

said; If Jesus is not the Lord God, he claimed to be, he is *either a liar or a lunatic.*"

In John 14 the Apostles Philip said to Jesus, **"Lord, show us the Father"**. Our Lord's answer was amazing:

"Have I been with you all this time Phillip and you do not know me. The Father and I are one. Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

Hebrews 2:14-18

"He had to be made just like His brothers in every way so He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest ... and make an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the people."

His Humanity Jesus was a real person, born in a in a real place; had real parents; real brothers and sisters; real emotions; real struggles; a real death and a real resurrection. He is mentioned twice in Roman records and by the Jewish historian Josephus.

Hebrews 2 says He **"had to be made like His brothers" with "flesh and blood" / "like us in every way"**. There is one exception. The Angel Gabriel told Mary he would be holy "holy". Adam and Eve He and did not have a depraved sinful nature (Lk. 1:35) And like them and all of us he was **"tempted like us in every way, He had no sin."** (Heb. 4:15)

John says **"the word became flesh"**. God in the Old Testament was a person and the term "word" means "Who God is as a person". It is that part of God we human beings can relate to.

It is not that Jesus gave up His divine powers as God, but that He voluntarily **chose** not to use them to get through His struggles. It is like a three-legged race. Fathers and daughters make up the teams and a dad is tied to his three-year-old daughter.

To obey the rules of the race the dad must restrain the use of his strength and abilities and accommodate himself to the strength and ability of his daughter. But if a wild dog comes

up the dad can break the rules of the race and pick his daughter up and run.

The best evidence for the true humanity of Jesus is the way his family, those who knew him best; those who lived with him for 30 years, treated him. Before he went to the cross on the last Passover his brothers thought he was not going and they taunted him to go if he was really the Son of God. (John 7) When he was 12 Joseph and Mary scolded him for staying behind. None of his brothers and sisters believed he was the Son of God until after the resurrection.(Jn. 7:5)

The most amazing thing is, Mary and his brothers came to get him, in the midst of his ministry, because they thought **"he had lost his mind"** and they were going to *make* him come home with them (Mark 3:21). (Matt. 12 / Mk. 3 / Lk.8)

B. JESUS BRINGS SALVATION

Isaiah 52:14-Ch. 53

Day 8

" He came to his own and his own did not receive him." (Jn. 1)

"Everyone who saw him was horrified because he suffered until he no longer looked human. / He was silent like a lamb being led to the slaughter." (Isaiah 52-53)

"No one takes my life. I lay it down because I choose to do it." (Jn. 10)

It was primarily the life of the human Jesus who led me to become a Christian. Just out of college, working at my first job, I wanted a good Christian home and family like those I saw in the churches. To do that I knew I had to give up some of my habits and attitudes.

The problem was I could not do it. I had tried many times and failed many times. I told the pastor I wanted to be right with God but had an almost uncontrollable temper, and could never tell the Lord I would turn the other cheek to someone who hurt me. He said he didn't know if he could turn the other cheek and I said "man you have to you are the pastor".