

DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

THE HUMANITY OF JESUS

LESSON THREE - TEXT: PHILLIPIANS 2:5-8

INTRODUCTION: Do you know Jesus? In this series of lessons, we will try to shed some light on who Jesus is and was. And when you begin to study the person of Jesus, you can't get around the fact that Jesus performed many miracles. Now the word 'miracle' is often used very loosely today, but when Jesus performed a miracle it was something unexplainable and supernatural.

JESUS POSSESSED HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS

1. Jesus has a human family very similar to us.
 - a. Jesus had a human ancestry. Matthew 1:1-16
 - b. Jesus was given a human name. Matthew 1:21

JESUS - "THE SON OF MAN"

- ✓ One of Jesus' favorite ways to refer to himself was calling himself the "Son of Man."
- ✓ The phrase "Son of Man" emphasizes his humanity.
- ✓ Jesus is quoted 85 times in the King James Version of the New Testament using the phrase "Son of Man".

- c. Jesus had a normal human birth in Bethlehem to his virgin mother Mary and his step-father Joseph.
 - d. Jesus is a Jew who grew up in Nazareth, learned carpentry from his earthly father.
 - e. Jesus is the cousin of John the Baptist, who proclaimed the coming of the Messiah.
 - f. Jesus has a half-brother named James, who authored the Book of James, and was a leader of the early church.
2. Jesus had human problems very similar to most people today.
 - a. Jesus was born and raised in a poor home.
 - b. Jesus was misunderstood by His family and those of His hometown.

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- c. Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness for 40 days, at which time He fasted and prayed, and resisted temptation by quoting scripture.
- 3. Jesus had a human body just like all of us have.
 - a. Jesus was born of our flesh, of a woman and grew from a boy to a man.
 - b. Jesus had a body of flesh and bones and his veins contained blood. Luke 24:39, 1 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 2:14, John 19:34
 - c. Jesus had the same human needs to eat, drink, and sleep like everyone else. Matthew 4:2, Matthew 21:18, Mark 11:12
 - d. Jesus showed human emotions of love, happiness, sadness, and anger... but not fear, hatred, or pride.
 - e. Jesus also died. Matthew 27:50

WHY DID JESUS BECOME A HUMAN?

- 1. Jesus became a man so he could reveal God as the Father. John 5:19; 10:38
- 2. Jesus became a man to confirm God's promises. Hebrews 10:5-7
- 3. Jesus became a man to do the will of the Father and to glorify God.
- 4. Jesus became a man to show mercy, love and truth to the world. John 8:36
- 5. Jesus became a man to become a faithful High Priest.
- 6. Jesus became a man to deliver us from sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- 7. Jesus became a man to destroy the works of Satan. 1 John 3:8
- 8. Jesus became a man to give us an example of a holy life. Matthew 11:29; 1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:14