Matthew 28:6; 1 Corinthians 15:1-17*)
 - It proves the validity of trusting in Jesus' death/resurrection for man's salvation.

VI. THE PRESENT MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST (After ascending to heaven Jesus is still busy)

1. Jesus is building His Church (*Matthew 16:18*)
2. Jesus is leading His "body" the Church (*Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18*)
3. Jesus is praying for those who believe in Him.
- For their protection from Satan and sin (*John 17:15*)
 - For their unity (*John 17:20-23*)
 - For help in their times of need (*Hebrews 4:16*)
 - For their recovery from sin and continued fellowship (*1 John 2:1*)
4. Jesus is involved in answering believers' prayers (*John 14:13-14*)
5. Jesus is giving strength to believers in difficult circumstances (*Philippians 4:13*)

6. Jesus is enabling believers to be fruitful in their ministry (*John 15:1-16*)

7. Jesus is preparing a place for believers in Heaven (*John 14:3*)

CONCLUSION:

1. It would be impossible to list every detail of who Jesus is, what Jesus did when He was here, what Jesus is doing this very moment, when He is coming back for His Church.
2. This outline can help organize and direct the believer's thoughts about the life of Jesus.
3. Pastors can make several sermons out of this general outline.