

Jesus God and man!

When did Jesus become man and God? This is a very interesting question. The Bible teaches that Jesus was always God and man!

In Luke 2:41-50 we find these words, which were inspired by the Holy Spirit, "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them." !

When His mother found Him they asked Him a question and His answer to them is most astonishing, He said, "I must be about my Father's business." Joseph was a carpenter, not a doctor or a lawyer of the law. So His Father was God and He knew it! Notice what Luke by inspiration wrote, "And they (His mother and Joseph) understood not the saying which he spake unto them." His parents did not understand but He knew!

In John 8:13 Jesus is in a conversation with the Pharisees. This conversations continues through the rest of the chapter. Beginning is verse 57 we find these words, "Then said the Jews unto him Thou art not yet fifty years old, and has thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him; but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by." Why would they cast stones at Him? Because He said, "before Abraham was, I am." That make His equal with God! The "I am" goes all the way back to when Moses was making excuses before God. Moses asks what is His name, God said, I am that I am" (Exodus 3:13). This statement by Jesus means that He was God.

In line with this thought let us go now to the beginning of John. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (verse 1). Further

down in this chapter we find, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14) The Word was made flesh, this was Jesus. You see He was God before He came into the world and He was God while He was on this earth, and He is God now.

Something else to think about, when the rich young ruler came to Jesus (Matthew 19:16ff). This rich young made said, "And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Notice what Jesus replied to this young man, "And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God: but if thou wilt enter unto life, keep the commandments." The young man called Him good, Jesus said there is none good but God. Jesus accepted the fact that the young man called Him God.

Another time that Jesus proves that He was all man and all God is when He healed a paralytic man. Jesus told this man, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only" (Mark 2:1-7). The man was healed because Jesus had the power to forgive sin, thus God. !

I know of no preacher of the Word of God, that is worth his salt, that would say that Jesus did not Jesus was not all God and all man while He was on the earth. Not all men who call themselves preachers are the right kind of preachers. Jesus was God before He came to earth, while He was here on this earth and then after His resurrection from the dead. Love, Keith

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