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## **The Christ of Christmas – the Humanity of Jesus Christ**

Introduction:

Jesus' coming is the reason for Christmas.

Jesus' identity is at the heart of the Gospel.

*(John 8:24)*

### **Evidence of Jesus' Humanity**

His birth –

His growth and development–

*(Luke 2:52)*

His normal human experiences –

*(Matthew 4:2; John 4:6, 9; 11:35; 19:1, 28, 30;  
Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:24-37; 22:44; John 19:34;  
Luke 24:39; 42-43; John 20:27)*

He was called a man –

*(Matthew 4:4; 9:8; 13:54-56; 27:19-24; John 10:33; 18:29;  
Mark 15:39; Matthew 27:19-24; Romans 5:12-19;  
1 Timothy 2:5)*

## Teaching on Jesus' Humanity

John 1:1-2, 14 –

Philippians 2:5-11 –

1 John 1:1-3–

(Jesus' humanity in prophecy) –

*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23*

*Isaiah 9:6 ( compare 2 Samuel 7)*

1 John 2:22-23 –

*(Matthew 22:41; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:40-41;*

*Psalm 110:1)*

1 John 4:2-3 (2 John 7) –

## The benefits of Jesus' humanity –

Jesus' humanity ...

1. Provides for belief in the dignity and sacredness of physical human life.
2. Provides proof that sin is NOT essential to human nature (*1 Cor. 15:45; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15*).

3. Provides a sympathetic high priest for us (*Heb 4:14-16; 2:17-18*).
  
4. Provides a mediator between people and God (*1 Tim. 2:5-6*).
  
5. Provides an example to follow
  - of the attitude and glory of true selflessness and love *Phil 2:1-11; Eph 5:2, 25*.
  
  - of righteous suffering (*1 Pet 2:19-21*).
  
6. Provides a sacrifice for sin (*Heb 2:17-18; Rom 8:1-4*).
  
7. Provides a “captain” closely associated with us to lead us to glory (*Heb 2:9-11*).
  
8. Provides freedom from the power of the devil and destroys his work (*Heb 2:14-15; 1 Jn 3:8*).

9. Provides for our (physical and spiritual) resurrection  
(*1 Cor 15:21; Jn 5:21-29*).

10. Provides a man (Jesus Christ) to judge the entire  
world (*Acts 17:31; Jn 5:22; Psalm 110:1*).

Conclusion:

Abandoning the truth and denying a seeming simple doctrine can have catastrophic consequences.

*1 Peter 3:18*

### **Questions for discussion**

1. Have you ever stopped to think about the tremendous change that took place when Jesus became a man? What things changed?
2. Which of the “benefits” above are the most significant to you in your life right now? Why?
3. How does Jesus’ becoming a human dignify humanity?
4. What in this message was new to you or stood out to you the most?
5. If someone told you that they didn’t believe that Jesus was really human, how would you respond? What could you say to help them think through the ramifications of their belief?