

Who Is Christ?

Jesus needed to be fully man and fully God to act as the perfect mediator, fulfilling the requirements of both divine justice and human representation. As man, He could represent humanity and die in our place; as God, His sacrifice had infinite value to satisfy God's wrath, break the power of sin, and overcome death.

Jesus- Fully Man

To be a suitable substitute for Adam, and representative for Humanity: Jesus had to be human to represent the human race.

A. Possessed all the attributes of humanity

1. Virgin birth- (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew. 1:18)

2. Jesus had a human body born as a human baby. (Luke 2:7)

3. Jesus had a human mind increased in wisdom (Luke 2:52); learned obedience

4. Jesus had a human soul and human emotions

➤ John 12:27

➤ Matthew 4:2

➤ John 11:35

➤ John 4:6

➤ John 2:13-17

➤ Luke 10:21

5. Sinlessness- He made him who knew no sin to be sin for us 2 Corinthians. 5:21

Comfort comes when we know that someone actually understands what we are going through and knows exactly how we feel. Our Savior understands (Hebrews 4:14-16)

When Jesus was resurrected, He came back with a physical body. (Luke 24:39)

B. Why was Jesus' full humanity necessary?

1. Representative: To obey God on our behalf: (Romans 5:18-19)

2. Substitute: To die for sin in our place: (Hebrews 2:17)

Jesus-Fully God:

The second person of the Trinity has always existed as the Father's Son. Equally God. This is crucial for salvation and worship.

- **Infinite Worth of Sacrifice:** Only a divine, sinless being could bear the full, infinite weight of God's wrath against the sins of all humanity.
- **Ability to Conquer Death:** As God, He had the power to overcome death and rise from the dead, providing eternal life.
- **Perfect Obedience:** His divinity ensured his life was perfectly obedient and sinless, fulfilling the requirement for a perfect sacrifice

C. Direct Scriptural Claims

God's exact imprint means everything that makes God, God, was in Jesus. **(Hebrews 1:3, John 1:1-4, John 10:17-18)**

Jesus DID claim to be God as understood by His audiences

Matthew 7:21-23

Mark 2:10-12

Mark 2:24-28
