

This week we continue our discussion of The Jesus-Who-Is.

There are five major New Testament scriptures that tell us who Jesus is:

- Colossians 1:15-20
- Hebrews 1:1-13
- John 1:1-18
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Revelation 1:9-18

Let's first look at Colossians:

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. *Colossians 1:15-20 NIV*

Historically, Christians have believed that Jesus was fully God and fully human. This is known as the incarnation (literally: the infleshment of God in a man).

So we carefully teach both parts of Jesus' nature. Jesus was a man. But he was a man in whom the Son of God was fully resident.

If I teach the divinity of Jesus but ignore his humanity, I create a false Jesus who is far away and who cannot sympathize with my temptations and my suffering.

If I teach the humanity of Jesus but ignore his divinity, I reduce him to a man who cannot save me from my sin nor raise me from the dead.

Jesus was God and man. He is the Jesus-Who-Is.

Questions: Which verses above speak to the divinity of Jesus? And which speak to the humanity of Jesus?

NEXT WEEK: More about the Jesus-Who-Is.

Blessings to you in Christ-



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