

EVERY TRACK EVERY WEEK WEEK 6: Leader Discussion Guide

The 2 Natures of Christ

-Welcome!

-Intro: Thanks for being here! Revisit last week's points

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INTRO:

Hi, and welcome to Every Track Every Week. My name is _____ and I am involved with Texas FCA Motocross through _____. I've been involved with FCA MX for ____ years and my favorite thing about the ministry is _____.

This week's discussion is based on episode #83 of our podcast "The Gospel Driven Athlete" titled, "The 2 natures of Christ". We are going to discuss how Jesus was 100% a real human being but was also 100% The powerful and mighty God.

-Ice Breaker Question: *Have you ever gone riding and felt like a completely different person? One day you are killing it and the next you can't hit a rut to save your life.*

-Question 1: Was Jesus Christ actually a real person, or was He more like Superman? (ya know, someone who looked like a man but really just had superpowers and just pretended to be human, like superman/Clark Kent)

***Answer:**

1. I can see how someone could ask this question, or even think that this must have been how it was. I mean, we are sinful men who could never live a sinless life. How could Jesus have done it if He was really a man? And yet the Bible says that he was fully man and did in fact live a perfect sinless life.

Phil. 2:6-8



⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

These verses (and a huge amount of others) illustrate that Jesus was indeed fully human. He took on the form of a slave, he was tempted, he experienced all that we experience....physical pain, emotion, hunger, thirst, ect., and yet was without sin.

QUESTION 2: Ok, if Jesus was fully man while on the earth, how was He still God? How could God, in Jesus, set aside His divine nature and take on human form and become man and yet not stop being God?

***ANSWER:**

1. Scientifically speaking, I don't know. It doesn't sound possible. We can't set aside our human form and become God, so we have no firsthand knowledge of how this works. But regardless of our inability to be able to fully explain HOW this works, we know with full confidence that according to scripture Jesus was, is, and will always be God, even when he came to earth and took on flesh.

John 1:1-4 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life,[a] and the life was the light of men.*

The “Word” spoken of here is the second person of the Trinity, Jesus (the original language of the scriptures make this more plain than our language). Scripture is clear that Jesus was with God, and has always been God, from the beginning.



John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Again, the “Word” here is the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity. This is Jesus. And Jesus became flesh, and dwelt among us. While He “became flesh”, or to say it another way- while He took on flesh (took on a human body), Jesus did not stop being God. Scripture is clear that Jesus is God. And since God is eternal, Jesus could not stop being God any more than the Father or The Spirit could stop being God. Jesus added humanity to His divinity.

Question 3: So, Jesus was, is, and will forever be God. And Jesus was fully man when he walked the earth. Why does this matter?

***ANSWER:**

1. There are multiple reasons why this is important and why studying this is important. You can have faith in Christ as the Lord and Savior without ever really looking into this fully. But as we dig deeper in to the truths of God’s word because it gives us more wisdom, more understanding, and it grows our faith. These truths draw us near to God and help us to know Him more fully.
2. It matters because only a real man could pay for the sins of men, and only real God has the power to conquer death. The two natures of Christ make the accomplishment of both of these requirements possible. **Heb. 2:17** says, *“Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.”*
3. Being fully man, He felt the stress and pain of this situation. He didn’t numbingly go through the process. He was born as a man under the law and fulfilled the law by living the perfect sinless life. If he was not born as a man under the law, then he could not fully fulfill it and would not be the perfect scapegoat and substitute for us all.

John 10:14-15 & 17-18 says, *“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”*



Galatians 4:4-5 *4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

-Question 4: How should these facts drive our attitudes, our actions and our lives?

ANSWER:

- 1) The Gospel message has to be completely true for it to be of any value. Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, was born of a virgin, born a baby boy, a real human baby boy. He lived a sinless life, and yet died a sinner's death on a cross. After three days he rose from the dead. And today He is back in his rightful place at the right hand of God the Father. The good news of the Gospel is that, by faith our sin and shame is given to Christ and his perfection is given to us. And the Gospel only makes sense and only gives us real hope if it is completely true (which it is), including Christ being fully man and fully God.
- 2) God's plan is amazing. He, in the person of Jesus, fulfilled the all of the law and fully fulfilled the covenant of works that we as sinful man were required to fulfill but could not. It truly is one plan that is from the beginning and the more we dig into it we see how it all fits together. God is proactive in his creation and we can rest in the fact that Jesus Christ is both fully God and he did walk as fully man on this earth. He is the Lord and Savior and our hope is solely in HIM. This gives us confidence and rest, in the accomplished work of Christ.

-Lets pray.

