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Deity & Humanity

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Philippians 2:6-8

3. The intersection of Jesus' deity and humanity produces His **empathy** for us

Hebrews 2:18, 4:15-16

Demonstrate a Jesus-like empathy to the people in your world

1. Jesus is 100% **God**

Hebrews 1:1-3

Jesus' empathy gives us an **assurance** that he does get it - that He's experienced it - and can help us get thru the temptation that we face now

2. Jesus is 100% **human**

Hebrews 2:10-11, 14-17

Jesus provides you with an **example** that you can model - as He is empathetic to our plight, so you in your humanity, can and should be empathetic towards those in your relational worlds

A high priest had to "stand **among**" in order to "stand **before**"

Now What?

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Share It

Get to know one another

Do you remember a difficult time when someone showed empathy with you?



Study the Word

Questions to help learn from the Bible

Our series is about the “Intersections” of our needs and God’s provisions. We need a rescuer to be with God. His provision was the Messiah (Christ). God, in compassion, sent Jesus Christ as the only one who could fulfill that role. He was both fully God, righteous and without sin, and fully human, able to die for the human family.

1. What characteristics of deity are seen in Jesus?

John 2:24; 16:30

John 1:1-2; 8:58

Matthew 28:20; John 3:13

Matthew 8:16; 26-27; Mark 6:41-44

Matthew 9:5-6

2. What characteristics of humanity are seen in Jesus?

Luke 2:7; John 1:14

John 4:6; 19:28; Luke 23:26

Matthew 8:10; 26:38; John 11:33-35

Luke 2:52

Luke 23:46

As the God/Man, Jesus not only understood our need, but He had empathy with us. What do we learn about Him in Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15-16?



Discuss Together

Conversations about application

Why is it essential that Jesus is both fully God and fully human? Why is this important at all times and not only at Christmas? (see also John 20:28)

Why is it important that God understands our condition? (see Hebrews above).

How can we live-out empathy with the people in our worlds?



Pray

Suggestions for this week

- For the people in your relational worlds
- For global workers who are far away during the holidays



Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Be ready for opportunities to listen and show empathy with friends