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JESUS THE “MAN-GOD”

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We are all aware that Jesus was with God in the beginning, (John 1:1-2). We also know from John 1:14 that Jesus “became flesh and dwelt among us.” He is both the “Son of Man” and the “Son of God.” It is my personal experience that people tend to forget the human side of our Savior when contemplating the great sacrifice (John 3:16) that He made for us.

Here are some verses that should remind us of the human side of Jesus:

(List is from tract by Allen Webster, “Why Did Jesus Come to Earth?”)

- He was hungry (Matthew 21:18)
- He was thirsty (John 19:28)
- He was tired (Mark 4:38)
- He was sorrowful (Luke 19:41)
- He was rejected (Mark 8:31; 15:13)
- He was betrayed (Matthew 26:48; 27:3)
- He suffered excruciating physical pain (Matthew 27:26)
- He died (Luke 23:46)

Jesus can relate to us because He became like us (Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15-16). Because He became flesh, He is our perfect example and we have every good reason to try to be like Him. If He had not become flesh it would have been easy to brush off His example and say, “Well, you know He IS God!!!!”

He can show us the way because He is “the way” (John 14:6). He is our leader, the “Man-God”, who commands our followership because of His leadership. He does not ask that we go where He did not go, and do what He did not do. Thank you, Jesus for your example and sacrifice.

God bless, Pat