



EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

BIBLE STUDY: THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

Man is incapable of fully understanding God. God is Holy and man is sinful. To bridge the gap between God and man, God took the form of a man in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is "the image of the invisible God ... For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell" (Colossians 1:15,19).

To be the complete expression of God, Christ had to be God. To be seen and understood by man, He had to be human. Jesus Christ has a dual nature—He is the God-man.

To begin understanding Jesus Christ, it is necessary to explore His **deity** and His **humanity**.

The Deity of Jesus Christ

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Some speak of Jesus Christ as a great man. To some He was the founder of a new religion. Others consider Him a prophet. But Jesus Himself claimed that He was God. If this claim were not true, He could not be called even a good man, but would be an impostor and a liar.

The writer of Hebrews discusses Christ's deity in Chapter 1. Read this chapter before answering questions 1-4.

1. Jesus' superiority to the angels is shown by:

Verses 4,5 _____

Verse 6 _____

Verses 13,14 _____

2. Look again at Hebrews 1:8-12. In the blank next to each statement, write the number of the verse that brings out the truth stated.

Jesus is the Creator _____

Jesus is unchangeable _____

Jesus is eternal _____

Jesus is righteous _____

3. What is one fact about Jesus mentioned in Hebrews 1:3 that enables Him to reveal God?
(There is more than one fact given in this verse.)

4. How does God address Jesus in Hebrews 1:8? _____

In Hebrews 1:10? _____

5. What did Jesus claim for Himself? John 10:28-30 _____

6. While on earth, Jesus performed many miracles which clearly demonstrated His divine power. From the following verses in Matthew 8, list the ways Jesus showed supernatural power.

Verse 3 _____

Verse 6,13 _____

Verse 16,17 _____

Verse 23-27 _____

7. What did Jesus do in John 11:39-44 that revealed His unique power?

8. After observing Jesus' life, power, and preaching, what did Peter conclude about Him?
Matthew 16:13-16

9. The chart on page 5 of this chapter illustrates how Jesus fulfilled prophecy. How do the verses in this chart influence your concept of who Jesus is?

10. Review questions 1-9. Give three reasons why you believe Jesus Christ is God.

The Humanity of Jesus Christ

11. How is Jesus' humanity seen in the following situations?

John 4:6 _____

John 4:7 _____

John 11:35 _____

12. Matthew 4:1-11 is the account of a series of temptations Jesus faced.

a. In each of His three answers to Satan, Jesus used the same phrase.

What is this phrase? _____

What does this phrase mean? _____

b. Draw a line to connect the verses in Matthew 4 with the corresponding verses in Deuteronomy.

Matthew 4:4

Deuteronomy 6:13

Matthew 4:7

Deuteronomy 6:16

Matthew 4:10

Deuteronomy 8:3

c. What is one temptation you often face? _____

d. How can you follow Jesus' example and arm yourself against this temptation?

Take time right now to pray:

- *Thank God that He understands what it is to be tempted.*
- *Ask Him for help to overcome this temptation.*
- *When you fail, be sure to claim His promise: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*
- *Thank Him for His mercy.*



13. What has Jesus experienced that is common to man? Hebrews 2:10

14. How does Jesus address believers? Why isn't He ashamed to address them this way? Hebrews 2:11

15. What are some results of Jesus becoming a man? Hebrews 2:14,15

Remember These Points:

- *Jesus Christ is the perfect image of God. As God, He has authority over the earth.*
- *Jesus was human, too. Many of His experiences were similar to those you have today. He suffered and was tempted. Though He never yielded, this allows Him to understand when you are tempted. When you fail, He forgives as you confess your sins to Him.*