

Most imp't fact about JC ?

IMPORTANCE OF THE GOD-MAN

I. No God-Man, No Salvation, Rom. 1:1-4

Gospel, v. 1. V.2 is parenthesis. Gospel concns the Son, 3.

A. Son was born—human, 3. Took flesh from line of David. That enabled JC to die.

B. Son was proved to be Son of God=God Himself. Like Sons of thunder, son of consolation. HP understood, Matt. 26:63, 65. Proved by res of dead (pl). Means either dead persons He raised while on earth (widow of Nain's son, Jairus' daughter, Lazarus) or His own res out from among dead people.

C. Only God can raise dead. Man to die; God to make that death an effective payment for sin. Of course, God did not die on the cross, but God-man did. Mystery. Any Savior other than the God-Man Savior cannot save.

II. No God-Man, no Effective Great High Priest/Helper, Heb. 4:14-16

A. Human, Jesus, 14

B. Deity, Son of God, 14.

C. Humanity caused Him to be tested, so He can sympathize, 15.

However, some imp't differences between His tests and ours and some similarites. According to all, according to likeness, sin apart.

All=not all possible tests/temptations, but all areas. 1 Jn 2:16. Stones to bread=lust of flesh. Cast self off temple and land unharmed=lust of eyes. acceptance by people. Worship Satan to have kgdms of world=pride of possessions. Same areas for us, but diff particular temptations. Spelling in grad school and elementary school. Can sympathize tho particulars diff.

Acc to likeness=human to be tested bec Jas 1:13-God can't be tested by evil.

Apart from sin. X had no sin nature, so tests not from within but from Satan.

D. Deity enables Him to give mercy and grace each time of need, 16, but we have to come; it's not automatic. *like heart to put hands under feet - then water them or*

III. No God-Man, No Successful Christian Life

A. 1 John 2:6. Example, guidelines come from His earthly life. Read gospels. *help coming (prer) see. La*

Self-sacrifice is principal point of 1 Jn 2:6.

B. Power to do so from God living in us. Eph 4:6; Gal 2:20; 1 Cor.6:19.

IV. No God-Man, No Reliable Judge.

A. Jn 5:22 Son=God judges. Guarantees no mistakes, nothing overlooked.

B. Jn 5:27 Son of man links Him to earth and suffering. At judgmt (seat of X or Gr Wh Throne) can't say Judge doesn't understand. Single parent home, hard work to support family. Misunderstood by family and many people. Hounded to death. Man to eliminate all excuses; God to be just. *1 Cor 4:5*

As God-Man JC towers above all who have ever or who now or who ever will live. He saves, sympathizes, lives within, and will judge, and every Xn will have praise. 1 Cor 4:5.

GOD-MAN

Intro. Eph 1:17 know Him. Can know facts about someone without knowing. E.g. the Pope, a politician. Some older student told you about me. Can't know without knowing facts about. E.g. introduced to me know I'm tall, handsome, when hear message and teaching will know more not only about that ability but also some illness will tell you about me personally. Same true of JC

1:17 followed by 1:18-19 etc. End of week will know about me and know me somewhat. Usually think 1st of most distinctive or outstanding or imp't thing about someone.

Question: what is most imp't fact about JC? Not what He did or does or will do, but who He is. Bec who He is basis for all He does. God-man. Not only God and not solely man, but God incarnate --in flesh.

I. Meaning of God-man

- A. God=full deity having all the attributes of God without losing or laying aside any.
 - 1. Omniscient. Knows the future in detail and accurately. Matt. 20:18-19. I can't predict my death.
 - 2. Omnipresent, Matt. 18:20. How many groups that applied to on Sunday.
 - 3. Omnipotent. (1) Matt. 28:18. (2) 3 raised from dead and claim to raise others in future, Jn 11:38-44; 5:25. (3) to forgive sins eternally. We can do this temporarily. Mark 2:1-12. Power, v. 5; knowledge, v. 8.
 - 4. Son of God=God Himself. Jn 10:33, 36. Son of prophets, singers, Jas/Jn thunder, Barnabas.
 - B. Perfect human being. Not fully from our viewpoint bec no sin. Only Adam, Eve and those who saw X saw perfect human. Ask spouse.
 - 1. Virgin birth brought forth a human, perfect baby.
 - 2. Years during which He grew, Lk 2:52.
 - 3. During ministry and all His life, Jn 8:29
 - 4. Did things only humans do. (1) Slept, Mt 8:24. Cf. God, Ps 121:3-4. (2) Hungry, Mt.4:2. (3) Tired, Jn 4:6. Cf Creator, Isa 40:28. (4) He died.
 - C. United in one Person forever. Lk 1:31-32 Jesus, son of Most High. Sometimes humanity shows through and sometimes deity, but only 1 person.
 - D. Some Errors.
 - 1. X only appeared as a man. Ghost. Docetism, 1 Jn 4:1-3. 1st century. Xn science.
 - 2. X natural son of Jos and Mary. No deity. Ebionites. United with X at baptism tho not divine. Early Xn centuries. Liberals today.
 - 3. X not eternal, Arians. Condemned in 325. Today Jehovah's Witnesses similar.
- Concl. This is truly who JC is. Any other JC is deficient or made up. IS, not was. And imp't we'll see.