



## *The Divine Man*

Why Jesus? – Part 1

Luke 3:21-38

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Luke 3:21-38 *Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased." 23 When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli, 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, 25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Hesli, the son of Naggai, 26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda...  
...37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, 38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*

I. Jesus is Fully \_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 21-22)

A. Old Testament Prophecy reveals Jesus' divinity.

Isaiah 9:6-7 *For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.*

Isaiah 7:14 *"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.*

All of the gospels tell us about Jesus' death on the cross.

### The Nicene Creed:

...For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end...

Point: Jesus is the only person who can really understand us and truly fix us.

### B. Jesus' Birth Reveals His divinity.

Luke 1:34-35 *Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"*  
35 *The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God."*

### C. The New Testament Reveals His divinity.

Col. 2:9 *For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.*  
Heb. 1:3-4 *And He (Jesus) is the radiance of His (God's) glory and the exact representation of His (God's) nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He (Jesus) had made purification of sins, He (Jesus) sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much better than the angels, as He (Jesus) has inherited a more excellent name than they.*  
Phil. 2:5-6 *Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped...*

### D. The Creeds affirm Jesus' divinity.

#### The Nicene Creed:

...We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made...

## II. Jesus is Fully \_\_\_\_\_ . (Vs. 23-38)

Luke 3:23 *When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli, 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph...*

Phil. 2:6-8 *Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Luke 2:7 - Says that Jesus was born, just like every one of us.

Luke 2:40-52 – Tells about Jesus as a child growing in stature & wisdom.

John 4:6 – Says that Jesus got tired.

John 19:28 – Says that Jesus got thirsty.

Matthew 4:2 – Says that Jesus got hungry.

John 11:35 – Says that Jesus wept.

### Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Where did you come from? How does it shape the way you see the world, yourself, and others? How does it influence the way the world sees you?
2. Where did Jesus come from? What difference does it make that Jesus is fully human and fully God? How does this truth change your relationship with God? How does it change the way you understand God? Yourself?
3. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus understands your life and can fix your life?

