

Jesus Christ

The Human

I. Virgin Birth

Verses:

Significance:

- Jesus was a real human. He was a tiny babe in the womb. A zygote, then a fetus. he had a umbilical cord and was nourished by Mary's body until he was ready to be born.
- Also, this real, genuine, full humanity was achieved without inherited sin. All human beings have inherited legal guilt and a corrupt moral nature from their first father Adam. The fact that Jesus didn't have a human father means the line of descent from Adam is partially interrupted. Jesus did not descend from Adam in exactly the same way..."¹ This is important because if he is born in sin as we are, he cannot pay our sin debt for us. The debt that would have been paid by him would have been his own. *Example*, Someone sentenced to death cannot pay someone else's death penalty for them. The penalty they pay will be their own.

II. Subject to Human Weakness and Limitations

1. Jesus had a Human Body

Verses:

Significance:

- He was a little baby who grew into a boy, who grew into a man, who felt pain when he hit his thumb with a hammer, he ached after a long hard days work, he was exhausted after long journeys, he was hungry when he didn't eat he was thirsty and experienced the desperate need of hydration after the long excruciating day culminating in His death on the cross. His body felt what our bodies feel when going through life.
- Romans 8:3-4--*For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*
- It takes a REAL human to pay for human sin.

¹ Wayne grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 530.

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2. Jesus had a Human Mind

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Significance:

- His humanity was not merely limited to his physical body. He had a human mind. He didn't walk right out of the womb quoting scripture. He had to learn how to eat, walk, and not go to the bathroom on himself. Mary and Joseph probably rejoiced the first time he said "mama" just like we do. He had to learn how to read, and write just like any school aged child. He had to learn his craft of carpentry just like any other young man.

3. Jesus had a Human Soul and Emotions

Verses:

Significance:

- Jesus felt what you feel. The full spectrum of emotions that you go through in life Jesus went through.

4. People saw him as a man

Verses:

Significance:

- Jesus was so very human that those who knew him best, the neighbors with whom he had lived and worked with for thirty years and his brothers who grew up in the same household saw him as an ordinary man, a very good man, but still just a man.²
- Jesus was so human that his disciples who followed him and obeyed him were not always aware of his divinity and were shocked when he flexed divine muscles.

III. Tempted yet Sinless

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² Ibid, 534.

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Significance:

- Had Jesus not been tempted he would not have been fully human and thus God punishing him for our sin would be unjust and cruel. If the temptations spoken of in scripture are not real because he isn't human enough to be tempted, then he is not human enough to be our substitute.
- Had Jesus not been sinless the wrath of god upon Him would have been for His own sin, not ours and we would be left to pay for our own sin and the end of our life. I can't pay for your sin before God with my life. Likewise, if Jesus had a sin debt, he could not have paid for your sin. People already death row cannot die for someone else. They can only pay their own debt.

IV. Jesus will be a human forever

Verses:

Significance:

- Clarification--Jesus does not continue on in frail weak human flesh as he did on while here on earth. He continues on in a resurrected, glorified human body.
- "Jesus did not temporarily become a man, his divine nature was permanently united to his human nature and he lives forever not just as the eternal son of God, the second person of the Trinity, but also as Jesus, the man who was born of Mary, and as the Christ, the Messiah and Savior of his people. Jesus will remain fully God and fully man, yet one person forever."³

V. Closing

³ Ibid, 543.