

ANCIENT ANSWERS

modern questions

The Heidelberg Catechism in the 21st Century

LORD'S DAY SIX

16 Q. Why must he be truly human and truly righteous?

A. God's justice demands
that human nature, which has sinned,
must pay for its sin;¹
but a sinner could never pay for others.²

17 Q. Why must he also be true God?

A. So that,
by the power of his divinity,
he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity
and earn for us
and restore to us
righteousness and life.³

18 Q. And who is this mediator—true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ,⁴
who was given us
to set us completely free
and to make us right with God.⁵

¹ Rom. 5:12, 15; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16

² Heb. 7:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:18

³ Isa. 53; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:21

⁴ Matt. 1:21-23; Luke 2:11; 1 Tim. 2:5

⁵ 1 Cor. 1:30

19 Q. How do you come to know this?

A. The holy gospel tells me.

God himself began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise;⁶

later, he proclaimed it

by the holy patriarchs⁷ and prophets,⁸

and portrayed it

by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law;⁹

finally, he fulfilled it

through his own dear Son.¹⁰

Sermon Notes

The deliverer must be a _____ human and he must be _____
God.

_____ Human

_____ God

The _____ God-Man

How we come to know the God-man Jesus

It was _____

It was _____

It was _____

It was _____

⁶ Gen. 3:15

⁷ Gen. 22:18; 49:10

⁸ Isa. 53; Jer. 23:5-6; Mic. 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Heb. 1:1-2

⁹ Lev. 1-7; John 5:46; Heb. 10:1-10

¹⁰ Rom. 10:4; Gal. 4:4-5; Col. 2:17