

Biblical Topics

Son – Two Natures – True Man

Jesus Christ is also true man because the Scriptures...

- A. Expressly call Him man. At times Jesus called Himself the Son of God, but usually He referred to Himself as the “Son of Man.”
 - 1 Timothy 2:5: For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.
 - Matthew 9:6: But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.
 - Mark 10:45: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
- B. Ascribe to Him a human body and soul. Jesus was born of a human mother and grew up as a human being.
 - Luke 2:7: and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
 - Luke 24:39: Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.
 - Matthew 26:38: then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.
- C. Ascribe to Him human feelings and actions. Christ was in all respects a true human being. He was touched with the feeling of our infirmities.
 - Mark 4:38: Jesus slept.
 - Mark 4:2: Jesus hungered.
 - John 19:28: Jesus thirsted.
 - John 11:35: Jesus wept.
 - Matt26-27: Jesus suffered and died.

It was necessary for our Savior to be true man so that...

- A. He might take our place under the Law. In order to save man, it was necessary for Christ to do and suffer what man should have suffered. He had to become man that as man's Substitute He might act in man's place.
 - Galatians 4:4-5: But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.
- B. He might be able to suffer and die in our stead. By his sin man had deserved death. The justice of God demanded that this penalty be fully paid. To redeem us from the curse of the Law, Christ had to suffer death in our place.
 - Hebrews 2:14: Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil.

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