

Introduction

Christ: His Humanity and Deity

1. A Key Word:

Grudem's statement on this paradox:

It is by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible – far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing even than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become man and join Himself to a human nature forever, so that infinite God became one person with finite man, will remain for eternity the most profound mystery in all the universe.

How was Jesus fully human?

1. He was _____ (Mt. 1:18-25).

a. The virgin birth shows that salvation ultimately must come from

_____.

b. The virgin birth made possible the uniting of full deity and full

humanity in _____.

c. The Virgin birth makes possible Christ's true humanity without

_____.

2. He developed _____ (Lk. 2:52).

3. He lived for about _____ (Lk 3:23).
4. He experienced physical _____ (Mk. 15:37-46).
5. He experienced human needs and emotions such as sorrow (Mt. 26:37),
thirst (Jn. 19:28), fatigue and sleep (Mk. 4:38), hunger (Mt. 4:2), physical
pain (Mt. 27:30-32), and _____ (Heb. 4:15).

Despite being tempted, Jesus was _____.

In a life that spanned three decades, our Lord never entertained a thought, never uttered a word, and never carried out an action that was defiled by impure motives. He always honored His Father in heaven, always honored His earthly father and mother, never lusted, never uttered a word in sinful anger, never gossiped about or slandered His neighbor. He never stole, never lied, and never coveted. In short, He submitted to every commandment of the law of God without wavering. He loved the Lord with all His heart, soul, mind and strength, and He loved His neighbor as Himself. The Scriptures bear manifold witness to this truth, and it is one of the most profitable truths upon which we ought to meditate. – Nicholas Batzig

Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, The Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

Why did Jesus need to be fully human?

1. For _____ obedience.
2. To be a _____ sacrifice

How was Jesus fully God?

1. He was born of a _____. Jesus received full humanity from Mary, but He was without a sin nature as a result of His conception through the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18-25).
2. He made statements claiming _____ (Jn. 8:58, Ex 3:14).
 - a. He forgave sins and healed with the _____ of God in front of a great number of people (Mark 2:1-12).
 - b. He referred to Himself as the "_____, " a clear reference to the One described in Daniel 7:13-14.
 - c. He associated Himself as _____ with God the Father (John 14:8-11).
 - d. He clearly taught that the Old Testament scriptures were _____ (Luke 4:16-22).
 - e. He was killed because He wouldn't stop saying that He was God.
3. He possessed _____ (Mk 4:37-41).
4. He was _____ from the dead (Mt 28:1-6).
5. Scripture affirms Christ's possession of such attributes of God as:
 - Eternal _____ (Jn. 17:5).
 - Omnipresence (Matt. 18:20).
 - His work in _____ (Jn. 1:3).
 - He forgives the sins of people (Mk. 2:1-12).
 - He accepted and used _____ (Jn. 20:28-29).

Incarnation and Kenosis

1. Incarnation

Definition - The incarnation refers to the event in which God Himself entered into the world _____ (Phil. 2; Lk. 2:25-32).

- Key Passage dealing with the incarnation: _____
- Jesus is the “Word,” The *logos* of God.
 - In the Greek:
- Jesus “became flesh and dwelt among us...and we have beheld His glory” (Jn. 1:14a). God’s Son, Jesus, became flesh, unifying both the divine and human natures into one being. While Jesus was indeed God in flesh, He “took the nature of a servant” (Php. 2:7) **in order to display the immanence of God to humanity.**
- Indeed the incarnation signifies the true nearness of God in our fallen world. In accordance with the plan of God the Father, the incarnated Son was sent into the world to love, serve, die for, and ultimately save fallen sinners who could not be saved any other way.

2. Kenosis

Definition - The term *kenosis* comes from the Greek text of Philippians 2:7, which refers to the fact that the incarnated Son Jesus, eternally in the form of God (meaning “equal” with God) _____

_____.

How did Jesus, the eternal son of God, make himself nothing (empty himself)? He did this by:

- 1) Giving up of _____
- 2) Giving up His _____ of divine attributes.
- 3) Using His divine attributes progressively only in accord with the Father's redemptive purpose.

Why did Jesus need to be fully God?

1. Only someone who is _____ could bear the full penalty for all the sins of all those who would believe in Him.
2. Only someone who was truly and fully God could be the one _____ between God and man, both to bring us back to God and also to reveal God most fully to us.

This Mediator-ness is on full display in John 17, commonly known as the High Priestly Prayer. It encapsulates not only the humanity and deity of God, but also the heart posture of Jesus throughout His ministry and on the way to the cross.

John 17:

17 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I

have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.^[a] ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them^[b] in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself,^[c] that they also may be sanctified^[d] in truth.

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."