



The Mystery of Jesus

Part 1 – The God-Man Study Guide

There has been no one in the history of mankind more mysterious than Jesus Christ. This is to be expected as He had a nature like no person before Him and none after: both God and man at the same time. The mystery of God's nature does not prove that He doesn't exist; it proves that He does. As difficult as He may be to fully understand, knowing Jesus more is the key to becoming more like Him and fulfilling our purpose as His followers. In this study we will talk about the dual nature of Jesus and what it means to us.

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,” Hebrews 2:14 (ESV)

1. **Read 1 Timothy 3:16.** Jesus was both fully God and fully man at the same time. This is a great mystery. Some think of Jesus as more man than God while others think of Him as more God than man. Which way do you lean? Which side of Jesus do you find most difficult to understand?
2. Jesus was more human than you may think. He dealt with the same things we do. Read the following scriptures and identify the human characteristics/experiences present:
 - **John 7:3-5** –
 - **Matthew 4:1-2** –
 - **Matthew 28:14-16** –
 - **John 4:5-6** –
 - **Luke 22:55-57** –
 - **John 11:14,34-36** –
3. **Read Hebrews 2:17.** Based on the scripture, why was it necessary for Jesus to become like us? Why does that matter to us?

“For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.” Hebrews 2:18 (ESV)

4. **Read Hebrews 2:18.** In his temptation, Jesus suffered. This verse says because of this He can help us. Answer the following questions about how this happens.
- **Read Hebrews 4:15.** How does Jesus sympathize with us and what difference does it make for you?
 - **Read Hebrews 4:16.** How does Jesus’ sympathy allow us to come to God with confidence? How does finding mercy and grace help us in our time of need?
 - **Read 1 Corinthians 10:13.** God always provides a way out of temptation as Jesus perfectly exemplified for us. How did Jesus escape temptation? What can we do?