



Man - The True Human

Key idea:

Jesus, the Man, was truly human so that He might fulfill humanity's obligations to God by completely obeying God's Law and suffering and dying for human disobedience.

Key text:

Matthew 1:1

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

1 Corinthians 15:45, 47

So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit...⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.

Romans 5:19

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Key points:

1. Jesus is truly and fully human.
2. Jesus had to be truly, fully human to save us by fulfilling humanity's obligations to God by obeying God's Law, and to suffer and die to pay for human disobedience.
3. Jesus is the Second Adam, the founder of a new humanity, Who obeyed for us, and paid the penalty for our disobedience.
4. Those who are justified have all of their sin removed and are given the righteousness of Christ.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Why is it necessary for the Redeemer to be a real human being? Does it matter if He only appeared to be a human?
3. What does it mean to say that Jesus is fully and truly human?
4. Why is it necessary for the Redeemer to live a long life of obedience to God? Could Jesus have simply appeared on the cross and died?
5. What about animal sacrifices? Why can't an animal pay for our sin? Even if animals could pay for our sin, why would they still be unqualified to serve as our Redeemer?
6. How is it a help to us to know that Jesus is as fully human as we are, and that He fully faced real temptations - yet did not sin?
7. Why is it important for us to understand that Jesus was fully human and at the same time had no sin? What does this tell us about real humanity?
8. What practical effect should it have for us to understand that those who are justified stand before God not only forgiven of their sins, but also clothed in the perfect, completed righteousness of Jesus Christ?
9. Can you think of someone with whom you can share what you have learned this week? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share His Word.

Our Advent Series: Images of Christ

Preview of next week: Lion - The True King (Isaiah 9:6-7)