

# Foundations of the Faith

## Lesson 4: Jesus Christ, Man

We have already looked at the unique, god-like characteristics of Jesus. Since we know that he died for our sins, it is important that we know that he died as God. God could require no higher price to be paid. But, there was another side to Jesus. He was also man. This is very difficult for man to comprehend, but the Scripture does teach it. This lesson will take a look at several of the features of his humanity, emphasizing the help that is offered to believers through Jesus human side.

Virgin born

Human Body

Lk 2:7, 40, 52

Human mind (Lk 2:52)

Human soul & emotions

Jn 12:27; 13:35

Early church heresy—docetism 10. The word *docetism* comes from the Greek verb (G1506) “to seem, to appear to be.” Any theological position that says that Jesus was not really a man, but only appeared to be a man, is called a “docetic” position. Behind docetism is an assumption that the material creation is inherently evil, and therefore the Son of God could not have been united to a true human nature. No prominent church leader ever advocated docetism, but it was a troublesome heresy that had various supporters in the first four centuries of the church. Modern evangelicals who neglect to teach on the full humanity of Christ can unwittingly support docetic tendencies in their hearers.

2 John 7-11

1 Jn 4:2

Col 2:9

Phil 2:5-11

**Reasons in to believe in the Humanity of Jesus:**

1. John 1:14,18

2. John 3:16

3. 1 Peter 2:21

4. Heb 2:14-18

5. 1 John 3:8

**ONE REASON IN PARTICULAR:** Matthew 20:28