

Jesus – The Man from Heaven

Introduction to the Class

1 Corinthians 15:47

John 3:31, 36

Lesson 1 – The Natures of Jesus

Question: How are the humanity and divinity of Jesus joined together?

Without ceasing to be divine, Jesus became a human being. Jesus is one Person who possesses two natures – human and divine – that are welded together without confusion, change, division, or separation.

John 1:1

John 1:2

Jesus is fully _____ and fully _____ (______).

Wrong Views Concerning Jesus' Natures

- ______ Jesus was divine but only seemed to have a human body.
- ______ Jesus was divine but did not have a human mind.
- ______ Jesus was two people living in His body, united only in agreement.
- ______ The human and divine natures combined to form one new nature.
- ______ Jesus is human and not divine.
- ______ Jesus is human and divine, just like all other people.
- ______ Jesus was only a good man who did not exist before His birth.
- ______ Jesus is not divine; He was one of the prophets.

Council of in their Definition of Faith (451 A.D.)

"Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Onlybegotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us."

So What?

Hebrews 2:14-18

For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Principle of : The troubling journey you walk is not exclusive to you. Jesus walked the path Himself. Jesus not only brings us aid in our sufferings and temptations, but even before He aids us, He is with us in our hardships. It will not feel like Jesus is present, but He is there, and He understands. You must walk your troubling journey by faith in Jesus.

Some of Jesus' Sufferings & Temptations

Suffered hunger (Luke 4:2).

Temptation to be controlled by His flesh (Luke 4:3-4).

Temptation to lust with His eyes (Luke 4:5-8).

Temptation to be proud (Luke 4:9-12).

Suffered rejection (Luke 4:28-30).

Suffered lack of thankfulness from those He helped (Luke 17:11-19).

Temptation to be controlled by anxiety or fear (John 12:27).

Suffered sorrow (Luke 19:41-44).

Suffered disrespect (Luke 20:1-8).

Suffered trickery (Luke 20:20-26).

Suffered plots of murder (Luke 22:2).

Suffered betrayal of a friend (Luke 22:3-6, 47-53).

Temptation to escape (Luke 22:39-46).

Suffered denial by a friend (Luke 22:54-62).

Suffered mocking, beating, and blasphemy (Luke 22:63-65).

Suffered shame (Matthew 27:27-31).

Suffered real aloneness (Matthew 27:45-49).

Suffered death (Matthew 27:50-54).

Suffered our sin (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Suffered God's wrath (Isaiah 53:5-11).

Songs of Praise to Jesus

- Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed by Isaac Watts
- In Christ Alone by Stuart Townend