

Hard Questions: Is Jesus still fully man?

Philippians 2&3; Colossians 1:15
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1. For all eternity, Jesus continues as the visible image of the invisible God. (Colossians 1:15, John 1:14)
2. Jesus became human, died as a human, rose again as a human. Ascended to Heaven with a human body. He is in this moment in God's presence in 'humanity'. He will return in His humanity. (Acts 1:6-11)
3. Jesus still has a perfect body, one like we haven't experienced yet, but one day we will experience that transformation. (Philippians 3:20-21)
4. Paul emphatically rejects any denial of Christ's humanity or any thoughts of rejecting Christ's deity. (Colossians 2:9)
5. Hypostatic Union is used to describe Jesus Christ as fully God and fully man. This sets Christianity apart from other religions.
6. We are made in the image of God, but are not presently in God's image morally because He is Holy and we are sinful. When someone puts their faith in Christ, they are promised that the image of God will be restored.
7. In Jesus, the invisible God became visible. He is the exact likeness of God. (John 14:9, Philippians 2:6)
8. The conception of a god who never became man will not satisfy the human soul like the God who did. On one level, Jesus became human to identify with us in our struggles, but much more than that, so He could die to pay the penalty of our sins. (Hebrews 2:17-18, Philippians 2:5-11)
9. The reason Jesus became the 'God-man' first and foremost to bring glory to God, but also for us. (Romans 5:8)

GREEK WORDS

Prototokos [pro-tot-ok'-os] *first-born* (noun): — first begotten – speaks of rank

Somatikos (so-mat-ee-koce') corporeally or physically: — bodily

Eikon (i-kone') a likeness, (literally) statue, profile, or representation, resemblance: — image

Charakter (khar-ak-tare') engraving, the figure stamped, an exact copy or representation

QUOTES

“...in our finite humanity, we are significantly helped by a point of correspondence with the divine. God was glorious long before He became man in Jesus. But we are humans, and un-incarnate deity doesn't connect with us in the same way as the God who became human.” ~**Unknown**

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