

Christology: The Person and Work of Christ

Lesson 2: The Person of Christ – Humanity

Statement of Belief: Jesus Christ, the Son of God and second person of the Trinity, is fully man, having a human body, mind, soul, and spirit.

Question #1: How did the Son of God become human?

Jesus took on flesh (became human) in the *incarnation*, which means “in flesh.”

John 1:14; Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 2:14, 17

See also Matthew 1:23; Luke 2:11; Romans 8:3; Philippians 2:6ff; Colossians 1:22; 2:9; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 10:5

Jesus was born of the virgin Mary.

Old Testament references—Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6

New Testament references—Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:26-31; 2:6-7

Question #2: Is there evidence in the Bible that Jesus was human?

Human body pre-crucifixion. Matthew 4:2; Luke 2:7; John 4:6; 19:28

Human body post-crucifixion. Luke 24:39, 50-51

Jesus grew from infancy to adulthood. Luke 2:40, 52

Jesus experienced hunger and ate food. Matthew 4:2; Mark 11:12; Luke 22:19ff

Jesus had a human mind. Mark 13:32; Luke 2:52; Hebrew 5:8

Jesus had a human soul and emotions. Matthew 8:10; 26:38; John 12:27; 13:21

Question #3: Did Jesus sin?

The Bible affirms the sinlessness of Jesus

Luke 4:13; John 8:46; 15:10; 18:38; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26; 1 Peter 1:19; 2:22; 1 John 3:5

Question #4: Is Jesus still human?

Although Jesus' humanity had a beginning when he took on flesh and was born as a baby, his humanity will not have an end. Jesus will possess a human body (glorified) and nature through eternity.

Jesus appeared to his disciples as a man after the resurrection. Luke 24:39, 41-42; John 20:25-27

The angels testified that Jesus would return as he came. Acts 1:11

Steven saw Jesus as a man in heaven. Acts 7:56

Jesus appeared to Saul as a man in a vision. Acts 9:5; 1 Corinthians 9:1; 15:8

Christ will return as the "Son of David" and the "Son of Man." All eyes will look upon the one who was pierced. 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm. 89:2-4; 132:11; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 24:30; 25:31; 26:64; Revelation 1:7.

CONCLUSION: "All of these texts indicate that Jesus did not *temporarily* become man, but that his divine nature was *permanently* united to his human nature, and he lives forever not just as the eternal son of God, the second person of the Trinity, but also as Jesus, the man who was born of Mary, and as Christ, the Messiah and Savior of his people. Jesus will remain fully God and fully man, yet one person, forever." - Grudem

APPLICATION

Why is Christ's humanity important?
How does it help in everyday life?