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In our last lesson, we discussed the fact that the Gospel, or Good News, is all about Jesus. As we look at the third and fourth verses in the first chapter of Romans, we see Paul emphasize two things. First, the fact that Jesus was human, and second, the fact that Jesus was God, or divine.* (Read Romans 1:3, 4)

This is a very important part of Christian belief. It is not the easiest belief to understand. The question that many of us have is, “How could someone be both human and divine...a man and also God. Jesus was not an imaginary figure in a fictional story. Nor was He half God and half human. He literally became one of the humans that He came to serve...to die for. Paul tells us that he was a true human descendent of King David. His human mother, Mary was a direct descendent of King David. If you said “great” a lot of times and “grandson,” you would be speaking of Jesus’ relationship to King David.

Jesus had all the physical characteristics of other humans. He got tired. He got hungry. He had to walk everywhere He went. He was born and grew up from a baby to a man in the normal human way. In verse three of our lesson today, Paul refers to the “human nature” of Jesus. There is a famous Scripture in Philippians, another of Paul’s letters. There Paul says that Jesus, who was God, “made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness...humbled Himself...” (Philippians 2:6-8)

So, according to Paul, the four Gospels, and other teachings of the Bible Jesus was human. Hundreds of years before He was born, prophets were saying that He would come to earth as a human and would have normal human relationships with many people.

The second thing Paul said was that Jesus was the Son of God. (Verse four) We must realize that not just anyone could have died for the sins of all humanity. Actually only one could do that. That one had to be the eternal Son, the unique Son, the one-of-a-kind Son of God. Only He had the position with God, only He had the power, only He had enough to give up, only He had the sinless perfection which would qualify Him to be the sacrificial Lamb. The Lamb who, according to John, would “take away the sins of the world.” (John 1:29)

Was Jesus a divine man or a human God? The answer is neither. The only way to understand His true nature while He was on earth is to understand Jesus Christ as absolutely human as well as absolutely divine. So, is Jesus the son of God as we are sons and daughters of God? No! If Jesus was ever what John 1 says he was, He has been and will always be the second person of the God-head, equal with and eternal like, God the Father. Everything that

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Jehovah God, the Father of all, the eternal, unchangeable, all powerful, all-knowing God who has existed and will always exist...everything that He was and is...Jesus was and is and always will be.

How do we explain the fact that He was fully divine and fully human at the same time? We don't. It is an idea that is beyond our human understanding. It is what we accept by faith when we believe Jesus.

Paul says that Jesus' resurrection proves His power. Jesus didn't just state or declare that He was God. What He was and what He did was seen, and accepted, as the person and work of the Son of God or "Jesus Christ our Lord." He wasn't God just because He said He was. Insane people have been making that claim for centuries. He is God because that's who He is. The power that God used to raise Him from the dead is recognized by believers as divine power which proves, fully and finally, that Jesus was and is God.

Scripture Memory: "Who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ Our Lord." Romans 1:4

*Underlined statements in this Teacher's Guide appear in the Student Worksheet with blanks to be filled in by the student during the lesson. Words in the Student Worksheet may not appear exactly as printed in the Teacher's Guide.

For the Teacher:

Lesson Goal: To assist the student in understanding the humanity and divinity of Jesus.

1. There are three times in Scripture, according to Barnhouse, that God describes His Son Jesus Christ in terms of two different verbs. In Isaiah, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given." (Isaiah 9:6) As a human child He was born, as God's Son He was given. In Galatians 4:4, the Holy Spirit announces, "When the fullness of time was come, God sent fourth His Son, . . . made under the law." He was made or born in His human nature, and sent or given in His divine nature. Putting these two Scriptures together with our verses today, you find the two natures of Jesus . . . in His humanity He was born of a woman, made according to the flesh; in His divinity, He was declared, given, sent forth. This is the theme of all Scriptural teaching about Jesus . . . this is the Gospel.
2. Jesus' resurrection validated His own statements in John 2:18-22 and Matthew 16:21. He promised that He would overcome death
3. We note that ten times in Romans, Paul uses the title, "Jesus Christ our Lord," or "Our Lord Jesus Christ." This is His full name according to the apostles. Peter said, in his sermon at Pentecost, "God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36) Matthew 1:21 says that the angel told Joseph that the child's name was to be Jesus, because He would save His people from their sins. The title, Lord, indicates His high place over us and over all things in heaven and earth. (Acts 10:36)

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Student Worksheet

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=We must realize that not just anyone could have died for the _____ of all humanity. That one had to be the eternal _____, the unique Son, the one-of-a-kind Son of God. Only He had the _____ with God, only He had the _____, only He had enough to give up, only He had the _____ perfection which would qualify Him.

=The power that God used to raise Jesus from the dead is recognized by believers as _____ power which proves, fully and finally, that _____ was and is _____.

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A Roman Road to Salvation:

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Everyone is a sinner and needs salvation.

Romans 6:23a “For the wages of sin is death.” The law of God is unchangeable. If someone sins the penalty must be paid, and that payment is death.

Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.” God loves us so much, according to John 3:16, that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins.

Romans 6:23b “But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The debt for sin is spiritual death, but God, through the death of Jesus on the cross, paid that debt and now everyone can have eternal life. See also, II Corinthians 5:21

Romans 1:9, 10 “That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” To personally receive the gift of God, eternal life in Christ Jesus, you trust God to be what He says He is. Believing that “God raised Him (Jesus) from the dead” is to accept all that the Bible says about God and His Son, Jesus. Then you speak (confess) the words, “Jesus is Lord,” as a statement of faith. Believing “with your heart” means that you believe with your mind and with all that you are.

Romans 10:13 “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” You have the promise of God Himself that if you do what Romans 10:9, 10 says, you will become God’s child and have eternal life.

Romans 12:1, 2 “I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Becoming a Christian is a life-long act of faith and worship.