

9 – Jesus Christ: Two Natures

I. The Humanity of Jesus Christ

A. His Human Nature

- The humanity of Jesus Christ has seldom been called into question.
- In the early church, there were only two heresies that emerged concerning his humanity: Eutychianism and Gnosticism.
- Jesus Christ has become a true man in order to atone for the sins of mankind.

B. Proofs of His Humanity

1. He had a Human Birth

- Jesus Christ was born of a woman, who was a virgin.

Scripture Galatians 4:4 (ESV)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

Scripture Luke 2:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

2. He Experienced Human Development

- Jesus Christ experienced the ordinary development of human beings.

Scripture Luke 2:40 (ESV)

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

3. Essential Elements of Human Nature

- Jesus Christ has a physical human body.

Scripture Hebrews 10:5 (ESV)

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

4. Sinless Infirmities of Human Nature

- Jesus experienced weariness, hunger, and thirst.

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Scripture John 4:6 (ESV)

Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Scripture Matthew 4:2 (ESV)

And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Scripture John 19:28 (ESV)

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

- Jesus had normal human experiences such as he slept and faced temptation.

Scripture Matthew 8:24 (ESV)

And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

Scripture Hebrews 2:18 (ESV)

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

5. Repeatedly Called a Man

- Jesus was recognized as a man and was referred to as a man by others.

Scripture John 9:29 (ESV)

We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

II. The Two Natures

- The reality that Jesus Christ has two natures is a deep mystery.
- It is a difficult concept to understand that Jesus Christ is both human and divine.
- The two natures in Jesus Christ does not mean they combined into a third nature.

Scripture Colossians 2:9 (ESV)

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