

1. When you speak of the humanity of Christ you must begin with the virgin birth.
2. Scripture clearly teaches that Jesus was conceived by a miraculous work of the Holy Spirit.
3. There are critical doctrinal implications of the virgin birth.
 - a. It shows that salvation ultimately must come from the Lord.
 - b. The virgin birth made possible the uniting of full deity and full humanity in one person.
 - c. The virgin birth also makes possible Christ's true humanity without inherited sin.
4. Jesus had to deal with certain human weaknesses and limitations.
 - a. Jesus had a human body.
 - b. Jesus had a human mind.
 - c. Jesus had a human soul and human emotions.
5. Even though Jesus was fully human as we are – there was still a major difference – He was without sin.
6. Some have stated that if Jesus did not sin – then He was not truly human.
7. Remember – humans were created holy and righteous and placed in the garden.
8. But – as humans born after the fall – we are born with a sin nature from Adam.
9. When Paul speaks of Jesus coming to live as a man – he is careful not to say that He took on “sinful flesh.”
10. The fact that Jesus was tempted in every respect has great significance for our lives.
11. The practical implication for us is: In every situation where we struggle with temptation, we should look to Jesus Christ – the example for our lives.
12. So why was Jesus' full humanity necessary?
13. As we search the Scripture – we see why Jesus had to be fully man if He was going to be the Messiah and sacrifice for our salvation.
14. First of all – He is our example of obedience.
15. This is why Paul can call Christ the “last Adam” – and can call Adam the “first man” – and Christ the “second man.”

16. Then - it allowed Him to be our substitute sacrifice.

17. If Jesus had not been fully man - He could not have died in our place and paid the penalty that was due to us.