

18 October

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Seeing Jesus as the God-Man

 Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man; the God-Man?
2. What does Isaiah 53:2; tell us about the appearance of Jesus? (**There was nothing beautiful or majestic about His appearance, nothing to attract us to Him - NLT**).
3. According to Matthew 1:23; what is the meaning of the name Emmanuel? (**God with us**).
4. How did God become a human being? (**See Philipians 2:5 – 11**).

 Let's go deeper

5. According to Luke 2:40; 52; in what ways did Jesus experience normal human life? (**He grew physically, emotionally and spiritually**).
6. What does Matthew 9:9 – 11; John 2:1 – 11 and Luke 19:1 - 10; tell us about Jesus? (**Jesus was invited for meals and weddings**).
7. Did Jesus experience pain and suffering on earth? (**Yes, see Hebrews 2:10; 17 – 18; Hebrews 5:7 – 10 and Isaiah 53:3**).
8. Why is it NB that Jesus is fully Man and fully God? (**To mediate between us and God, Jesus had to be fully God and fully man. If he's not fully God, He can't reconcile us to God. If He's not fully man, He can't represent mankind**).

 Let's apply this

9. 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.

Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, and He can empathize with us in our temptation. Jesus is back on His throne, and in one hand He has grace, in the other hand He has mercy. And what He says is this; "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

- **Where do you need, grace, mercy, sympathy or empathy?**

SUMMARY:

- **How human was Jesus?**

What did Jesus look like? Read: Isaiah 53:2

What Does Incarnation Mean? Read: Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 7:14; John 1:1-3, 14-18.
- Incarnation ("in" plus "carne") means "in flesh."
- Theologians call this the "hypostatic union" as hypostasis means "person".

What are the two common errors about Jesus? Read: 1 John 4:2 – 3; 1 Tim. 2:3 – 6.
Error 1: Jesus is fully God, but not fully man.
Error 2: Jesus is fully man, but not fully God.

How did God become a human being? Read: Philipians 2:5 – 11

Did Jesus fully experience normal human life? Read: Luke 2:40 and Luke 2:52.

1. Born of a woman
2. Had a normal body of flesh and bones
3. Grew up as a boy
4. Had a family with brothers and sisters
5. Obeyed his parents
6. Worshipped God and prayed
7. Worked as a carpenter
8. Paid taxes
9. Got hungry and thirsty
10. Asked for information
11. Had male and female friends he loved
12. Gave encouraging compliments
13. Loved children
14. Went to weddings.

Did Jesus fully experience the painful parts of life?

Read: Hebrews 2:10 and Hebrews 2:17 – 18 and Hebrews 5:7-10.

Yes, He suffered:

1. Financially – (Matthew 17:24 – 27; Matt.27:59 – 60; 2 Cor.8:9).
2. Physically – (John 19:1 – 30 and Isaiah 52:14).
3. Relationally – Peter denied Him, Judas betrayed Him; Thomas doubt Him.
4. Family – Mark 3:21, His own family said, He is out of His mind (NIV).
5. Jesus' had unanswered prayers in Luke 22:39 – 44 and Matthew 27:46.

Does Jesus have the full range of human emotions?

Jesus' Emotions in Mark:

- 1:41 - "pity" (ESV), "compassion" (HCSB, NASB, NKJV, NLT), "indignant" (NIV)
 3:5 - "anger, grieved" (ESV, NASB, NKJV), "anger and sorrow" (HCSB), "anger and, deeply distressed" (NIV) or "angrily...deeply saddened" (NLT)
 6:6 - "marvelled" (ESV, NKJV), "amazed" (HCSB, NIV, NLT), "wondered" (NASB)
 6:34, 8:2, 9:22—"compassion"
 7:34 - "He sighed" (ESV, NLT, NKJV); "He sighed deeply" (HCSB); "deep sigh" (NIV)
 8:12 - "sighed deeply in his spirit"
 10:21 - "loved" (ESV), "felt a love" (NASB), "with love" (NIV), "genuine love" (NLT)
 14:33-34 - "greatly distressed and troubled...My soul is very sorrowful, even to death."
 15:34 - "Jesus cried with a loud voice...My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"