

Romans 1:3-4

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

Is Jesus really God?

In what sense is He God the Son?

Why tell us He's a descendant of David?

- 1) *1:3* Both Mary (Luke 3:23, 31) and Joseph (Matthew 1:6, 16; Luke 1:27) were distant descendants of King David. In order to fulfill prophecy (2 Samuel 7:12–13; Psalm 89:3–4, 19, 24; Isaiah 11:1–5; Jeremiah 23:5–6), Messiah had to be of the line of David.
- 2) The Bible teaches that Jesus is both God and man:
 - verse 3 declares His humanity
 - verse 4 proclaims His deity
- 3) *1 John 4:2-3* John was not writing of merely recognizing Jesus' humanity. John was referring to believing and accepting the truth that Jesus is God, came from God, and lived as a God-man among men.
- 4) *1:4* Jesus is eternally the second Person of the Godhead, but was declared God's Son when He was supernaturally conceived.
- 5) *2 Samuel 7:14* Christ would one day assume a title and role He had not had before. To us it makes sense to use the terms God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit to separate in logical sequence; from the biblical standpoint they are Godhead.
- 6) *John 1:14* In accordance with God's plan of redemption, Christ "became flesh, and dwelt among us." He still possessed some of His glory, the "glory as of the only begotten from the Father," but what He retained was a glory veiled in humanity, not visible to human eyes unless revealed.
- 7) *1:4* The most conclusive evidence of Jesus' position as God was demonstrated with power by His resurrection from the dead.

- 8) *1:4* During Jesus' humanity on earth, He willingly submitted to the will of the Father (John 5:30) and to the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 9) *Philippians 3:9-10* The same power that raised Jesus from the grave operates in our capacity to walk in righteousness and freedom from enslavement to sin.

GREEK WORDS

Horizō (hor-id'-zo)—to mark out or bound, to appoint, decree, specify :- declare

Arche (ar-khay')—source, or origin- or chief one in authority:- power, principality, rule

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