
 **The Incarnation**

The Reality of Jesus' Humanity  
(Part One)


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**Why this emphasis?**

- ❑ We have a tendency to depreciate or diminish the humanity of Jesus
- ❑ We have a difficult time relating to Jesus as our example


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**Assumption: The Trinity**

➤ *There is one God eternally existing and fully expressed in three distinct, equal persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*


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**Luke 1:35**

“And the angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.’”


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**Galatians 4:4**

“But when the fulness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,”

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**John 1:1,14**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...  
And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

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### Philippians 2:6-7

“who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”

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### Colossians 2:9

“For in Him all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form,”

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### 1. Definition:

➤ The act whereby the eternal Son of God, without ceasing to be what he is, God the Son, took into union with himself a human nature.

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### 2. Result: “*Hypostatic Union*”

➤ A human nature was inseparably united forever with the divine nature in the one person of Jesus, yet with the two natures remaining distinct, whole and unchanged, without mixture or confusion

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“...to be acknowledged in two natures without confusion, without change, without division, without separation, the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God, the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ...”

Council of Chalcedon (A.D. 451)

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### 3. Outworking in Jesus' life

- Jesus accepted the limitation or restriction of use of his divine attributes in order to live life fully as man
- In the consciousness of Jesus, the God-man, he accepted the limitations of what it is to be fully human

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### Illustrations

- Luke 2:52 – “And *Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*”

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- Mark 13:32 – “But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, *nor the Son, but the Father alone.*”

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### Conclusion

- Marvel at the humiliation of Jesus in taking to Himself a human nature and living by its limitations
- He did this out of love for our sake!

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