

What Do We Know About Jesus?

Some believe that he is a divine being and yet others believe that he was just a good man, what do you believe? And most important WHY? Let us turn to the word of God and see what is revealed for us. In Luke 24:39 we have this recorded by Jesus Himself; "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye behold me having." We see here that Jesus had flesh and bones a human characteristic. In Matthew 26:28, Jesus states; "for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins." This statement clearly shows that His body was full of blood, as yours and mine are. Based on these scriptures we can safely state that Jesus was a man.

But is that all we can state? Of course not. Look at what Jesus told Philip in John 14:9 "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father?"

Now here is an interesting point, if Jesus is like God the Father and we know that God is a Spirit; "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth." Joh.4:24

Does this not require Jesus to be a Divine being too? In the Old Testament we have an event foretold; "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."(Isa.7:14) The name Immanuel or as some versions have it Emmanuel means "God with us." In the New Testament we have this event taking place; "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us." (MAT 1:23). There has never in the history of the world been a child conceived in this manner.

Can I explain this event in every detail, No, I can only explain to some degree. That is, what God in His infinite wisdom revealed for us. Deu.29:29 "The secret things belong unto Jehovah our God; but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law. Please note what John recorded for us: John 1:1-2 "In the beginning was the Word, and

the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. (14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth." Then we have the statement in Matt.3:17 "and lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. It is quite obvious that Jesus is both God and Man.

If you have any doubts about Jesus being Divine, follow the principle that is laid down in the scriptures themselves, "By their fruits ye shall know them. Do {men} gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? (Mat.7:16) Look at Mark 2:1-12..... and he spake the word unto them. (3) And they come, bringing unto him a man sick of the palsy, borne of four. (4) And when they could not come nigh unto him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed whereon the sick of the palsy lay. (5) And Jesus seeing their faith saith unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins are forgiven...". Who can forgive sins? Not the priest, Not the Sanhedrin, The Son of God could.

Next week we will look at Jesus as Man. If you want to read some scriptures about this aspect of Jesus you can turn to the following scriptures: Philp.2:5-8, Heb.4:15, Heb.2:14-18, Joh.6:52; 7:15,46; 9:24,33; 10:41; 11:37; 18:40; 19:12; Heb.3:3; 10:12. These will give us a good foundation to build on.

We as followers of Jesus must understand our Leader and what He requires of us, to this end is why we print these articles, Not to pat each other on the back, but to server God and Christ in reverence, and in awe at all times.