
 **The Incarnation**


The Reality of Jesus' Humanity
(Part Two)

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- 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 so that...
- in the one person of Jesus the two natures, God and man, are inseparably united forever, yet with the two natures remaining distinct, whole and unchanged.


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Jesus' Incarnate Life on Earth

- In the consciousness of Jesus, He accepted and lived by the limitations of His human nature, and restricted the use and reliance upon His divine nature *in order to live fully as a man*


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Jesus: Our Example

- Jesus lived exclusively for the glory of God the Father (John 4:34)
- Jesus lived in perfect obedience to God the Father (John 8:29)

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Jesus: Our Example

1. He lived in the power of the Spirit

- He was the "Spirit-anointed" Messiah
 - Isaiah 11:2 – "The Spirit will rest on Him..."
 - Isaiah 61:1-2/Luke 4:18-21

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Jesus: Our Example

1. He lived in the power of the Spirit

- He faced temptation in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:1-14)
 - He was "filled with" and "led by" the Spirit
 - He resisted the temptation to rely upon His divine nature to overcome His human need

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Jesus: Our Example

1. He lived in the power of the Spirit

- He performed miracles by the power of the Spirit (Matthew 12:22-28)
 - evidence that He was Messiah
 - evidence that the kingdom of God had come

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Acts 10:38

“You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

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Jesus: Our Example

2. He lived in dependence upon His Father

- He did and spoke nothing on His own initiative (John 8:28-29)
- He prayed often (Luke 5:16; 6:12)
- He relied upon the Scriptures (Luke 14:3-12)

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Jesus: Our Example

3. He learned obedience through suffering

- *Hebrews 5:7-9*
 - He learned to obey increasingly difficult demands of His Father
 - Made perfect – mature, complete in character

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1 Peter 2:21-23

“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example to follow in His steps,
 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth,
 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return;
 while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;”

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