

Jesus is GOD and MAN ~ John 1:1-3, 14

→Scripture Reading - Jn.1.1-3, Gal. 4.4-5, Jn. 1.14, Phil. 2.5-7

INTRODUCTION

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NIV) In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, [2] but **in these last days** HE has spoken to us by HIS Son, whom HE appointed heir of all things, and through whom HE made the universe. [3] The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the **EXACT representation of HIS being**, sustaining all things by HIS powerful word. After HE had provided purification for sins, HE sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

DEITY- Jesus IS identical in Substance with God, He is FULLY and completely God in every way

INCARNATION- God became man **the perfect union of Deity and humanity** in Jesus of Nazareth. HBD

They all **AFFIRMED** the mystery of the incarnation that Jesus, God incarnate, was one Person in two natures - perfect DEITY and perfect humanity. HBD

He WAS and IS GOD ~ John 1:1-3 (The DEITY of Jesus Christ - He is Fully God)

[1] **In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. [2] He was with God in the beginning. [3] Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 10:30 (NET) The Father and I ARE ONE.

Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV) He is the image of the invisible God, the FIRSTBORN over all creation. [16] For BY Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created BY Him and FOR Him. [17] He is before all things, and IN Him all things hold together.

John 14:9 (NIV) ...Anyone who has SEEN Me has seen the Father...

Philippians 2:5-7 (NIV) Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: [6] Who, **being in very nature God**, did not consider **EQUALITY** with God something to be grasped, [7] but MADE HIMSELF NOTHING, taking the **very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness**.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV) For **you know the GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that though he was rich, yet for your sake **HE became poor**, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

Jesus voluntarily chose NOT to use His privileges of Deity, such as His omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience, to make His way easier. He became tired when he travelled, He experienced hunger and thirst, and He grew in wisdom and knowledge. He did NOT surrender His divine attributes, He willingly submitted to NOT exercising certain attributes of Deity so that He could identify with man. Thiessen

IMPLICATIONS

→All things were CREATED by Him and FOR HIM

→If He Sustains ALL of CREATION - He can Sustain ME

Isaiah 40:26 (NIV) Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

>The Opposite of FAITH is NOT unbelief, or fear, or doubt, it is CONTROL.

He BECAME a MAN ~ John 1:14 (The INCARNATION of Christ Jesus - He is FULLY Man)

[14] **The Word became flesh** and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, **full of GRACE and TRUTH.**

In some manner His divine glory was VEILED, but NOT surrendered. He willingly left the riches of heaven to take on human poverty. He took on un-glorified human flesh which was subject to weakness, pain, temptation, and limitation. Thiessen

Galatians 4:4-5 (NIV) But when the TIME had FULLY come, God sent his Son, born of a WOMAN, born under law, [5] to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The VIRGIN will be with child and will give birth to a SON, and will call Him IMMANUEL.

Luke 1:35 (NIV) The angel answered, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Hebrews 2:14 (NLT) Because God's children are **HUMAN beings** - made of flesh and blood - **the Son also became flesh and blood.** For only as a human being could HE DIE, and only by dying could **He break the power of the devil**, who had the power of death.

In the Incarnation Christ did NOT surrender **any attribute of Deity**, but He DID voluntarily RESTRICT their independent use in keeping with His PURPOSE of living among men and THEIR limitations. Walvoord

IMPLICATION

→ Jesus always Spoke and Acted with GRACE and TRUTH

→ God's TIMING is Always PERFECT

→ Jesus has BROKEN the Power of Sin and Death

Heb. 2:14 ...only as a human being could HE DIE, and only by DYING could **He BREAK the power of the devil**

Who BREAKS the POWER of SIN and DARKNESS

Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King ABOVE all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace - This is unfailing love
That You would take my place - That You would bear my cross
You lay down Your life - That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for - All that You've done for me

TAKE AWAY??

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV) Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: [6] Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, [7] but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

[8] And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself** and became **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 CONFESS that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.