

# Studying The Lord Jesus Christ

## Jesus as a Man

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In this lesson we are going to be dealing with the humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many people believe that Jesus Christ really existed in history but that he was a philosopher or prophet and not God manifest in the flesh. Now the truth is that Jesus Christ was both a man and he was God. We will look at the verse in our next lesson that clearly so him to be God, but in this lesson we will deal with the fact that Jesus was human just like you and I with the only difference being he never sinned.

When we say that Jesus Christ was both God and man that confuses some people. How could he be both? Now it is important to note that we are not saying that he was half God and half man like many other mythical being from history what we are saying is that he was as much God as he was man. The way that he was both is that God himself allowed himself to be manifested in the form of a man and be born of a virgin and grow as a child in the womb of Mary and then be born and placed in a manger and later grow up to be the Savior of the World. This is a pretty wild thing that God became a little baby needing to be cared for by a mother and then a child who grew up just like other children. This is why the word of God calls it a mystery in **1 Timothy 3:16**.

**1 Timothy 3:16** is one of the greatest verses showing that Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh, and it is no surprise that most of the modern day bible versions attack this verse. In most of the modern day bible version the word God is replaced by the word "he". The problem with this is that there is no way to know by the context who exactly the he is. That is why the King James Version says God therefore making it plain who was manifested in the flesh. Now according to **1 John 4:2-3** we see that anyone who says that Jesus is not God in the flesh is being led by the spirit of anti-christ. Therefore we see who is behind these new modern bibles. So Jesus was God manifest in the flesh which means plainly that even though he was God he was also flesh.

### Some Proofs for Jesus Christ being a Man :

#### 1) The scriptures (**1 Timothy 2:5**)

- Note in this verse of scripture Jesus is plainly said to be a man, and he is also called the mediator between God and man.
- One of the things he is called many times in the gospels is son of man. There are many scripture that show the humanity of Jesus Christ and we will see several others in the lesson.

#### 2) He was born (**Luke 2:7 ; Galatians 4:4**)

- Jesus had a mother and was born in Bethlehem according to the scriptures. The only difference between his birth and ours is that he was virgin born he had no earthly father.
- This means that he did not have the sin nature that we get from Adam (**Romans 5:12-15**). And when he was tempted he did not sin therefore he could be the one to save us.

3) He had flesh and blood (**Hebrews 2:14**)

- Here we see that he was flesh and blood just like everyone else. Remember he did not have the sin nature from Adam as stated earlier but he was still human just like us.

4) He died on the cross (**Luke 23:33** ; **Romans 5:8**)

- The fact that he died is one of the key facts that shows us that Jesus was human. Outside of going up in the rapture of the church every person on the earth will die at some point. This is shown in **Hebrews 9:27**.

Here we have some basic proofs for showing us that the humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next we will look at some of the human characteristics that he had and experienced because he was a man.

**Characteristics of man that we see in Jesus Christ :**

1) He hungered (**Matthew 4:2**)

- Here we see that after fasting for forty days and nights the word of God says that Jesus was hungry. Being hungry is a common trait among mankind everyone needs food. This is a very human desire which I am sure that Jesus suffered many times.

2) He was tired (**Matthew 8:24**)

- Here we see that Jesus was not only tired but that he was sleeping during the storm on the boat. Everyone knows how important rest and sleep are and as a man Jesus needed them just like as we do.

3) He was angry (**Mark 3:5**)

- Angry is a very common human emotion as we very well know and in this passage Jesus is said to look on the crowd with anger being grieved because of the hardness of their hearts.
- The difference with Jesus being angry is that he did not sin when he was angry as we do many times. It is possible to be angry and sin not and this is why it says “be ye angry and sin not” in **Ephesians 4:26**.

4) He wept at the grave of Lazarus (**John 11:35**)

- Here we see Jesus sorrowing over the loss of a friend whom he loved, and also he was sorrowful for the sorrow of others. This is a very human emotion and it is important that Jesus suffered it in that now he can comfort others during a time of loss as he knows exactly how we feel.

5) He prayed (**John 17**)

- In this chapter we see Jesus praying to the father. If the man Jesus needed to pray what does that tell us about ourselves needing to pray? It tells us that we should be in prayer to God as much as possible.

6) He was tempted (**Hebrews 2:18 ; 4:14-16**)

- These are two very important passages concerning the fact that Jesus Christ was tempted to sin. They show us that he was tempted in all points just like we are. He knows how it feels to be tempted to sin and therefore he can help us during our temptations, but we must diligently seek his help through prayer and the word of God to overcome our temptations and not rely on our own strength or power.

7) He learned obedience (**Hebrews 5:8**)

- One of the hardest things for children and adults is to learn obedience but here we see that Jesus learned obedience through the things that he suffered. Therefore we should be willing also to learn obedience through our suffering for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through looking at the Lord Jesus Christ as being a man we see two things that can help us in our daily walk with the Lord. The first one is that Jesus Christ was subject unto his heavenly father. Therefore every day we should desire to be subject unto God. We should seek his counsel in everything we do during the day and seek to do his will above our own (**John 4:34**).

The second thing is that when we look at Jesus Christ as a man he becomes more real to us, and the more real the Lord Jesus Christ is to us the closer our walk with him will be. We see that he knows the temptations we face and he knows what it is like to sorrow and be angry. You see Jesus Christ as a man experienced all the same emotions, disappointments, trials, joys, and every day things in life that we did. Therefore we have a savior that understands every heart ache and every trial and truly there is not better friend than that.

