

Biblical Foundations for Ministry

The Person of Christ: Humanity

1. Human nature

- a. The full nature of man
- b. Like us in all things (Heb. 2:14-17)
- c. Antichrist heresy: to deny a full human nature (1 John 4:2-3; 2 John 7)

2. New Testament witness

- a. Physical birth
- b. Normal human growth (Luke 2:52)
 - 1) Physical
 - 2) Mental
 - 3) Social
 - 4) Spiritual
- c. Hungry and thirsty (Matt. 4:2; 21:18; John 19:28)
- d. Tired and sleepy (Matt. 8:24; John 4:6)
- e. Tempted to sin (Heb. 4:15)
- f. Sorrow and tears (Luke 19:41-44; John 11:35; Heb. 5:7)
- g. Anxiety and distress (Matt. 26:37; John 12:27)
- h. Died a real physical death (Luke 23:46)

3. Fulfillment of prophecy

- a. Messianic prophecies portrayed a human Messiah
 - 1) A child is born (Isaiah 9:6)
 - 2) A suffering servant (Isaiah 53)
- b. Established a requirement for the Son of God
 - 1) To become “a seed of woman” (Gen. 3:15)
 - 2) To save mankind (Heb. 2:17)

4. Moral model

- a. Jesus demonstrated holy living on a human level (Heb. 4:15)
 - 1) A more realistic model than an invisible God
 - 2) Set the bar high for humanity (no excuse for failure)
- b. Jesus truly understands our situations and prayers (Heb. 4:15-16)

