

UNIT 2: Getting to Know God the Son
LESSON 8: "Jesus' Humanity—The Son of Man"
DATE: November 1, 2015
NEXT WEEK: "Jesus' Work: Prophet, Priest, and King" (Acts 3; Hebrews 2; Revelation 19)

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What words would you use to describe humanity?

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WHO SAYS JESUS IS A MAN?

1. Eye-_____ (1 John 1:1-4)
2. Jesus _____ ("Son of Man")
3. Christ's own _____

"Hunger, He knows all about being hungry. Hurt, He knows all about being hurt. Sorrow, He knows all about sorrow. Disappointment, He knows all about disappointment. Death, He knows all about death. Tried as we are, that He might sympathize and understand; and be our faithful Mediator and Pleader, and High Priest for us." –W. A. Criswell (1909-2002)

WHO DENIES JESUS' HUMANITY?

1. **False** _____
 - a. _____ – *taught Christ only appeared to be human*
 - b. _____ – *denied incarnation and taught salvation by mystical knowledge*

2. **False** _____
 - a. _____ – *holds that Christ had human body but not a human mind or will*
 - b. _____ – *holds that Christ had divine nature that merged with human nature to create some mixture of the two.*
 - c. _____ – *holds that Christ had two natures, but each nature represented a distinct person.*

WHY DOES JESUS' HUMANITY MATTER?

The humanity of Jesus Christ is vitally important if we are to believe the gospel. To compromise His humanity is to remove an undergirding foundation of the faith.

1. Christ's _____ in our place (Romans 5:12-21)
2. Christ as our substitute _____ (1 Peter 3:18)
3. Christ as our _____ (1 Timothy 2:5)
4. Christ as _____ over creation (Matthew 28:18)
5. Christ as our _____ and pattern in life (2 Corinthians 3:18)
6. Christ as our _____ (Hebrews 4:15-16)

CONCLUSION

The incarnation is a profound reality. One could ponder this truth for a lifetime and only scratch the surface of this mystery and beauty. And yet it is like a key to a wonderful world of complementary truths. Once the lock is turned and this door is opened, everything else fits. Without the humanity of Christ, everything else comes undone.

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