

The True Jesus of Scripture III

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Throughout the last couple of articles we have been dealing with the true nature of Jesus. Based on a misunderstanding that cults have on Jesus' nature, they fabricate doctrines that actually contradict the Scriptures.

We are now going to get into Jesus' divine and human nature so that we might understand what the Bible teaches. Hopefully through this study our thoughts, our beliefs, our doctrines, and our reasoning will be in accordance with what the Bible teaches, and with what Christians have taught and believed throughout history. Let us first deal with the humanity of Jesus. One of the titles of Jesus in the Bible is 'The Son of Man.' This title refers to His human nature.

Jesus was not conceived by Joseph, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:30-35 says; "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Jesus was 100% man, but without sin (see Hebrews 4:15). Because He was fully man, His body was still subjected to what our body is subjected to.

He would get angry like other men: During the Jewish Passover, Jesus saw that the priests were robbing the people by making the whole sacrificial system a business. He angrily began to flip the tables and drive the people out of the temple (see John 2:13-17). Even though Jesus got upset for seeing that the priests were robbing the people, we must remember that His anger was a righteous anger.

His body would get tired like other men: John 4:6 says; "Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour."

Jesus would also cry like other men as well: John 11:35 says; "Jesus wept."
Jesus would also get thirsty and hungry like other men: (see John 19:28, Luke 2:42).
Jesus also died like other men die: (see Matthew 27).

Since Jesus was 100% man, He was also tempted like we were (Matthew 4:1-10). Therefore He understands temptation and is able to help us out when we go through the temptations (Hebrews 4:14-16). But because Jesus was holy and righteous in every way, he did not yield to the temptation like we would.

Having fully understood that Jesus was a man, let us now focus on His divine nature. Mathew 22:41-46 says; "While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him, Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions."

The above question is a question that must be answered by those who fail to believe that Jesus Christ is God. If the Messiah was from the lineage of King David, and by that the Messiah is his Son, then how does King David call his own son Lord saying, "the LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?"

The answer to that question is unavoidable. There is no way to explain it any other way but that Jesus Christ is fully man and fully God.

This is why the Bible calls Jesus God and Creator time and time again. The Apostles and disciples of the Lord believed that. This is what we will be dealing with in our next article.

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