

## **Christ the Man**

### **We know He is God but in what ways was Jesus human?**

- God (the Son) came into the world in the flesh (Jesus Christ).
  - John 1:1-3,14, Phil 2:7-8, 1 Tim 3:16
- Made like his brothers in all things. Heb 2:17
- He had a human and virgin birth. Matt 1, Gal 4:4
- He had a body, soul and spirit. John 2:21, Matt 26:38, Mark 2:8
- He had normal human development. Luke 2:40, 52
  - Read and discussed Scripture at the temple and synagogue Luke 2:41,46, 4:16-17
- He had human names. Jesus/Joshua, son of David/Abraham
- He had human sinless weaknesses John 4:6, 19:28 (weary, thirsty), Matt 4:2 (hungry)

### **Why does it matter?**

- 1 John 4:2-3 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist,
- 2 John 7 those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

### **How can learning how He was like us help us to be more like Him?**

- Perfected and learned obedience through sufferings.
  - Heb 2:10 to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.
  - Heb 5:8 He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.
- Sympathetic because He was tried/tempted in every way, without sin.
  - Heb 2:18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.
  - Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

What questions do you have, or what were you looking for from this class?

What are some trials you have?

What are hard things that have happened to you in the last few months or years?

**Jesus understands what He asks you to go through. He went through it.**

- He always bore to the end what the Father asked.
- He never took an ungodly shortcut out of a trial (yielding to temptation).

**Hungry** (Matt 4:2 And after He had fasted forty days ..., He then became hungry.)

**Called out and shamed** (Matt 4:6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God ...")

**Rights taken away, usurped** (Matt 4:9 "All these things I will give You, if ...")

**Spoken badly of** (1 Pet 2:23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return)

**Pained by suffering** (Luke 19:41 He saw the city and wept over it)

**Praised by crowds** (Matt 21:9 The crowds ..., were shouting, "Hosanna in the highest!")

**Hated by crowds** (Luke 4:29 drove Him out of the city, ... to throw Him down the cliff.

Matt 27:23 But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!")

**Depressed** (Matt 26:38 "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death")

**Deserted by all friends** (Matt 26:56 Then all the disciples left Him and fled.)

**Betrayed by a friend** (Lu 22:48 "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?")

**Denied by a friend** (Matt 26:74 "I do not know the man!")

**Falsely accused** (Mark 15:3 The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly.)

**Rejected over a criminal** (Lu 23:18 "Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!")

**Tortured** (Matt 27:26 after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.)

**Spat on** (Matt 27:30 They spat on Him)

**Mocked** (Matt 27:31 they had mocked Him; Lu 23:35,34 the rulers were sneering at Him. But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them")

**Forsaken** (Matt 27:46 Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")

**Jesus spent time with:**

**Rich** (Luke 18:23,24 he was extremely rich. And Jesus looked at him and said ...)

**Poor outcasts** (Matt 26:6 Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper)

**Religious leaders** (Lu 14:1 He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees)

**Prostitutes** (Luke 7:39 "this woman is who is touching Him, ... she is a sinner")

**Soldiers** (Matt 8:8 But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come ... ")

**Swindlers** (Matt 9:11 "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?")

**Jesus also enjoyed life here**

**Had great joy** (Heb 12:2 Jesus, ... who for the joy set before Him endured the cross)

**Appreciated creation** (Matt 6:26,28 "Look at the birds, ... Observe how the lilies")

**Loved children** (Luke 18:16 "Permit the children to come to Me")

**Had close friends** (John 15:15 "I have called you friends")

**Celebrated** (John 2:2-3 Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. When the wine ran out ... Matt 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking)

**Retreated** (Mark 4:36 Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat.

Luke 9:28 He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain.

John 21:4-12 on the beach ... Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast.")