

Paul's Testimony about Jesus

- Jesus as Savior (Acts 9; Eph. 2:8)
- Accomplished Redemption (Eph. 2:1-10; 1 Corinthians 15)

Jesus in the Old Testament

- The book of Hebrews illustrates how Jesus is better type in the Old Testament
- Better Moses
- Better Adam
- The true Tabernacle
- The fulfilment of the sacrificial system
- The fulfilment of the priesthood

JESUS HUMANITY

(Why was it necessary for Jesus to be human?)

The humanity of Jesus

- What does it mean for Jesus to be human?
- Why do you think it is necessary for Jesus to become a man?
- Why was it necessary to Jesus to become a man?

Jesus needed to become a man

- For Representative Obedience- Jesus obeyed where Adam utterly failed and disobeyed. Just as through the disobedience of one man many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one man many are made righteous. (Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 15:45,47)
- To be a Substitute Sacrifice- Jesus had to be made like us in every way to be an acceptable sacrifice for man, since it was man who rebelled against his Creator. (Heb. 2:14-17)

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- To be the One Mediator Between God and Man- We needed Christ to represent us to God and to represent God to us. (1 Tim 2:5) “Only someone both fully divine and truly human can effectually mediate between God and men.” C.J. Mahaney
- To fulfill God’s Original Purpose for Man to Rule the Creation (Heb. 2:8-9; Luke 19:17, 19; 1 Cor. 6:3)
- To be Our Example and Pattern in Life – Christ showed and taught us how we are to live. We have no better example to follow than in Christ. (1 John 2:6, 3:2-3; 2 Cor. 3:18, 1 Pet. 2:21)
- To Be the Pattern for Our Redeemed Bodies – Jesus’ resurrection body was the first fruits of those who will follow and be resurrected with Him on that last day. (1 Cor. 15:42-49)
- To sympathized as High Priest – Jesus has experienced our struggles and so he can understand what we go through. (Heb. 2:18, 4:15-16)

Fully Man: The Virgin Birth

- Scriptural evidence for
 - Isaiah 7 – allusion to Jesus' virgin birth
 - Galatians 4:4 “when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman”
 - Luke
 - The virgin birth made possible the uniting of fully deity and full humanity in one person” – Wayne Grudem

Fully Man: Jesus has a Body

- Luke says Jesus as a baby was placed in a manger
- Luke 2:40,52.
- Jesus' human body was just like ours: he hungered, he thirsted, he grew tired, he needed sleep, he bled, he died

Fully Man: Jesus has a Body

- Jesus “grew in wisdom”
 - This means Jesus had a human mind that developed, he had to learn how to eat, walk, talk, read and write
 - Jesus while in his body, had a limited knowledge. (Mark 13:32)
- Jesus had a human soul with human emotions
 - Matthew 8:10 – Jesus is “astonished “at the centurion’s faith.