

## **The Humanity Of Jesus**

### Part 4

#### **Introduction.**

1. For the past 3 weeks we have been studying “The Humanity Of Jesus.”
2. We have been seeking to study what the Bible reveals about the humanity of Jesus prior to creation until now.
  - a. Jesus is a Spirit being who became incarnate.
  - b. Though Deity, He had a physical body and was tempted just like we are.
  - c. He experienced pain, hunger and thirst and dead.
  - d. He was raised in His same physical body that died on the cross, and later was ascended to be with the Father in heaven.
  - e. He is now dwelling in heaven and reigning at the right hand of His Father.
3. I would like to conclude this series of lessons by making a “Special Study About The Physical Body of Jesus.”

#### **Special Study About The Physical Body of Jesus**

1. Some seek today to prove Jesus now has a physical and spiritual body in heaven.
2. They contend He is now fully God and fully man just as He was on earth.
3. Several scriptures are used in attempt to prove this.
  - a. One Scriptures is Acts 1:9-11.

Acts 1:9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Acts 1:10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

Acts 1:11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

- 1) The words “in just the same way” are understood to mean since Jesus was flesh at the time of His ascension that He will be flesh when He returns.
- 2) In other words He left as Deity in a human body and He exists now as Deity in a human body and He will return as Deity in a human body.

3) This is not what this passage in Acts 1 is teaching.

- The point is Jesus left the earth visibly with the clouds and He will return visibly with the clouds just as He left. (Matt. 26:64; Mk. 13:26; 14:62).

Matt 26:64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it {yourself;} nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

Mark 13:26 "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory.

Mark 14:62 And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

- The second coming of Jesus will not be some secret appearing since He is “coming in the clouds of

heaven. ddd  
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- This is also emphasized in the book of Revelation. (Rev. 1:7).

Rev 1:7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

b. Another Scriptures is 1 Timothy 2:5.

1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God, {and} one mediator also between God and men, {the} man Christ Jesus

- 1) “the man Christ Jesus” is said to be our one Mediator with God.
- 2) This is interpreted to mean Jesus is now “a man” as well as Deity.
- 3) This interpretation does not recognize the writers of the New Testament often keep the human description of Jesus because men do not understand spirit.
- 4) Human characteristics are often attributed to God though He is Spirit - eyes, hears, arms, hand, etc.
- 5) This interpretation is at odds with 1 Corinthians 15:50.

1 Cor 15:50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

- 6) One must read the verse that follows 1 Timothy 2:5 to understand the use of “man” in this verse. (1 Tim. 2:6).

1 Tim 2:6 who gave Himself [a man] as a ransom for all, the testimony {given} at the proper time.

- 7) This interpretation of Jesus being both God and man overlooks that Peter spoke of Jesus as a man in the

past tense. (Acts 2:22-23).

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--  
Acts 2:23 this {Man,} delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put {Him} to death.

8) Paul argued the "man Christ Jesus" died "for all" on the cross. (1 Tim. 2:6).

9) The "man Christ Jesus" did not die just for Jews, but He died for both Jews and Gentiles, that is, for all humanity. (1 Tim. 2:4).

10) Paul used what is called a "juxtapose" which is a contrast or comparison of two things.

- Jesus died not as a "Jew man" or as a "Gentile man," but the "man Christ Jesus" died for all. (1 Tim. 2:3, 4).
- The Hebrew writer also emphasized Jesus died for all. (Heb. 2:9).

Heb 2:9 But we do see Him who was made **for a little while lower than the angels**, {namely,} Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

- During the time of Christ's incarnation He was "a little lower than the angels" because He was flesh.
- Angels are not flesh and are not subject to death. (Lk. 20:36).

3. Another Scripture used to prove Jesus is now both God and man is Acts 17:30-31.

Acts 17:30 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all {people} everywhere should repent,

Acts 17:31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness **through a Man** whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

- a. This is understood by some to teach Jesus is now "a man" or One who is now both God and man.
- b. This is better understood to refer back to the man Jesus who was raised from the dead.
- c. This is what Paul was emphasizing here and in Acts 13 interpreting the meaning of the 16<sup>th</sup> psalm.

Acts 13:34 "{As for the fact} that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: 'I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY {and} SURE {blessings} OF DAVID.'

Acts 13:35 "Therefore He also says in another {Psalm,} 'YOU WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.'

