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Who Is Jesus? Part 2: Jesus Is Man Luke 2:4-20 By Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at the second part of the series “Who is Jesus?” and we will focus on the truth that Jesus is fully man. There have been many heresies throughout the years that have tried to teach that Jesus is not man. The church throughout history has soundly rejected this belief, and clung to the Scriptural truth that Jesus is fully man and fully God. This week we will look at Scripture that points us to this belief that Jesus is fully man. We will also examine why it is important for us to maintain this important belief.

And while they were there,
the time came
for her baby to be born.

- Luke 2:6

Read Luke 2:4-20 (NET)

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him, and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ Now there were shepherds nearby living out in the field, keeping guard over their flock at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were absolutely terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, for I proclaim to you good news that brings great joy to all the people: ¹¹ Today your Savior is born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you:

You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a vast, heavenly army appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people with whom he is pleased!"*

¹⁵ When the angels left them and went back to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, that the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and located Mary and Joseph, and found the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they related what they had been told about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were astonished at what the shepherds said. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these words, pondering in her heart what they might mean. ²⁰ So the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; everything was just as they had been told.

EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passages.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What was the sign given to the shepherds in verse 12?

9. What evidence in this passage points to Jesus being fully man?

10. Why is it important in verse 4 that Jesus is from the family of David?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

11. Do you think the sacrifice of Jesus is less if he is not a man?

12. Why does it matter to us that Jesus is fully man?

13. Is Jesus able to die for the sins of man if he is not a man? (1 Cor. 15:21-22; Rom. 5:18-19)

14. Does Jesus being a man mean that He can relate to our struggles? (Heb. 2:14-18; 4:14-16)

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES