

## Doctrine 49 [Part 5: Redemption | Doctrine 3]: Jesus' Humanity

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In addition to being fully divine, the Bible also affirms that Jesus is fully human. Not only does the Old Testament affirm that the Promised One (Messiah) would be a man (Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Mic. 5:3), but the New Testament also affirms that Jesus' earthly life bore all the marks of being a human. He experienced the circumstances common to living as a human being, such as hunger (Matt. 4:2), thirst (John 19:28), weariness (Matt. 8:24), sorrow (John 11:35), and pain (the crucifixion).

### From the Bible

#### Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV)

**14** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

#### Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)

**6** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

#### Micah 5:3 (NKJV)

**3** Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel.

#### Matthew 4:2 (NKJV)

**2** And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

#### John 19:28 (NKJV)

**28** After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"

#### Matthew 8:24 (NKJV)

**24** And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

#### John 11:33–35 (NKJV)

**33** Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.

**34** And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

**35** Jesus wept.

### Hebrews 4:14–16 (NKJV)

**14** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

**15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Key Thoughts

There are two primary reasons Jesus' humanity is important.

1. As our substitute He died in our place and for our sins, taking the punishment we deserved. He did that as a perfect human being as much as He did it as God in the flesh.
2. Because Jesus is human, we can go to Him in our times of adversity and receive comfort because He understands us.
  - It is important to make a distinction here: he does not understand because He is Human, He understands us because He created us and as God perfectly understands everything.
  - The importance of His humanity is that it allows us to understand that He understands. Were He not human, we might be tempted to think He doesn't understand because He is not like us. He is.

### Additional Thought

in love the Master took us unto Himself; for the love which He had toward us, Jesus Christ our Lord hath given His blood for us by the will of God, and His flesh for our flesh and His life for our lives.

Lightfoot, J. B., & Harmer, J. R. (1891). *The Apostolic Fathers* (p. 78). Macmillan and Co.

### Additional Resources

#### 99 in :99 Youtube Video

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