

# HOW HUMAN WAS JESUS?

## What did Jesus look like?

- *Isaiah 53:2 - He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*

## What Does Incarnation Mean?

- *Matthew 1:23 (cf. Isaiah 7:14) - "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).*
- *John 1:1-3, 14, 17-18 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son... Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*
  - *Incarnation ("in" plus "carne") means "in flesh."*
  - *The Council of Chalcedon (A.D. 451) with over 100 theologians created the Chalcedonian Creed now accepted by all Christian traditions declared that Jesus Christ is one Person with two natures (divine and human) who is both fully God and fully man.*
  - *Theologians call this the "hypostatic union" as hypostasis means "person".*

## What are the two common errors about Jesus?

- *1 John 4:2-3 - By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.*
- *1 Timothy 2:3-6 - God our Savior...desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all...*
- *Error #1: Jesus is fully God but not fully man*
- *Error #2: Jesus is fully man but not fully God*

## How did God become a man?

- *Philippians 2:5-11 - Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

### **Did Jesus fully experience the normal parts of life?**

- Luke 2:40 - *And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.*
- Luke 2:52 - *And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

1. *Born of a woman*
2. *Had a normal body of flesh and bones*
3. *Grew up as a boy*
4. *Had a family with brothers and sisters*
5. *Obedied his parents*
6. *Worshiped God and prayed*
7. *Worked as a carpenter*
8. *Paid taxes*
9. *Got hungry and thirsty*
10. *Asked for information*
11. *Had male and female friends he loved*
12. *Gave encouraging compliments*
13. *Loved children*
14. *Celebrated holidays*
15. *Went to parties*
16. *Loved his mom*

### **Did Jesus fully experience the painful parts of life?**

- Hebrews 2:10 - *It was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.*
- Hebrews 2:17–18 - *He had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*
- Hebrews 5:7-10 - *In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest...*

1. *Financial problems*
2. *Satanic problems*
3. *PR problems*
4. *Legal problems*
5. *Relational problems*
6. *Emotional problems*
7. *Physical problems*

## Does Jesus have the full range of human emotions?

### Jesus' Emotions in Matthew

- 8:10 - "marveled" (ESV, NASB, NKJV), "amazed" (NIV, HCSB, NLT)
- 9:30 - "sternly warned"
- 9:36, 14:14, 15:32 - "compassion"
- 20:34 - "pity" (ESV), "compassion" (HCSB, NASB, NKJV, NIV), "felt sorry for them" (NLT)
- 26:37 - 38—"sorrowful and troubled"; "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death."
- 27:46 - "Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying... 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'"

### Jesus' Emotions in Mark

- 1:41 - "pity" (ESV), "compassion" (HCSB, NASB, NKJV, NLT), "indignant" (NIV)
- 3:5 - "anger, grieved" (ESV, NASB, NKJV), "anger and sorrow" (HCSB), "anger and, deeply distressed" (NIV) or "angrily...deeply saddened" (NLT)
- 6:6 - "marveled" (ESV, NKJV), "amazed" (HCSB, NIV, NLT), "wondered" (NASB)
- 6:34, 8:2, 9:22—"compassion"
- 7:34 - "He sighed" (ESV, NLT, NKJV); "He sighed deeply" (HCSB); "deep sigh" (NASB, NIV)
- 8:12 - "sighed deeply in his spirit"
- 10:21 - "loved" (ESV), "felt a love" (NASB), "with love" (NIV), "genuine love" (NLT)
- 14:33–34 - "greatly distressed and troubled . . . 'My soul is very sorrowful, even to death.'"
- 15:34 - "Jesus cried with a loud voice... 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'"

### Jesus' Emotions in Luke

- 7:9 - "marveled" (ESV, NASB, NKJV), "amazed" (HCSB, NIV, NLT)
- 7:13 - "compassion" (ESV, NKJV, HCSB, NASB), "his heart went out to her" (NIV), "his heart over-whelmed with compassion" (NLT)
- 10:21 - "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (ESV), "full of joy through the Holy Spirit" (NIV), "led with the joy of the Holy Spirit" (NLT)
- 12:50 - "Great is my distress" (ESV); "what constraint I am under" (NIV); "how distressed I am" (NKJV); "I am under a heavy burden" (NLT)
- 19:41 - "He wept."
- 22:44 - "in agony" (ESV, NASB, NKJV), "in anguish" (HCSB, NIV), "in such agony of spirit" (NLT)

### Jesus' Emotions in John

- 2:17 - "zeal" (ESV, HCSB, NASB, NIV, NKJV), "passion" (NLT)
- 11:3, 5 - "love . . . loved"
- 11:15 - "I am glad."

- 11:33 - "deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled" (ESV), "angry in His spirit and deeply moved" (HCSB), "groaned in the spirit and was troubled" (NKJV), "a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled" (NLT)
- 11:38 - "deeply moved again" (ESV), "angry in Himself again" (HCSB), "deeply moved within" (NASB), "again groaning in Himself" (NKJV)
- 12:27 - "Now is my soul troubled."
- 13:1 - "He loved."
- 13:21 - "troubled in his spirit" (ESV), "deeply troubled" (NLT)
- 13:34 - "I have loved you."
- 14:21 - "I will love him."
- 15:9-12 - "I loved you...my joy...I have loved you."

### **Does Jesus have a sense of humor?**

- Nehemiah 8:10 - "...the joy of the LORD is your strength"
- Ecclesiastes 3:1,4 - "there is...a time to laugh"