



The Doctrine of God the Son

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic--on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg--or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great moral teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Jesus was fully human.

He had a human birth.

- *Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Galatians 4:4*

He demonstrated human growth.

- *Luke 2:52*

He experienced human emotions.

- *Grief (John 11:25)*
- *Sorrow (Matthew 26:38)*
- *Amazement (Matthew 8:10)*
- *Love (Mark 10:21; John 11:5, 13:1, 19:27)*
- *Wonder (Mark 6:6)*
- *Distress (Mark 14:33)*
- *Compassion (Mark 1:41)*
- *Anger (Mark 3:5)*

He had human experiences and needs.

- He was tired (*John 4:6*).
- He was hungry (*Matthew 4:2*).
- He was thirsty (*John 19:28*).
- He was in agony (*Luke 22:44*).
- He was tempted (*Matthew 4:1-11*).
- He died (*Luke 23:46*).

Jesus was fully God.

Jesus said he was God.

- *For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. (John 5:18)*
- *I and the Father are one. (John 10:30)*
- *Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. (John 14:9)*
- *I tell you the truth, Jesus answered, before Abraham was born, I am. (John 8:58)*

Others said that he was God.

- *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)*
- *So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord... (Philippians 2:10-11)*
- *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. (Colossians 2:9)*
- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. (John 1:1-2)*
- *Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)*

He is worshipped as God.

- Many worshipped him (*Matthew 8:2, 15:25; Mark 5:6; John 9:38*)
- He accepted worship (*Matthew 14:33, 28:9-10; John 20:28-29*)
- His disciples prayed to him (*Acts 7:59*)

He does what only God can do.

- He has the power to forgive sins (*Mark 2:1-12*).
- All judgment is in his hands (*John 5:27; Acts 17:31*).
- He sends the Spirit (*John 15:26*).
- He will raise the dead (*John 5:25*).
- He is the creator (*John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:10*).
- He sustains and holds all things together (*Colossians 1:17*).

Because he is fully human, Jesus understands our needs. Because he is fully God, Jesus can meet our needs.

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)