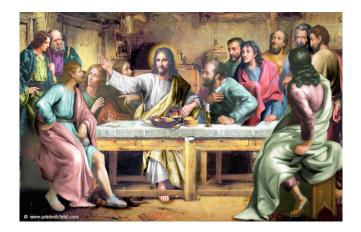


# The Humanity of Christ



# Why is it paramount to establish the humanity of our lord christ Jesus ?

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Pastor John MacArthur will take you through the book of Mark, passage by passage, so that you can better understand Mark's unique perspective and the astounding humanity of Christ.

Jesus amazes His followers—those in the past as well as His disciples today—as He teaches, heals, performs miracles, casts out demons, and raises the dead.

Mark's account shows Christ using every opportunity, despite resentment and persecution from His enemies, to show God's awesome power.

Through Mark's writings, we follow Jesus' very human pain, joy, and fervent dedication as He walks the earth, touches lives, and ultimately conquers sin and death through His crucifixion and resurrection.

## **Pastor Tony Evans, Sr:**

Jesus Christ is the very representation and likeness of God.

He was sent to show us the beauty and majesty of the King.

He did not make His debut on that first Christmas morning in Bethlehem because He existed before creation "in the beginning."

In fact, it was "through Him" that "all things came into being" (John 1:3 (NIV):

13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Even when we look back to the book of Genesis, we read that God said, "Let Us make man in Our image" (Genesis 1:26 (NIV) referencing the presence of Christ.

## Genesis 1:26 (NIV):

**26** Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,[<u>a</u>] and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

The Word John speaks of as he opens his Gospel presentation is none other than Jesus Christ.

We know this because later, in verse John 1:14(NIV), John tells us:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### Other bible verses that describe the Humanity of Christ Jesus:

#### Matthew 21:18 (NIV):

18 Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry.

#### Matthew 26: 26-27 (NIV):

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body. "27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

## Mark 6:3 (NIV):

3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph,[a] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

## Luke 2:7 (NIV):

7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

## Luke 2:52 (NIV):

52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

## Luke 3:38 (NIV):

38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

## John 1:14 (NIV):

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## John 4:6 (NIV):

6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

## John 11:35 (NIV):

35 Jesus wept.

#### John: 19:1-3 (NIV):

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe

3 and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

## John 19:28-30 (NIV):

28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty.

29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## Galatians 4:4 (NIV):

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

# Philippians 2: 5-8 (NIV):

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature[b] of a servant, being made inhuman likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!

#### Hebrews 2:9 (NIV):

9 But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

## Hebrews 4:15 (NIV):

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

#### 1 John 4:2 (NIV):

2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

## Why Does This Matter?

By entering the human arena, Jesus took up a war in the flesh. His life would be lived as a man with all of the struggles and temptations that are common to man (1 Corinthians 10:13), and no divine privileges would be taken.

## 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV):

13 No temptation[ $\underline{a}$ ] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted[ $\underline{b}$ ] beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,[ $\underline{c}$ ] he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

He bled real blood and suffered as a man though he could have cut short his torture with merely a glance toward heaven.

## Luke 22:44 (NIV):

**44** And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.[<u>a</u>]



Then following his death, he vacated the grave and met with the applause of the angels as the debt for Adam's race had been satisfied and hope was born.



Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV):

Jesus Has Risen

**28** After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

**2** There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

**3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

**4** The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

**5** The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6** He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

**8** So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

#### Jesus' Resurrection was witnessed by more than 500

## 1 Corinthians 15:6 (NIV):

**6** After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

This salvation was the work of a man, but not a mere man. Only a sinless sacrifice born of Adam's seed could reverse the curse which our father introduced into paradise. May our hope be renewed today by the reality that Jesus clothed himself with humanity in order that we might be clothed with his glory as we live out our days in the renewed, physical world where we were designed to live from the beginning of time.

Friends, one of the most relative attributes that directly relates to mankind, is that of all the Trinity members, one 1 can relate to all of our struggles, temptations, difficulties, anguish, pain, bleeding, and death, that's because the only person from the Trinity that experienced all of the aforementioned experiences was only Jesus, and that's why HE can relate to all of us!



Please remember friends, that You can't buy your way into heaven or out of hell.

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