

Why did Jesus become a human?

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Jesus became a man for the following 8 reasons.

Reason #1 - To reveal God to mankind. Jesus is God's revelation to us.

John 1:18; 14:7-11; Colossians 1:15

Without Jesus becoming a man, mankind could not see God, but because Jesus has become a man, we now can see God. We can see God in the Person of Jesus Christ. God has revealed Himself through creation. He has revealed Himself through His Word, but ultimately, God reveals Himself in Jesus. If you want to know God, you must know Jesus. If you want to see God, you must look at Jesus. If you want to know what God is like, you must look at Jesus.

Reason #2 - To provide an example for mankind. Jesus is God's example for us.

1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6; John 13:14-16

The Bible does teach us that Jesus is our example. He is the perfect life. He is the God-pleasing life, and His life is an example for us. In His suffering for the sake of others and for the sake of honoring God, He has left us an example to follow. We should willingly walk through suffering if that means God will be honored and others will be blessed. We should live according to the Word of God, like Jesus lived according to the Word of God. He gave us the example. If Jesus never became a man, we would not have that example to look at and follow after.

Reason #3 - To be the anointed one of God - the Messiah/Christ. Jesus is God's man for us.

Psalms 2; Hebrews 1:5

Psalms 2 is a Messianic psalm. It speaks about Christ. The author writes about the Lord and His anointed. Psalm 2 is clearly discussing the anointed Messiah, and it speaks of Him as the Son of God. It also speaks of Him being the one in whom people are blessed in; they take refuge in Him. He is their security and safety. Hebrews 1:5 quotes from Psalm 2:7. Hebrews 1 is obviously talking about Jesus. Throughout the book of Hebrews, Jesus is understood as a man who is also the anointed God-man.

In order for Jesus to be the Messiah, He needed to be a man. The Bible is clear in its stance that the Messiah is a man. Jesus had to take on human flesh in order to fulfill His role as Messiah.

Reason #4 - To destroy the works of the devil. Jesus is God's Hero for us.

1 John 3:8; Genesis 3:15

Ever since the Garden of Eden, Satan has been at work in the lives of people. Satan's goal is to bring as many people with him to the Lake of Fire as He can. He is hard at work doing that.

Jesus became a man to put an end to that for those who believe in Him. Jesus became a man to live a perfect life. His life proved that Satan can't touch Him. Satan could not get Him to sin. Jesus needed to become a man in order to live a perfect life as a human and defeat Satan, and because of the life and death of Jesus, anyone who places their faith in Him can't be touched by the devil either. That is not to say that we who believe in Jesus will never sin, but it is to say that Satan can't do anything to prevent us from going to heaven when we die.

Reason #5 - To be a Sympathetic High Priest. Jesus is God's Perfect High Priest for us.

Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:23-28

Jesus is a sympathetic High Priest because He knows what it is like to be human. He knows what it's like to be tempted and tested. Jesus had to become a man in order to experience life as a human so that He can know how we feel in our hardships.

Reason #6 - To be a qualified Judge. Jesus is God's Judge of us.

John 5:22, 27

Jesus will be the judge of the living and the dead. He will judge believers and unbelievers. He needed to be a man in order to be a judge, because He needs to be able to stand before us and say that He did not sin even though He experienced what we experience. We can't stand before Jesus and try to justify our sin to Him on account that He doesn't understand our circumstances. We can't stand before Him and say, "You don't know what it's like." Instead, we will be before a judge who can say, "I know exactly what that is like." Jesus needed to be a man in order to be our judge. He also needs to be God in order to be our just judge. If He is not God, then He is not all knowing. If He is not all knowing, then He can't fully judge us with justice. But Jesus is God and He is the perfect man, and therefore, He is qualified to be our judge.

Reason #7 - To be the King of the Jews. Jesus is God's King for us.

2 Samuel 7:16; Luke 1:31-33; Romans 15:8; Matthew 27:11, 29, 37

The Davidic covenant was a promise given by God to David. God said that a King would come from David's offspring. This King would establish an eternal Kingdom through Israel. Jesus became a man so that He could be of the offspring of David. He became a man so that He could be Israel's King. He came in order to offer Israel her Kingdom. He was rightly fit in His birth to be King of the Jews, and He presented Himself as King of the Jews. But, the Jews rejected their

King, and the kingdom age for Israel was postponed until after the age in which we now live, the Church age.

Reason #8 - To be the acceptable sacrifice for the sin of the world. Jesus is God's Savior for us.
Isaiah 53:4-6; Mathew 1:21; John 1:29; 3:16, 17; Hebrews 10:1-10

Jesus had to become a man, because He had to die. Jesus became a man in order to be the qualified sacrifice on behalf of the whole world. If Jesus did not become a man, He would not be able to die. If He didn't have blood, His blood couldn't be poured out for us. If Jesus did not have a physical body, His body could not be broken for us. Jesus is the propitiation for the sin of the world. That means that Jesus, and His death on the cross, was and is the satisfactory payment. His payment satisfied God the Father. His payment satisfied the Father in such a way that God would remove His wrath from anyone who trusts in Jesus' work on that cross for them.

Why did Jesus become a man? We have seen that He became a man to reveal God, to be the example, to be the Messiah, to defeat Satan's work, to be a sympathetic High Priest, to be a qualified judge, to be the King of the Jews, and to be man's Savior.

Wow! It really is all about Jesus.