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CHECK-IN & CHECK-UP

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:: Everyone take a minute or two to share how they've been since the last time you met.

// CHECK-UP

:: Do a spiritual check-up. *How's your bible-reading, prayer, church attendance? In what ways do you feel encouraged/discouraged? Where do you see evidence of the Spirit's work in your own life?*

• SEMESTER I • SESSION VI •
JESUS CHRIST IS MAN

*“...And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
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God God the Son had a human body—flesh, blood, hunger, thirst, and pain. This is the greatest scandal: God became man. C.S. Lewis called it the *Grand Miracle*, the centerpiece of history. Accept it, and redemption follows. Reject it, and Christianity crumbles.

Why did Jesus need to be human? **To be the Second Adam** – Adam, Noah, and Israel failed. Christ succeeded, fulfilling the law perfectly. **To be our Mediator** – The High Priest had to be a man. **To Suffer and Die in Our Place** – Only a man could bear our sins; only God could atone for all. **To be our Righteousness and Example** – His righteousness is ours; we follow His steps.

How human was Jesus? **Truly and fully human.** The Bible gives us many proofs of the humanity of Christ. Six were considered: Jesus was born. Jesus had a human body. Jesus grew and learned. Jesus had physical limitations—He got hungry and tired. Jesus had emotions and was tempted.

Was Jesus just like every other man? Yes and no. Yes, in that He was truly human. No, in that **He was sinless, fully obedient, and rose from the dead.**

Is Jesus still a human? Yes! And **He will be so forever.** He ascended into heaven with the same glorified body that climbed out of the grave. He sits at the Father’s side. We have a man at the Father’s side! Additionally, Jesus will return as a man, and reign in a new, physical heaven and earth.

Here’s the long and short of it. Jesus became a Man. Jesus stayed a Man. And Jesus is coming back as a Man.

REVIEW

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READ TOGETHER:

Romans 5:12-21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Sin and death entered the world through Adam. How does Christ's incarnation—becoming man—provide a solution to the universal problem of sin introduced by one man, and what does this reveal about God's plan for humanity?

Verse 17 says that in Christ, we receive the "**abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness.**" How does Christ's incarnation—His perfect obedience—make this grace available to us? How does this change how we live?

READ TOGETHER:

Hebrews 2:14-18

Hebrews says He is like us in “**every respect**”. Why is this, and which aspect of Christ’s humanity is most glorious to you? Is there a part of His humanity you find difficult?

If Jesus was without sin, if He never gave into temptation, how is He “**able to help those who are being tempted**”?

Acts 1:10-11 tells us, the same Jesus which ascended to the Father will return to the earth. Jesus remains human, in His glorified body, even today. How does having a Man at the Father’s side help you as a believer?

CHRIST-FORMING DISCIPLESHIP

// GETTING TO CHRIST

:: Jesus is truly righteous. His righteousness is counted to His people by faith. How does this affect our obedience?

:: Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 7:25 says Jesus is “**interceding**” for us. What does that mean?

// GETTING TO ME

:: If you have been gifted the righteousness of Christ, why not just sin that grace may abound? Why obey at all?

:: How does having a Man at the Father’s side, praying for you affect the way you live and work and play?

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

