

# THE BEAUTY OF JESUS AS GOD AND MAN

The beauty of Jesus' deity

The beauty of Jesus' humanity

Why does the nature of Jesus matter?

*The Beauty*  <sup>OF</sup> **PARADOX**

**Titus 2:13** . . . waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ . . .

**John 20:28** Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

**Hebrews 1:8-12**

<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he [God] says,  
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.  
<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”  
<sup>10</sup> And,  
“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;  
<sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment,  
<sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up,  
like a garment they will be changed.  
But you are the same,  
and your years will have no end.”

**John 1:18** No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**Matthew 16:21** From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

**Colossians 1:16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

**Matthew 8:26, 27** Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Galatians 4:4, 5** <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**Matthew 3:16, 17** <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**Hebrews 2:14-18** <sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Hebrews 4:15, 16** <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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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**Open:** Are you more likely to think of Jesus as God or as a man? How do you think this affects your relationship with Him?

## **Read & Discuss: Hebrews 1:5-12**

1. In contrast to what God says about angels (v. 5), God says several things about the Son (Jesus) which indicate He is God. As you look at verses 6, 8, and 10-12, what statements about the Son show He is God?
2. What causes you to marvel or wonder at Jesus being fully God while in human form? What impact does it have on you to know God would come into the world as He did?

## **Read & Discuss: Hebrews 2:14-18**

3. According to verses 14-15, what did Jesus intend to accomplish by taking on human form? Look up the word "propitiation" in a dictionary. Why do you think doing this would require Jesus to be human (v. 17)? Could making propitiation for sin also require that Jesus be fully God? Explain your answer.
4. Why does Jesus' full humanity also enable Him to be a merciful high priest (v. 17-18)? Why would temptation be considered a cause of suffering in Jesus (v. 18)? How might thinking of temptation in this way help us endure it?
5. What strikes you as magnificent about Jesus in these verses? How do these truths motivate you to pursue holiness in your daily life?

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6. In what sense was Jesus tempted in every respect as we are tempted (v. 15)? How does knowing Jesus is able to sympathize with your weakness in the battle against sin give you confidence to come to Him for help?
7. Though Jesus was tempted, He did not sin (v. 15). What do you think enabled Jesus to resist temptation so completely? When you have successfully overcome temptation, what has helped you succeed?

**Apply:** If you were reading these passages with a new believer, what truths might you pull out that would be foundational and helpful to them in their relationship with Jesus?

**Pray:** Pray that we would be people continually rejoice in Jesus as both God and man, being faithful to go to Him for strength and help in our times of need.

## Hebrews 1:5-12

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
    “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?  
Or again,  
    “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?  
<sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
    “Let all God’s angels worship him.”  
<sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says,  
    “He makes his angels winds,  
    and his ministers a flame of fire.”  
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