

Jesus the true man... the new man

Luke 1:26-38

Discuss while waiting to begin

Read Hebrews 2:14-18.

- What different words and phrases describe the Son of God becoming a man?
- Why was the incarnation necessary?
- What here makes you want to praise and thank the Lord?

1. The virgin birth

- **a fact of history**

Luke 1:37, "For nothing will be impossible with God"

- **Jesus' family tree:**

real... polluted (Matt. 1:1-6)... needing a saviour (1:21)

- **but WHY incarnation and virgin birth?**

** born of Mary that his humanity might be true.

born of God that his humanity might be new. ** David Gibson

Luke 1:35, "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."

Unlike Adam – Romans 5:19, "By the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners."

- Hebrews 5:7, "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"
- John Calvin: "Whenever, therefore, all kinds of evils press upon us, let this be our immediate consolation, that nothing befalls us which the Son of God has not experienced Himself, so that He can sympathize with us; and let us not doubt that He is with us in it as if He were distressed along with us."
- Hebrews 2:18, "For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."
- Hebrews 4:15-16, ""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. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

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Q39: Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

2. The person and work of our saviour:

(a) Jesus the man OBEYS for us

- Galatians 4:4, "...God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law..."
 - His mission – Matthew 3:15, 6:17
 - Strengthened by the Holy Spirit (e.g. John 3:34, Hebrews 9:14)
 - Perfect obedience – e.g. in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-15), in Gethsemane (Luke 22:41-46)
- ➔ The 2nd Adam (Romans 5:18-19, 1 Cor. 15:45-47, Hebrews 2:10)
- Romans 5:19, "For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."

(b) Jesus the man DIES for us

- sin must be punished in the same nature in which it was committed.
 - Hebrews 10:5, "a body you have prepared for me"
 - John Calvin: "He did not refuse to bear the agonies which are prepared for all those whose consciences rebuke them and who feel themselves guilty of eternal death and damnation before God. Let us note well, then, that the Son of God was not content merely to offer His flesh and blood and to subject them to death, but He willed in full measure to appear before the judgment seat of God His Father in the name and in the person of all sinners, being then ready to be condemned, inasmuch as he bore our burden."
 - Hebrews 2:10, "For 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."
- ➔ Jesus was made like us so that he could die for us.