- d. He is not seeking to prove Jesus is now a man, but he is emphasizing the man Jesus was not left in the tomb.
- e. God raised His Son from the grave and did not allow Him to see corruption.(Psa. 16:10).
- f. God raised Him up showing that He was Deity in the flesh, that is His beloved Son. (Rom. 1:4).

Rom 1:4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

### **Additional Arguments Against Jesus Is Now A Man**

1. Jesus “is a life-giving Spirit.” (1 Cor. 15:45).
  - a. Jesus was Spirit before His incarnation.
  - b. Jesus is now “Spirit” as is His Father.
  - c. He will raise up those who follow Him when He comes.(Jn. 6:39, 30, 44; 11:25).
2. Jesus is “the image of the invisible God,” and God does not have a human body.
  - a. **Flesh is not invisible, but Deity is invisible to human eyes.**
  - b. Flesh is visible and is subject to pain, disease, suffering, temptation, growing old and death.
  - c. Jesus is not now subject to any of these things.
3. Both the Father and the Holy Spirit are Spirit. (Jn. 4:24; Heb. 9:13).
4. The angels are spirits. (Heb. 1:14).

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

5. Those in the heavenly city are “spirits.” (Heb. 12:23).

Heb 12:23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of {the} righteous made perfect,

6. If the early Christians believed Jesus was still flesh in heaven there can be no doubt the antichrists would have denied this as well as His incarnation.
  - a. Gnostics believed flesh is evil and denied Jesus came in the flesh. (1 Jn. 4:3; 2 Jn.1:16).
  - b. They would have argued that God would never let sinful flesh enter heaven.
  - e. The fact they did not make this argument indicates they did not believe a fleshly Jesus was in heaven.

- 7 Flesh cannot enter heaven. (1 Cor. 15:50).

1 Cor 15:50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

- a. “Flesh and blood” means a fleshly body.
- b. A fleshly body is also described as having “flesh and bones.” (Lk. 24:39).

Luke 24:39 "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh

and bones as you see that I have." This includes Jesus now in heaven.

8. As Spirit, it is impossible for Jesus now to have a fleshly body. (Lk. 24:39).

Luke 24:39 "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, **for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.**"

9. Heaven is not a physical place.

a. It is a spiritual place that will never be destroyed.

b. The universe, the world and all physical things will be destroyed at Christ's coming. (2 Pet. 3:10-13).

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

2 Pet 3:11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

2 Pet 3:12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

2 Pet 3:13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

c. Physical things did not exist before material creation and they will not exist after Christ comes and the world and universe are destroyed.

10. Christians will have new spiritual bodies in heaven.

11. There is no logical or scriptural reason Jesus would be human and Divine now or in eternity.

12. In heaven we will not need a Mediator since sin will not exist, but we will praise the Father and the Son for saving us forever and ever in heaven. (Matt. 25:46; Rev. 22:5).

## **Conclusion.**

1. Here is a summary of the truth about Jesus and His humanity.

a. Because Jesus was once human He forever retains His human description even though now He is not human and has no human weaknesses. Jesus cannot be tempted, be hungry or thirsty, suffer, die, etc.

b. Jesus had the same physical body before and after His resurrection.

c. His physical body was changed into a spiritual body as He ascended into heaven. (1 Cor. 15:50).

d. Right now the body of Jesus is totally spiritual just as it was before His incarnation and in all eternity.

e. All physical things are temporal and corruptible, but the spiritual endures forever.

f. His resurrected body, that was flesh, is nothing like His glorious body now and what our body will be in heaven.

3. It is not necessary for Jesus to remain human and Divine now in heaven since His human experience let all know Jesus knows what it is like to be human. We know because of this He understands us and He

is able to aid us. (Heb. 2:18; 4:15).

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.

4. The Bible tells that Jesus “emptied” Himself by taking on flesh. (Phil. 2:5-8).

Phil 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Phil 2:6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Phil 2:7 **but emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, {and} being made in the likeness of men.

Phil 2:8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

a. “Flesh” is subject to temptation, pain, suffering, death.

b. Jesus is no longer subject to any of these things.

c. He is no longer in an empty or humble state, but He is now highly exalted at the right hand of God. (Acts 2:33).

Acts 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

5. He once was flesh and shared in our fleshly nature, but not now! (Heb. 2:14).

6. May all of us live in such a way that we will be with our Father and Savior forever and ever.

7. We can look forward to the time we will have a perfect spiritual body that will not know temptation, pain, suffering death. (Rev. 21:4).

Rev 21:4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be {any} death; there will no longer be {any} mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

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