

God's Plan of Salvation:

1. Hear - Romans 10:17
2. Believe - Mark 16:16
3. Repent - Acts 2:38
4. Confess - Romans 10:10
5. Be baptized - Acts 22:16
6. Live faithfully - Revelation 2:10

Announcements:

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# Is Jesus Simply a Man?

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As one reads certain statements in the Bible regarding Jesus, it is evident Jesus is a Man. Acts 17:31 speaks about how God, "has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead" (NKJV). Romans 2:16; John 5:22-23; and 2 Corinthians 5:10 would indicate Jesus in the one who will judge all mankind. Therefore, the One God has ordained to judge the world is Jesus who is referred to in Acts 17:31 as the Man. 1 Timothy 2:5 teaches, "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" (NKJV). Jesus is the Mediator between God and men and is referred to as a Man in this passage. Other passages point out Jesus came in the flesh (1 John 4:2-3; 2 John 7), partook of flesh and blood (Hebrews 2:14-15; John 1:14), and was born of a woman (Galatians 4:4). All of these passages and many more would emphasize the humanity of Jesus.

In order for someone to have an accurate understanding of who Jesus is, they must understand His humanity. Jesus became a man to set for us the perfect example for how to live (1 Peter 2:22-24). Jesus became a man to demonstrate for us the

character of God being lived out in a human body (John 1:18). Jesus became a man so He can sympathize with our weaknesses (Hebrews 2:16-18; 4:14-16). Jesus knows and understands firsthand what it is like to get tired, to be hungry, to be tempted, to suffer, to die, etc. Jesus is capable of being a great High Priest and Mediator because He understands our condition as humans.

It is important to consider the question of whether Jesus is only a man or if He is much more than a mere human being. In order to understand the answer to this question and get a full picture of Jesus' identity we must be willing to examine the entirety of what the Bible says about Him and not simply a few verses. Jesus is said to be much more than a man in several passages throughout the Bible. Here are just a few of them for us to consider:

- Isaiah 9:6 prophecies about the coming of Jesus and says, “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (NKJV). Jesus is referred to here by phrases such as “Mighty God” and “Everlasting Father.” It would be inaccurate to describe a mere human in those ways.
- Matthew 1:23 speaks about how Jesus' virgin birth fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14. It says, “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, ‘God with us’” (NKJV). Jesus was “God with us” and not simply a mere human being.

- John 1:1-3 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” (NKJV). Later in John 1:14 we are told, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (NKJV). Jesus became flesh but was more than a mere man. According to John 1:1, the Word (Jesus) was God.
- Colossians 2:9-10 speaking of Christ says, “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power” (NKJV). It would not be appropriate to say of a mere human that the fullness of the Godhead dwells in him bodily but such could be said to Jesus because He is more than just a man.
- 1 Timothy 3:16 speaks about how, “God was manifested in the flesh” (NKJV). When we think about Jesus, we need to recognize we are dealing with God (deity) being manifested in the flesh. Jesus is not a mere human being but a divine being.
- Hebrews 1 has a series of statements made about Jesus. In these statements, Jesus is referred to as God and Lord (Hebrews 1:8-12). Jesus is obviously more than simply a human being.

Let's remember Jesus is a Man because He took on a body of flesh and blood but also remember He is more than a man because He is also God!