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How human was Jesus?

Q&A

- Okay, let me do this. We're way late. You're welcome. Questions. I'll hit a few. Questions on the humanity of Jesus. Yes, sir. How do we know that Jesus had brothers and sisters? How many of you grew up Catholic, and you're like, his mom was ever a virgin? We're gonna get into that in a future lecture. It's called *semper virgo*. This is inappropriate, but I will ask a few questions. If you are a single man and you marry a virgin, how do you feel about that? Great. If you are a married man, married to a virgin, how do you feel about that? Not as good. Amen? See where I'm going here? Like, can we take a vote? How many men are with me? I mean, I was expecting more of a response. So the teaching is that Jesus' mother, Mary, was always a virgin, *semper virgo*, which would mean that they had a really rough marriage. Right? Is it just me, or is this not obvious? I mean, we don't have any children in the room. And we all know how they got here. Okay, I'm just telling ya. And so the doctrine is, because again, people struggling with humanity and sin. And so, you know, if Mary was a godly woman, she certainly couldn't have sex. Well, yeah, God created the human body. He created marriage and he said that marriage was covenant and consummation. The two become one flesh. So what the church does, it comes along and it says, well, no, no, no, Jesus' mother was always a virgin, and therefore Jesus didn't have brothers and sisters. So there's a time when Jesus' family thinks he has lost his mind and they show up to take him home. Jesus, your mother and brothers are here to see you. They're like, "He keeps saying He's the Messiah. "It's really a thing. "Let's take him home, get him checked. "Maybe some meds, coat with no sleeves, "like tuck him in, you know, set him off to the side." And what He says is this, "My brothers and sisters "are those who do the will of God." So he defined himself by a spiritual family, not just his biological family. But his family came to pick him up. Okay? Also, we know that James and Jude, two authors of the New Testament, are Jesus' brothers. And we also know that they died martyrs' deaths, preaching about their brother, Jesus. And then Simon or Simeon, depending upon which ancient translation of the documents you use, stepped in and filled the role. So we know at least three names of Jesus' brothers. James and Judah are in the Bible and Simeon from church history who filled the gap. And it said he had sisters, plural. And I've got all this, I think in the "Spirit-Filled Jesus" book. There's a whole section in there. I'll give you a copy. But that means that Jesus had at least five half siblings, at least five. And so this was really helpful for us in raising our kids. 'Cause we'd ask, "Okay, what kind of sibling "do you think Jesus was? "How do you think he treated his brothers and sisters?" And I wanted them to see Jesus, not only at their age, but in their context with brothers and sisters and be like, yeah, Jesus probably didn't take the truck and hit his sister over the head. Yeah, probably not. You know? Yeah, Jesus probably didn't attack his brother. Yeah, probably not. All good little lessons for the kids. And so I'll give you a copy of "Spirit-Filled Jesus," but it's in there that Joseph and Mary, we'll get into this in the lecture on Jesus' virgin mother, they didn't have any relations until they were married. Until they were married. And then once they were married, they had a normal marriage that resulted in multiple children, multiple sons and multiple daughters, of whom Jesus was a half-brother, because he had an earthly mother, he had a heavenly father. They had both an earthly mother and an earthly father. And I'll close with this. Jesus was adopted by Joseph, which means that adoption is a really godly, beautiful thing. And that's the Father heart of God, who adopts us as His children.