

Tonight we come to lesson #14 of our Christology series. Our topic of study tonight is Jesus - Forever Human. The technical term for this particular topic is called the perpetuity of the incarnation. In other words, in the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ was an still is a permanent condition. The second member of the Triune God became perpetually a man. Jesus Christ became a man forever.

When Jesus became a man, did He become a man forever? Or was it temporary?

DID JESUS BECOME A MAN FOREVER? YES. WAS IT TEMPORARY? NO. JESUS BECAME A MAN PERMANENTLY.

Now let's look at 5 Biblical reasons for why we believe Jesus came a man forever.

Reason #1 - After Jesus was raised from the dead, His appearance indicated that He was still a man.

Matthew 28:9 - Jesus had feet of a human after the resurrection. 28:9

Luke 24 - Jesus' body was not in the empty tomb. 24:3
Jesus joined to men on a walk. 24:15
Jesus sat down at a table, physically broke bread, and was recognized by others. 24:30-31
Jesus showed others His pierced hands and feet. 24:40
Jesus was given fish to eat and He ate. 24:42-43
Jesus lifted His hands. 24:50

John 20 - Jesus was capable of being touched. 20:17
Jesus breathed on His disciples and displayed His bodily wounds. 20:22-29
John recognized Him from a distance. 21:7

Reason #2 - When Jesus ascended to heaven, there was no change in Him being a man.

Acts 1:9 - Jesus was taken in a cloud. His human form did not change. 1:9

Reason #3 - After Jesus had ascended, the men who saw Him recognized Him as a man.

Acts 7:56 - Stephen saw Jesus standing. 7:56

Revelation 1:9-18 - John saw Jesus and described Him as looking like a man. 1:13-18

Reason #4 - In order for Jesus to currently intercede as high priest of the saints, He needs to be a man.

What does Jesus being an intercessor mean? Essentially, Jesus being our intercessor means that He prays to the Father on our behalf. Jesus prays for us (John 17:9). He speaks to the Father on our behalf.

Romans 8:34 - Jesus has a present ministry of intercession.

Hebrews 2:14-18 - In order for Jesus to be the high priest to God on behalf of mankind, He must be a man.

Hebrews 4:14-16 - Jesus is the high priest that fully understand life as a human. He knows what we need and He knows what to pray for.

Hebrews 7:23-28 - Jesus is the permanent high priest.

Hebrews 12:2 - Jesus has sat down in order to fill His ministry role.

In order for Jesus to fulfill His mediators role as our high priest and intercessor, He must be a man. He must be a man in order to represent man.

Reason #5 - The Bible indicates that He will return to earth as a man.

2 Samuel 7:12-16 - A descendant of David, a man, must establish a permanent kingdom.

Zechariah 12:10 - Israel will one day look upon the one who was pierced - Jesus. The nation will see Him and recognize Him.

Acts 1:11 - Jesus will come back from heaven in the same way He went into heaven.

We started with a question: Did Jesus become a man forever? After considering what the Bible says about Jesus after His resurrection, during His ascension, during His current ministry role, and in how He is described to return, our conclusion on this topic is that Yes. Jesus has become a man forever.

If there is one word I could use to describe this topic it would be this: HUMILITY.