

Our Lord took a body like to ours and lived as a man in order that those who had refused to recognize Him in His superintendence and captaincy of the whole universe might come to recognize from the works He did here below in the body, that what dwelled in this body was the Word of God.

- Athanasius of Alexandria @ 300 A.D.

He by whom all things were made was made one of all things. The Son of God by the Father without a mother became the Son of man by a mother without a father. The Word Who is God before all time became flesh at the appointed time. The maker of the sun was made under the sun. He Who fills the world lays in a manger, great in the form of God but tiny in the form of a servant; this was in such a way that neither was His greatness diminished by His tininess, nor was His tininess overcome by His greatness.

- Augustine of Hippo, Sermon 187 @ 420 A.D

One people picked out of the whole earth; that people purged and proved again and again. Some are lost in the desert before they reach Palestine; some stay in Babylon; some becoming indifferent. The whole thing narrows and narrows, until at last it comes down to a little point, small as the point of a spear—a Jewish girl at her prayers. That is what the whole of human nature has narrowed down to before the Incarnation takes place.

- The Grand Miracle by C. S. Lewis

“It is by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible—far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing even than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become man and join himself to a human nature forever, so that infinite God became one person with finite man, will remain for eternity the most profound miracle and the most profound mystery in all the universe.”

- Systematic Theology by Wayne A. Grudem

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man in one person, and will be so forever.

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Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

- Matthew 1:18

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

- Luke 1:35

...the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; *consubstantial [coessential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood...*

- **Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 451**

...according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in *two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably*; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God, the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ...

- **Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 451**

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Jesus had to be human and sinless to pay for our sins:

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- **Hebrews 4:14-15**

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

- **James 1:13**

Through centuries of debate, the consistent witness of the church is that Christ has two wills: a divine will according to his divine nature and a human will according to his human nature. Denying that Christ has a distinct human will and the ability to choose as a man according to it endangers the full humanity of Christ. Indeed, Scripture’s entire storyline requires an obedient Son who actively obeys as a man, and as such, a biblical Christology requires that the Son wills as God and also wills as a man.

- **God the Son Incarnate: The Doctrine of Christ by Stephen J. Wellum**

Jesus refused to rely on his divine nature to make obedience easier for him. In like manner, it seems appropriate to conclude that Jesus met every temptation to sin, not by his divine power, but on the strength of his human nature alone (though, of course, it was not “alone” because Jesus, in exercising the kind of faith that humans should exercise, was perfectly depending on God the Father and the Holy Spirit at every moment). The moral strength of his divine nature was there as a sort of “backstop” that would have

prevented him from sinning in any case (and therefore we can say that it was not possible for him to sin), but he did not rely on the strength of his divine nature to make it easier for him to face temptations, and his refusal to turn the stones into bread at the beginning of his ministry is a clear indication of this.

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For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

- **Hebrews 2: 18**

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

- **1 John 3:2**

No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

– **1 John 2:23**

In the NT seven times, in five books, by four authors Jesus is proclaimed to be God:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

– **John 1:1**

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

– **John 1:18**

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

– **John 20:28**

To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

– **Romans 9:5**

...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, –

II Titus 2:13

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

– **2 Peter 1:1**

But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

– **Hebrews 1:8**