

# Jesus: Fully God & Fully Man

Matthew 1:20-23 But after he [Joseph] had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Matthew 9:5-6: **Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.** So he said to the paralyzed man, "**Get up, take your mat and go home.**"

Hebrews 4:14-15; **Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 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.**

Romans 5:12-15 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

## How can Jesus be both God and Man?

The Bible has over 400 prophecies about Jesus that he perfectly fulfilled. However, His fantastic claim to actually be God is the excuse the Jewish leaders used to order His execution (Read from your Bible: John 10:25-29).

Read Matthew 1:20-23. Even though Joseph was Jesus' dad, Mary was a virgin when she gave birth. How did this come about?

Who was Jesus' biological father? \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 1:1 calls Jesus "the Son of \_\_\_\_\_". In Matthew 9:5-6 Jesus call Himself the Son of \_\_\_\_\_.

Because Jesus is God He has the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ sins. How did Jesus prove He had this authority?

Because Jesus is also a man He \_\_\_\_\_ with what we go thru.

He has been \_\_\_\_\_ just like us, "yet He was without \_\_\_\_\_."

Read Romans 5:12-15. Why didn't Jesus inherit a sin-nature (also called "original sin") from Adam like we did?

Our sin nature is passed down from parent to child. Some theologians show Biblical evidence that our sin-nature is passed down specifically thru the fathers. Since Jesus did not have an earthly father He did not inherit the sin-nature. His father was God.

In addition, the text in Hebrews also makes a point of telling us that Jesus never committed a sinful act either.

**Being both God and Man made Jesus uniquely qualified to be the sacrifice for our sins.**

**The Goal of this Lesson:** The goal of this lesson is to build a scriptural foundation in the students beliefs that the Man Jesus is also God. We will look at scriptural proof and discuss the logistics of His birth. After considering the miracles Jesus does proving He is who He says He is we see He also has the authority to forgive sins. Finally we look at how His sacrificial death can be the atonement for everyone's sins.

**Pre-Lesson Activity:** Here is a link to a YouTube video you can play which explains Jesus's death as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G\\_OIRWGLdnw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_OIRWGLdnw)

**Leading the Lesson:** Spend some time in prayer the day before, going over the verses and questions in your mind.

Have a kid read the first set of verses and then go through the questions for those verses. Give them time to answer. Listen to what they say and lead the discussion with additional questions of your own to lead them to the correct answers.

Note: When reading, kids will frequently stumble on words they do not know. Explain the meaning of the words so they can fully grasp the concept of the Bible verse. Sometimes you must restate the passage in your own words for them to get it.

(If your group is younger junior high-age, encourage them to fill in the blanks with the correct answers and hand in their papers at the end of class. For older kids, especially high school-age, just use the questions as discussion starters.)

All the verses used in the lesson are printed in the left column except John 10:25-30. Make sure you have a Bible on-hand for that.

After reading Matthew 1:20-23 discuss the biological necessity of requiring both a man and a woman to conceive (begin life). But, in Jesus' case there was no human man. The Holy Sprit caused the conception.

Next we discuss why being a man allows God to understand exactly what it's like to be a person. Jesus got hungry, sleepy, pooped. He probably was attracted to girls too. But, He never did a sinful act. Mention that the Jews had a whole series of sacrifices they had to do for their sins to be forgiven. This is how the Jews learned that death was the punishment of sin.

Romans 5:12-15 talks about Jesus not getting a sin-nature. You might teach my lesson, "Sin and Sin-Nature" so the kids understand the difference between sins and sin-nature. Conclude by discussing that Jesus could therefore be a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins.

**Summary:** Review what we learned from the Bible passages: Jesus was a man so he knows what it's like to be us. He never sinned so He could die in our place. His death covered all sin for everyone. Jesus is God so He has the power to forgive sin.

### **Take Prayer Requests**

Always ask the kids for prayer request for the next week. Check how things have turned out from the previous weeks' concerns.