



Part 3 | Human

While Christians will often talk about the divinity of Jesus and his sinless life, we don't often talk about the humanity of Jesus. And while it is true that Jesus is God in human flesh and that he is sinless, it is also true that he was fully human. We shouldn't rush past the reality of Jesus' humanity, for it is his humanity that brings him close to us.

Bottom Line: Jesus understands us not because he is God, but because Jesus is human.

Discussion Questions

1. In the past, which aspect about Jesus have you spent more time thinking: his humanity or his divinity? Why? What questions about each have you had?
2. What if God had sent an angel instead of Jesus? How may have that affected people's response to the message from Heaven? Would people be more drawn to an angel? Why or why not?
3. In the message, we were walked through various aspects of Jesus' experience where it was less than wrinkle-free: the circumstances surrounding his birth, being a fugitive from Herod the Great, his blended family, being raised in a single parent family, and the betrayal of Judas. Which of Jesus' experiences were new thoughts to you? How do the realities of Jesus' experiences encourage you?
4. Read Hebrews 2:14-18. In what ways is Jesus like us (list as many as you can)?
 - a) What difference does it make that Jesus experienced death (v. 14-15)?
 - b) Why is it significant to you that Jesus faced temptation (v. 18)?
 - c) How may the humanity of Jesus make him "merciful" to us and "faithful" to God (v. 17)? How may his temptations affect the way he represents us before God as our high priest?

Moving Forward

1. What has been the most helpful or encouraging thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
2. What areas of your life do you need to entrust to your understanding, merciful, and powerful savior?
3. Knowing that Jesus understands your temptations, how can you responding differently today to the difficulties you face?
4. How can this group encourage or support you this week?