

THE HUMANITY OF JESUS

1 Timothy 2:5 Hebrews 2:9-17 Galatians 4:4

Introduction: We think we know a lot about Jesus as we have heard the Christmas and Easter stories so many times as well as following His ministry with His disciples. He is super-human in many ways and He is seen to be patient, loving, committed and went through a lot of physical enduring things.

What difference to humanity does it make if Jesus is only God? He can't be our example. He couldn't pay for our sins, He couldn't defeat Satan by being resurrected for He could never have died, but Jesus was not only God, He was totally human, just as we are.

I. JESUS HAD A HUMAN BIRTH

1. Jesus was born of a woman - *Galatians 4:4*
2. Jesus was born of a virgin - *Matthew 1:18-2:12 Luke 1:30-38 2:1-20*

II. JESUS HAD HUMAN TERMS APPLIED TO HIM

1. He was called the Son of David - *Matthew 1:1; 12:23; 15:22* (the blood line).
2. He was called the Son of Abraham - *Matthew 1:1* (a descendant).
3. He was born of the Seed of David - *Romans 1:3* (fleshly trail).
4. He was a descendent of Adam - *Luke 3:23-38* (human geneology)
5. His birth fulfilled a Promise to Eve (*Genesis 3:15*) and to Ahaz (*Isaiah 7:14*) as the seed of a virgin woman.
6. "Jesus" is the Greek form of the Hebrew name, "Joshua."
 - A carpenter - *Mark 6:3*
 - A man - *1 Timothy 2:5*
 - Of flesh and blood - *Hebrews 2:14*

III. JESUS DEVELOPED AS ANY HUMAN DEVELOPED

1. He was an early home schooler - *Luke 2:40; 2:52; 4:16; John 7:15*
 - He grew as a child, matured, learned to read and write as the others of His time did.
2. He visited the Temple - *Luke 2:41-47* and was a big shock to the teachers there over His knowledge.
3. He knew the Scripture - *Luke 4:17; Matthew 4:4*
 - He learned at home.
 - He read the scriptures in the synagogues
 - He communed with God, the Father and studied the things of God.

IV. JESUS HAD THE SAME ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF HUMAN NATURE

1. He had a normal human body - *Hebrews 10:5; 10:10; Matthew 26:12; John 2:21; Hebrews 2:14*
- No one ever questioned His fleshly body.
2. After His resurrection, Jesus still had a human body but in a "glorified" condition.
- *Luke 24:39* there were scars from the wounds from the cross.
3. He had a soul - *Matthew 26:38; John 12:27; Acts 2:17-31* and Jesus sorrowed often.
4. He had a spirit - *Mark 2:8; 8:12; Luke 23:46; John 13:21* and knew spiritual things.

V. JESUS HAD THE NORMAL INFIRMITIES OF THE HUMAN BODY

1. He was tired - *John 4:6*
2. He was hungry - *Matthew 4:2; 21:18* (went 40 days without food during His "temptation.")
3. He was thirsty - *John 19:28* on the cross and at the Samaritan well.
4. He slept - *Matthew 8:24* on a boat.
5. He was tempted - *Hebrews 2:18; 4:15* in all the ways that everyone else is tempted.

VI. JESUS WAS KNOWN AS A MAN

1. Jesus called Himself a man - *John 8:40 "ye seek to kill me, a man, than hath told you the truth.."*
2. He was called a man by John the Baptist - *John 1:30 "...after me cometh a Man..."*
3. He was called a man by Peter - *Acts 2:22 "...Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God..."*
4. He was called a man by Paul - *Acts 13:38; 1 Corinthians 15:21; 15:47; Philippians 2:8 - "...that through this man is preached unto you forgiveness of sins..."*
5. He was known as a man - *John 7:27; 10:33 "...we know this man..."*
6. He was known as Jew - *John 4:9 "...How is it, thou being a Jew ask drink of me..."*
7. He was thought to be older than He was - *John 8:57 "...thou art not yet 50 years old..."*
8. He was accused of blasphemy for calling Himself other than "man" - *John 10:33 "...thou being a man, make thyself God..."*
9. He had the appearance of a man after His resurrection - *John 20:15; 21:4-5*
- He appeared as a gardener at the tomb, to the Emmaus disciples, to Thomas and others.

10. He appeared in human form in His glory - *1 Timothy 2:5; Matthew 16:27-28; 25:31*
11. He appeared in His bodily form in power - *Matthew 26:64-65*
- To Thomas, at His ascension into the clouds.
12. He will judge the world as a man - *Acts 17:31 "...by that man whom he hath ordered..."*

VII. JESUS DISPLAYED THE EMOTIONS OF A NORMAL HUMAN BEING

1. *Matthew 26:36; Mark 3:5; Luke 10:21; 22:44; John 12:27; 13:21-23.*
- He was depressed, sorrowed, had weakness of the flesh, was angered, was happy, was in agony, wept, troubled, loved, etc.

VIII. JESUS NEEDED SPIRITUAL HELP

1. He prayed - *Mark 1:35; Luke 22:44*
- Often and lengthy, as much as 40 days during His temptation and for hours many other times.
2. He was empowered by the Holy Spirit - *Acts 10:38 "...anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power..." "...the things I do are by the power of the Holy Spirit..."*

CONCLUSION:

1. Without humanity Jesus Christ could not be the perfect life example for us to follow.
2. Without humanity Jesus Christ could not have died the sacrificial death on the cross.
3. Without humanity Jesus Christ could not have been raised from the dead, defeating Satan and the grave and becoming the "first-born" of all the Saints to be also resurrected.
4. Jesus is God! Jesus is human! Jesus is our example! Jesus is our salvation!
5. What will YOU do with Jesus?