

“No Crying He Makes”

Understanding the Miracle of the Incarnation

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This is how we can be sure that we are in union with God: ⁶if we say that we remain in union with God, we should live just as Jesus Christ did. 1 John 2:5b-6 (Good News Translation)

“As a disciple of Jesus . . . I am learning from Jesus to live my life as he would live my life if he were me. I am not necessarily learning to do everything he did, but I am learning how to do everything I do in the manner that he did all that he did.”
Dallas Willard, *“The Divine Conspiracy”*

Christ lived His life this way: He demonstrated a love relationship with Father God that reflected deeper and deeper levels of obedience.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT CHRIST’S HUMANITY?

- **Jesus was fully human.**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
John 1:14a (New International Version)

Since the children, as he calls them, are people of flesh and blood, Jesus himself became like them and shared their human nature. Hebrews 2:14 (New Living Translation)

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.
Luke 1:35 (NIV)

- **Jesus was fully human, but without inherited sin.**

So the holy one to be born . . . Luke 1:35b (NIV)

Therefore . . . sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned –
Romans 5:12 (English Standard Version)

WHAT ARE THE PROOFS OF CHRIST'S FULL HUMANITY?

- Jesus had a **human body** with all its limitations.
(See Luke 2:7, 40; John 4:6; 19:28; Matthew 8:24; Luke 23:26)
- Jesus also had a **human mind**.
- Jesus also had a **human soul and human emotions**.
(See John 13:21)

If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. 1 John 4:2b (NLT)

WHY WAS JESUS' HUMANITY NECESSARY?

- TO **TAKE OUR PLACE** ON THE CROSS AND ATONE FOR SIN.

Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone . . .¹⁶ . . . he came to help the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:9c, 16b-17 (NLT)

Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous. Romans 5:18-19 (NLT)

- TO BE OUR EXAMPLE AND **PATTERN FOR LIFE**.

(See 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:29; 1 Peter 2:21; Hebrews 12:2-3)

Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. ⁹And, once being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, . . . Hebrews 5:8-9 (ESV)