

Fully Human – Fully God

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Answer #1: **BECAUSE JESUS IS FULLY MAN, HE COULD BE MANKIND'S REPRESENTATIVE WHILE PROVIDING OUR EXAMPLE AND PATTERN FOR LIFE.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. Matthew 3:13-15 (English Standard Version)

"fulfill all righteousness" means something like: "This is the right way to complete God's whole saving plan."

Why is Christ's humanity so important?

- As our representative, Jesus demonstrated complete obedience.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Romans 5:18-19 (ESV)

- See 1 Corinthians 15:45-48
 - Jesus = "the last Adam"
 - Adam "the first man" and Jesus "the second man."
- Jesus had to be a man in order to be our representative and obey in our place.

- Jesus had to be human in order to be a substitute sacrifice.

Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters . . . Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:17 (New Living Translation)

- Jesus had to be human to be our example and pattern in life.

By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1 John 2:5b-6 (ESV)

. . . Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith . . . Hebrews 12:1c-2a (ESV)

APPLICATION TIP: Think of the most difficult situation in your life right now. How can you imitate Jesus' life and example in this situation?

Answer #2: **BECAUSE JESUS IS GOD THE SON, HE COULD BEAR THE FULL PENALTY FOR ALL SINS.**

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-17 (ESV)

Traces of three-fold-ness: Luke 1:35; Matthew 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:2; Titus 3:4-6; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:13-20; 12:4-6; Ephesians 2:9-22; 3:14-16; 4:4-6

The living God is not a solitary God. The living God is not an isolated God. For all eternity the living God has lived in relationship—indeed, has lived as relationship. At the center of the universe is relationship. From all eternity the living God has been community, family. For all eternity the living God has been infinitely pleased as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (From Experiencing the Trinity by Dr. Darrell Johnson)

Three Truths of the Trinity

- There is one God and only one.
- This God not only exists, but exists eternally in three distinct persons.
- The three persons are equally divine in essence and attributes.

Why is Jesus' deity so important?

- Only someone who is infinite God could bear the full penalty for all sins of all those who would believe in Him.
- Salvation is from the Lord – man cannot save himself.
- Only someone who is fully God could be the one mediator between God and man.

No one who denies the Son has the Father. 1 John 2:23a (ESV)

APPLICATION TIP: In this Holy Week, how can you delight in worshiping the Son of God?