

Devotional #6- Jesus, The Man

Last week we discussed how Jesus is God. He is not just a good person, a wonderful prophet, or an amazing leader. When you approach Christ, and ask for his help, you are not asking for the help of just a man. You are asking for help from the God of the universe. You are asking for help from one who can give you help. Jesus can save you because he is God.

While Jesus is the God of the Universe, he also became man in order to fix the hearts of men. Adam, the first man on earth, sinned in the garden by eating of the fruit that belonged to God. On the other hand, Jesus lived a perfect life on earth, never sinning, and submitting to the Father. Jesus did what Adam never could. Jesus lived a perfect life while still dealing with the problems of being a human. Jesus got sick like you get sick. Jesus got tired like you get tired. Jesus had family members who treated him poorly like you have family members who treat you poorly. Jesus was tempted like you are tempted. He lived his life as a human, dealing with same problems that you and I deal with. The one difference: Jesus lived a perfect and sinless life.

Philippians 2:5-8 reads, “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who although he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a bond-servant and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.”

It’s easy to think of Jesus as Superman, an unstoppable force that nothing can hurt. But Jesus felt pain like you and I feel pain. When his good friend Lazarus died, what was Jesus’ response? He wept. He was saddened. He hurt.

Jesus understands and can sympathize with any situation you are in. If you are hurting, you can turn to him. If you are tempted by sin, you can turn to him. If you are weak, you can turn to him. Jesus is the only man who ever existed who was able to live this life perfectly. Therefore, rely on him. Depend on the perfect one to get you through the day. Jesus is your only hope.

Questions

1. What is the difference between Jesus and Adam?
2. How is Jesus not like Superman?
3. Why is it important that Jesus lived on earth as a human dealing with the same problems humans deal with?