

Text: John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 4:15; John 2:13-25

Jesus – Humanity

He became flesh or human for us. Which means:

- He had a human body and was born as we are without sin.
- He was not omnipresent - He could only be in one place at a time.
- He faced temptation from the devil without sinning.
- He had human traits as He was hungry and ate, He was thirsty and drank, He was sleepy and slept, He was compassionate and cried, He showed love, He demonstrated anger without sin, He was physically weak and needed help, and He felt betrayal, pain and abandonment.

Jesus – God-Head

- His birth and announcement was Divine.
- He defeated the devil with the Words of God.
- He had Power to Calm the storms, cast out demons, turned water to wine, fed 5,000 with just 2 fishes and 5 loaves of bread. He sang a song, heal the sick, cause blinded eyes to see, made the cripple walk, raised the dead, cured those of physical diseases. He cooked fish by the seashore and so many miracles that could not be written.

I. INTRODUCTION

Today as we start a new series of “Amazing People in the Bible”, let’s be reminded that outside of the Lord Jesus, everyone was just a human being just like you and me. Matter of fact – Jesus Himself, became human flesh – He was God manifested in the flesh. Because of this many people think that Jesus was weak, a sissy, or a wimp. But can I tell you that Jesus was a man that had authority!! Even Jesus inquired from His disciples who people thought He was – Matthew 16:14. Apparently, His appearance and persona were such that He could have been mistaken for legendary men in Israel’s history like Elijah, Jeremiah, other prophets and even John the Baptist. So let’s look at some things in our text about Jesus being a man!!! This account is recorded in each of the Gospel – Matthew 21:12,13; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46; John 2: 15-17

I. THE MORAL CONVICTION OF JESUS – JOHN 2:13,14

Jesus just left the marriage of Cana and after His first miracle He accomplished. Now remember that the Romans ruled Israel and Jerusalem, they made all the spiritual and political appointments. The high priest was Annas and with his son-in-law Caiaphas who were ruthless and greedy men. There was nothing spiritual about them as they controlled the commercial aspects of Passover – why? Because the Passover was close and during this time people (just like Jesus and His family and disciples) would travel to this event – vrs. 12. There were money changers selling animals for sacrifice to pilgrims (travelers) who have traveled with and without a sacrifice, which turned into a racket or a black-market scheme.

Here is what Jesus found in the temple when He came into Jerusalem for the Passover:

1. The Money changers selling animals for sacrifice – it was required that each family was to offer a sacrifice – vrs.12
2. The Money changers would inspect the animals brought by the travelers and declared unto them their animals were unsuitable for sacrifice. Which forced them to buy one of their animals at an inflated price (in other words – robbery or theft) – vrs. 14
3. The Morally perfect Son of God walked into this immoral environment, with His godly indignation being aroused by their conduct –vrs. 15a – Why did He make a scourge of cords – look at the next point.

II. THE MANLY COURAGE OF JESUS – JOHN 2:15,16

Jesus did not hesitate to take action as a man– that is why He made a scourge of cords or a whip. This action of His, was a demonstration that He surely was a man and not a whimp! Look what He does:

1. He took the whip and drives everyone and even the animals out of the temple – vrs. 15b – Was it right for Him to do this?
2. He tossed out their money – vrs. 15c – imagine all that money being thrown around.
3. He turned over the tables – vrs. 15d
4. He told them the “TRUTH” – vrs. 16 – What was the TRUTH? He told them – which is in each Gospel:
 - Matthew 21:13 – “It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.”
 - Mark 11:17 – “Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.”
 - Luke 19:46 – “My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.”
 - John 2:16 - “Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise.”

NOTE - Yes, we men today who will take a stand for things that are right and for the truth, instead of all these so-called pansy men!!! AMEN!!!!

III. THE MAJESTIC CLAIM OF JESUS – JOHN 2:19-22

Jesus was questioned and required to show a sign about His authority for doing what He did by the Jews – vrs. 18. No doubt these were the same Jews that were in the temple being a part of that monopolizing of money for the upcoming Passover. Notice Jesus’ response He gave them about His majestic claim as to His authority.

1. Destroy this temple and in three days He will raise it up – vrs. 19, remember this was a response to their question looking for a sign. Jesus gave them a sign of Himself and what will take place.
- These Jews did not understand this authority. They thought He was talking about the physical temple they were standing in. Remember the original temple that Solomon built was destroyed by king Nebuchadnezzar when the Babylonians conquered Judah. Then they refereed to the new temple being built and it took them 46 years to do it, but He was going to do it in three days. Just like today, people still do not understand the authority of the Lord and His message.
2. He spoke of himself – ref to Calvary, the grave and His wonderful work of the Gospel – I Corinthians 15:1-4, 17
- This reference that Jesus spoke of Himself would later be used against Him during His trial, that He was blasphemies against God! Matthew 26:61

III. THE MAJESTIC CLAIM OF JESUS – JOHN 2:23-25

We see the manhood of Jesus and how He handled this issue of His life with courage and conviction. By Him doing this we see three things as a result of His manhood:

1. It calls us to a new appreciation of His Life – Hopefully, you seen that Jesus was a man and not some whimpy or weakling. His was a man for enduring the cross until the work of Salvation was completed - Hebrews 7:25, 10:2, 12:2
2. It calls us to a new aggressive agenda for our Faith – Jesus stood His ground on truth and justice. So should we stand for truth and justice!!!!
- **Examples:** the woman caught in adultery- John 3:3-11; the saving of Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10; the man healed on the Sabbath Day- Mark 3:1-6; He called out the scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites a bunch of snakes – Matthew 23:33; He called king Herod a fox – Luke 13:32
3. It calls us to a new authentic relationship with our Lord – You see the Lord knew the hearts and motives of these money-changers and it was because they had the wrong relationship with Him. As a child of God, we are no longer under the condemnation of God – John 3:18; Romans 5:1; 8:1

Conclusion:

In the Gospel of John only, more than ten times it makes notes about the relationship of obedience between Him and the Father – John 6:38. Jesus was a man of integrity and obedience to His Father even to His own death on the cross – Philippians 2:7, 8.