

#2 The Humanity of Jesus

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV) In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Question #1 = What exactly does it mean that Jesus was fully HUMAN?

1) Jesus was a **NORMAL GUY!**

<u>Isaiah 53:2 (NIV)</u> He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

2) Jesus lived a very **NORMAL LIFE**

<u>Luke 2:52 (NIV)</u> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

3) Jesus was **TEMPTED**

<u>Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)</u> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Question #2 = Why does it matter?

Hebrews 2:17-3:2 (NIV) For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. ^{3:1} Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him...

Reason #1 We needed a **HUMAN REPRESENTATIVE** to die in our place for our sins!

<u>1 Timothy 2:5-6 (NIV)</u> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

Reason #2 Jesus **UNDERSTANDS** what you are going through!

Reason #3 Jesus is our **EXAMPLE** of how to live an **OBEDIENT** life.

BIBLE READING PLAN				
	Sunday: Isaiah 66 Monday: Mark 1 Tuesday: Mark 2 Wednesday: Mark 3	_ _ _	Thursday: Mark 4 Friday: Mark 5 Saturday: Mark 6 Sunday: Mark 7	

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