

Study 4 – The Person and Work of Jesus Christ—Part 1

I. The Person of Jesus Christ

A. Definition: Jesus Christ is one person with two natures. Though always divine, in His incarnation He assumed a human nature and ever since is both truly and fully God and truly and fully man (except without sin!). He has both a divine and a human consciousness and will. There is no fusion of His two natures. For instance, He continued to know all things as God, but as man (the second or last Adam), he learned by the same processes as other human beings, only without sin.

B. Jesus Christ is truly God (divine).

1. Read Isaiah 9:6. How does Isaiah speak of Jesus Christ's divine nature? _____

2. Read Jeremiah 23:5-6. In verse 6, what name does Jeremiah use for Jesus Christ? _____

3. Read John 1:1. Who is the Word? What does verse 1 say about His divine nature? _____

4. Read Colossians 2:9. How does Paul express Christ's deity? _____

C. Jesus Christ is truly man (human)

1. Read John 8:40. What does Jesus call Himself? _____
2. Read Matthew 26:38 and John 4:6. What human traits did Jesus display in these verses? _____
3. Read Luke 24:39. How did Jesus encourage His disciples to believe in His post-resurrection humanity? _____

4. Read Hebrews 2:14 and 4:15. Why did Jesus take upon Himself a human nature? How was it like our nature? How was it different? _____

D. The Unity of the Person of Jesus Christ.

1. Read John 17:5. How does Jesus' prayer demonstrate the unity of His person? _____

2. Read John 3:13. How does this statement of Jesus demonstrate the unity of His person? _____
3. Read 1 Corinthians 2:8. How does this statement of Paul's demonstrate the unity of Jesus' person? _____

E. The Last Adam. Read Romans 5:12-21 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-24, 45-48.

1. Who is referred to in 1 Corinthians 15:45 as the Last Adam? _____
2. How is “the first man” characterized in 1 Corinthians 15:47? _____

3. How is “the second man” characterized in 1 Corinthians 15:47? _____

4. What did the Last Adam come to do? _____

II. The States of Jesus Christ**A. The Pre-Incarnate State.**

1. Before His conception and birth, Christ existed as the eternally-begotten Son, the second person of the Trinity, equal in power, substance, and glory with the Father.
2. Read Psalm 2:7. How does God refer to Jesus here? _____
3. Read John 1:1-3. What does this passage tell us about Jesus (the Word) before He came to earth in human flesh? _____

B. The State of Humiliation.

1. Read Phil. 2:6-8. What does this passage say about God’s Son becoming man?

2. His Incarnation. Jesus Christ was supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. He humbled Himself by adding a human nature to His divine person.
 - a) Read John 1:14. What did the Word (Christ) become? _____
 - b) Read Galatians 4:4. In what two ways did Jesus choose to be like us?

 - c) Read Luke 1:34,35. How did Jesus’ birth differ from that of all other human beings? _____
3. His Suffering.
 - a) Read Hebrews 5:8. What did Jesus learn through His suffering?

 - b) Read Isaiah 53:2-3. What are some of the ways the prophet predicted that Jesus would suffer?

4. His Death.
 - a) Read Isaiah 53:12. What was the purpose of Christ’s death, according to Isaiah? _____
 - b) Read Galatians 3:13. How did Jesus redeem believers from the curse of the law? _____

5. His Burial.
- a) Read Isaiah 53:9. Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be buried where?

 - b) Read Luke 23:33, 50-53. What facts are given here to show that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled ?

 - c) Why is it important to know that Jesus was buried?

- C. The State of Exaltation.
- 1. Read Phil. 2:8-11. Following Jesus' death on the cross, what did God the Father do for His Son Jesus?

 - 2. His Resurrection.
 - a) Read Psalm 16:10. What was prophesied of Christ here?

 - b) Read Romans 4:25 and 1 Corinthians 15:20. Why was Jesus resurrected?

 - 3. His Ascension.
 - a) Read Acts 1:9-11. What did the disciples see happen to Jesus Christ?

 - b) Read John 20:17. What does Jesus say he was going to do?

 - 4. His Session (seating at God's right hand). Christ will be visible to us in heaven because He has a resurrected, immortal body.
 - a) Read 1 Peter 3:22. How does Peter describe where Jesus Christ is today?

 - b) Read Ephesians 1:20 and 2:6. 1: Where is Jesus right now? 2: How do we share in Christ's exaltation in God's presence? 1. _____
2: _____
 - c) Read Hebrews 10:12. What does Jesus' posture as 'sitting' imply?

 - 5. His Second Coming.
 - a) Read Acts 1:11. What does the angel promise the disciples?

 - b) Read Revelation 1:7. What will Jesus' return be like?

III. The Offices of Jesus Christ**A. His Prophetic Office.** Christ Jesus is our Prophet who reveals God and His truth to us.

1. Read Deuteronomy 8:15 and Acts 3:19-22. What does Moses say about Jesus?

2. Read Luke 7:16. Who did Jesus' hearers say Jesus was?

B. His Priestly Office. Christ Jesus is our mediator who both offers the sacrifice of Himself for our and makes intercession for us. Only because He is both God and man is His priestly work sufficient and able to save His people.

1. Read Psalm 110:4. What is prophesied of Christ here?

2. Read Hebrews 3:1 and 4:14. Who do these verses say Jesus is for us?

3. Read Mark 10:45 as John 1:29. As High Priest, what sacrifice does Jesus offer for us? What does it accomplish?

4. Read Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 7:25. What do these verses teach that Jesus, our High Priest, does on our behalf?

C. His Kingly Office. As our King, Christ Jesus rules as head of His Church and, indeed, as king over all creation.

1. Read 2 Samuel 7:12, 13. What does God promise to David and his descendents?

2. Read Isaiah 9:7. How does this prophecy of Jesus Christ speak to His office as a king? _____

3. Read Luke 1:32,33. How are the Old Testament prophecies of Christ fulfilled here? _____

4. Read Matthew 28:18 and Ephesians 1:22. How much authority does Jesus have and how does this authority relate to His Church?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:25. How long will Jesus reign as king over His Church?
