

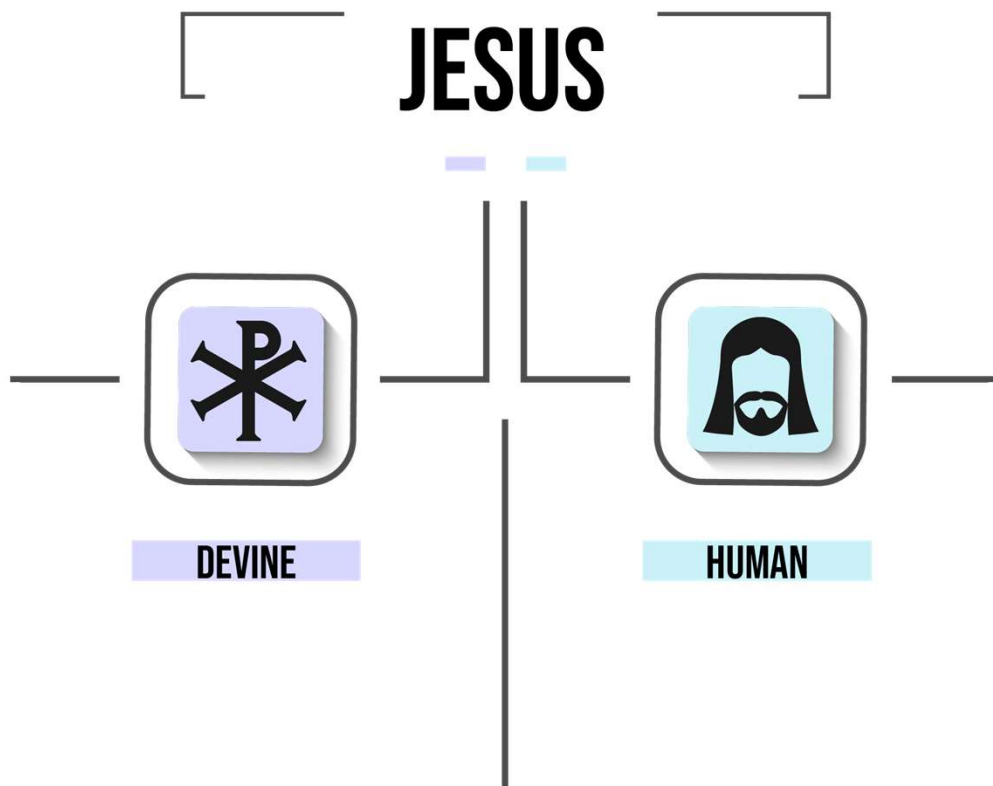
# JESUS FULLY GOD, FULLY HUMAN

Hebrew way of Thinking versus Greek way of Thinking



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List below the things that Jesus did that points to his divinity and his humanity.



# JESUS FULLY HUMAN

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

<sup>NIV</sup> Hebrews 4:15

## **Main Points:**

- Jesus experienced hunger (Matthew 4:2), thirst (John 19:28), and emotions such as sorrow (John 11:35).
- His humanity allows Him to fully empathize with us and model obedience to God.

## **Discussion Question:**

- Why is it important that Jesus experienced life as we do? How does His humanity comfort or challenge us?
- Reflect on a time when you felt God understood your personal struggles. How was Jesus' humanity significant in that experience?

# JESUS FULLY GOD

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

NIV John 1:1 & 14

## Main Points:

- Jesus performed miracles, forgave sins, and claimed authority equal to God (Mark 2:5-7).
- His divinity ensures His power to save and redeem us. He is not just a moral example but the source of salvation.

## Discussion Question:

- What aspects of Jesus' divinity are crucial for our faith? Why is it important that He is more than just a good teacher?

## Activity: Small Group Scripture Dive

Break into small groups and read Colossians 1:15-20. Ask the groups to summarize what these verses reveal about Jesus' divine nature and then share with the larger group.

## THE MYSTERY

“But there are some who request an explanation of how God is joined to man so as to become the single person of Christ, as if they themselves could explain something that happens every day, namely, how the soul is joined to the body so as to form the single person of a man. For, as the soul makes use of the body in a single person to form a man, so God makes use of man in a single Person to form Christ. In the former person, there is a mingling of soul and body; in the latter Person, there is a mingling of God and man... The one process happens daily in order to beget men; the other happened once to set men free.”

Saint Augustine

# WHY BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL

## Read Romans 5:12-21

Just as through one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one man many will be made righteous..

### Main Points:

- As fully human, Jesus represents humanity and takes our place in judgment.
- As fully God, His sacrifice has infinite worth, able to redeem all humanity.
- Believing in Jesus' full humanity helps us trust Him with our struggles.
- Believing in His full divinity strengthens our faith that He can overcome all things, including sin and death.

### Discussion Question:

- What would be lost if Jesus were only human or only divine? How do both natures work together in our salvation?

## WRITE IT DOWN

Write down one practical way you will apply this truth this week. (e.g., trusting His empathy, relying on His divine strength)