

Resources on the Doctrine of Christology:

- *The Glory of Christ* by John Owen
- *The Man Christ Jesus* by Bruce Ware
- *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer

2016 Systematic Theology Part 1 Schedule

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Questions or Comments?

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THE DOCTRINE OF CHRISTOLOGY (PART II)

“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.” John 1:14

I. Introduction and Review

(John 1, Col. 1, Phil. 2, Heb. 1)

II. The Humanity of Christ in Scripture

- **1 John 4:2-3** By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

A. Virgin Birth.

(Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:35, 3:23)

- **Isaiah 7:14** “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”
- **Matthew 1:18** “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.”
- **Luke 1:35** “And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”

1. The virgin birth made possible the uniting of full deity and full humanity in one person.

2. The virgin birth made possible Christ’s true humanity without inherited sin.

B. Jesus Endured Human Weaknesses and Limitations

- **Jesus Had a Human Body**
(Luke 2:7, 40, 52; 23:46, 24:42; Matt. 4:2, 11; John 4:6, 19:28; 21:9, 13)
- **Jesus Had A Human Mind**
(Luke 2:52; Heb. 5:8; Mark 13:32)
- **Jesus Had a Human Soul and Human Emotions**
(John 12:21, 27; 11:35; Heb. 5:7; Matt. 8:10)
- **Jesus Was Understood by others to be a Human Being**
(Matthew 13:53-58)

Matthew 13:53–58 “And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.” And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.”

C. Jesus was Fully Human and Also Sinless

(2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15-16; 1 Peter 1:19; Acts 2:27; 3:14; 4:30; 7:52; 13:35)

- **2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- **Hebrews 4:14–16** 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. 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.

Application: Worship Jesus Christ as the God-Man!

- **Athanasius (AD 373):** “Such and so many are the Saviour’s achievements that follow from His Incarnation, that to try to number them is like gazing at the open sea and trying to count the waves. For, indeed everything about it is marvelous, and wherever a man turns his gaze he sees the Godhead of the Word and is smitten with awe.”¹

Why Was Jesus’ Full Humanity Necessary? So that we might:

- Worship Jesus Christ, the Second Adam (Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 15:45)
- Worship Jesus Christ, our Substitutionary Sacrifice (Heb. 2:14-17)
- Worship Jesus Christ, the Mediator between God and Men (1 Tim. 2:5)
- Worship Jesus Christ, our Perfect Example (Phil 2:5-11; 1 Pet 2:21; Heb. 12:2)
- Worship Jesus Christ, our Sympathetic High Priest (Heb. 2:18; 4:15-16)
- Worship Jesus Christ, the First-Born from the dead (Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 15:49)
- Worship Jesus Christ, the God-Man forever (Luke 24:39ff; Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:13-17)
- **Wayne Grudem:** “The Incarnation is by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible—far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing even than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become man and join himself to a human nature forever, so that infinite God became one person with finite man, will remain for eternity the most profound miracle and the most profound mystery in all the universe.”²

¹ Athanasius, *On the Incarnation* 8. 54. (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 373/1993), 93.

² Wayne A. Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2004), 563.