

Hebrews 1; Lord's Day 6

THE MEDIATOR REVEALED

- I. He is very real man.
 - A. The early church debated this question for centuries.
 - B. Jesus was a real man with a complete human nature, having a human body and a human soul.
 1. Though Jesus had a real human nature, He was without any sin.
 2. He was free from Adam's sinfulness, because He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, not by a sinful man.
 - C. God, by the miracle of the virgin birth, gave the Mediator our human nature which did not inherit Adam's original sin.
 1. Jesus was born of the flesh and blood of Mary, of the seed of Abraham (Heb. 2:16), of the seed of David according to the flesh (Rom. 1:3), made of a woman (Gal. 4:4); made flesh (John 1:14), in the likeness of sinful flesh (Rom. 8:3).
 2. As a real man He could be the substitute of real men before God – something no angel or animal could do.
- II. And Jesus was very God.
 - A. The early church also debated whether Jesus was truly God.
 - B. As the second Person of the Trinity, He is eternally God (I Tim. 3:16; I John 5:20).
 - C. Jesus, our Savior, is the person of the Son of God with two distinct natures.
 1. The second Person added to His divine nature a human nature (Heb. 2:14).
 2. Sustained by His deity, He, in His human nature, endured God's wrath.
- III. We know Jesus the Savior through God's gracious revelation in the gospel.
 - A. The gospel has its origin in God; it is announced by God; it is realized by God.
 - B. Today we have the gospel fully revealed to us in Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:1-3a).
 - C. The saving response to the gospel is to believe on Jesus Christ as our Savior, humbly confessing our sin and trusting in Him.