

Message Notes

Was Jesus fully man?

Scripture Passages

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Introduction - 2015 in pictures

E. Stanley Jones, Abundant Living

A Mythbusters Christmas

Last week: Was Jesus fully God?

Mythbusters Christmas #2: Was Jesus fully man?

Errors about the humanity of Jesus

Jesus Christ shared in the general condition of humanity

1. He assumed a human nature
2. He had a human descent
3. He had a normal body which could be touched
4. He had a soul

Jesus Christ partook of human experiences

1. He was born
2. He grew and developed
3. He was hungry, thirsty, tired, and slept
4. He was tempted
5. He suffered and died

What is the significance that Jesus was a man?

- He makes atonement for our sin
- He helps us in our temptation
- He gives us resurrection from the dead
- He is our example, especially so in suffering

A memorable drought picture from 2015

Are you delighting in the one who has come into the world?

John 1:14

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1 John 4:2-3

2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

1 John 1:1-2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.

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Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.

Hebrews 2:14-15

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

See also: Matthew 1:18-25, 13:54-56, 26:38, Luke 2:39-40, John 4:6-8, Hebrews 2:17-18, 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 1 Peter 2:21-23

2015

The image features the year '2015' rendered in a cursive, handwritten style. Each digit is formed by a continuous line of bright, golden-yellow sparklers. The sparklers are densely packed along the lines of the numbers, creating a shimmering, textured effect. The background is a solid, deep black, which makes the bright sparks stand out prominently. The overall appearance is festive and celebratory, typical of New Year's Eve or anniversary light art.



6. Meanwhile in Canada













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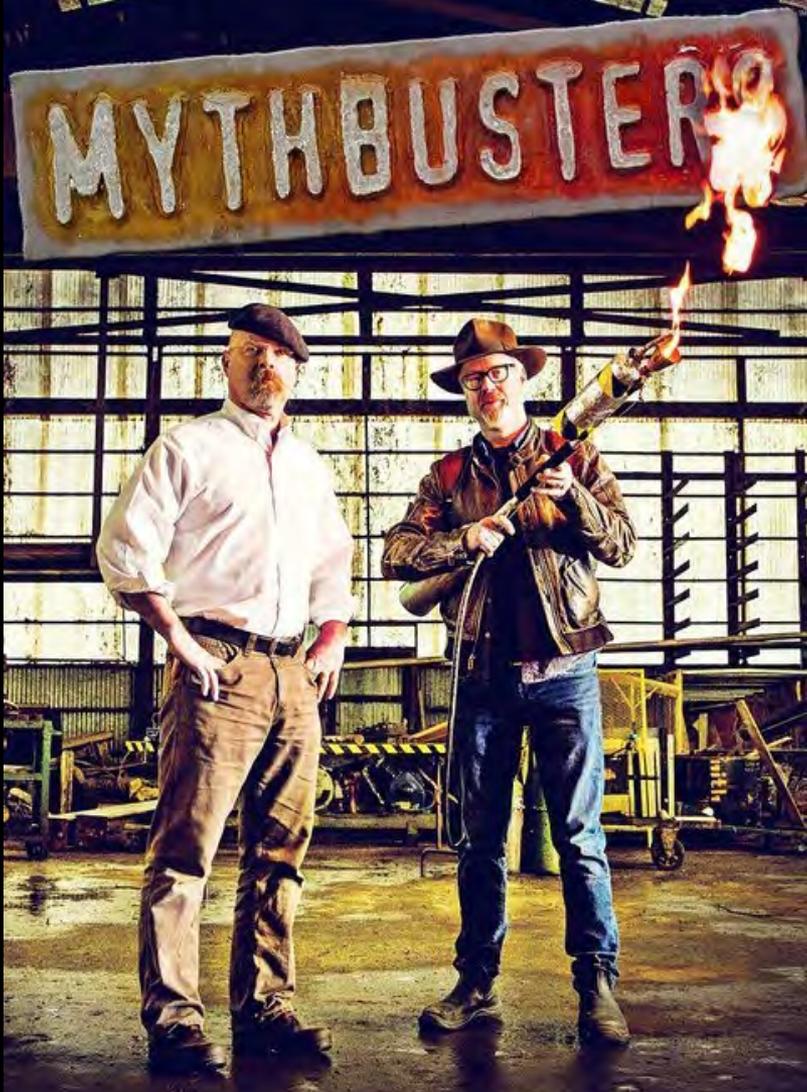


The early Christians did not say in dismay,
"look at what the world has come to,"
but in delight,
"look what has come into the world."

~E. Stanley Jones, Abundant Living
Christian Missionary and Theologian









#1 – What are the characteristics of divinity?

1. God is everlasting.
2. God is creator.
3. God is Lord.
4. God is independent, or self-existing.
5. God is unchangeable.
6. God alone is worthy of worship.

Last week: Was Jesus fully God?

Today: Was Jesus fully man?

Next Sunday: Was Jesus King of the Jews?

Sunday, January 3rd: Was Jesus the healer of all things?



Today's Message:
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Matthew 13:54-56

54 Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. 55 “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56 Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”

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(which could touch and be touched)

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4. He had a soul

Matthew 26:38

38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

Jesus partook of human experiences

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Matthew 1:18-25

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

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20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

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22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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2. He grew and developed

Luke 2:39-40

39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

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3. He experienced hunger, thirst, and tiredness

John 4:6-8

6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

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Christ was not a deified man, neither was he a humanized God. He was perfectly God, and at the same time perfectly man, made like unto his brethren in all things.

CHARLES SPURGEON



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He makes atonement for our sin

Hebrews 2:17-18

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He gives us resurrection from the dead

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

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He is our example, especially so in suffering

1 Peter 2:21-23

21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

22 “He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.



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Or are you saying with delight,
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