



The Person of Christ

Saturday 10th January

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“Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so” (Karl Barth)

“I believe there is no one lovelier, deeper, more sympathetic and more perfect than Jesus. I say to myself with jealous love, that not only is there no one else like him, there never could be anyone like him.” (Dostoyevsky)

“I am an historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history”. (H.G. Wells)

Favourite Moments in the Gospels



Theology



Devotion

1. Jesus Christ is fully God

Objections

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Affirmations

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- “There is a precedent in the OT through typology for a “divine human” (Moses, Priest, King etc). Jesus Christ comes and takes that to an unexpected level.” (Crispin Fletcher-Louis, *Jesus Monotheism*)
 - “The New Testament authors did not feel the need to defend or prove the idea that Jesus is God. They assumed it. It was the inescapable conclusion towards which they were all drawn. This confession of the full lordship and the full divine status of Jesus Christ exploded overnight and was shared by all Christians. It shows up everywhere in the New Testament, even in places one might not expect. It was the air they breathed.” (Greg Lanier *Is Jesus Truly God*)
 - “In Johannean terms, then, Christology is the image that emerges when a Christian interprets events from Jesus’ life through the lens of the resurrection against the backdrop of the Hebrew Bible under the guidance of the Holy Spirit” (Thatcher, *The Gospel of John*)



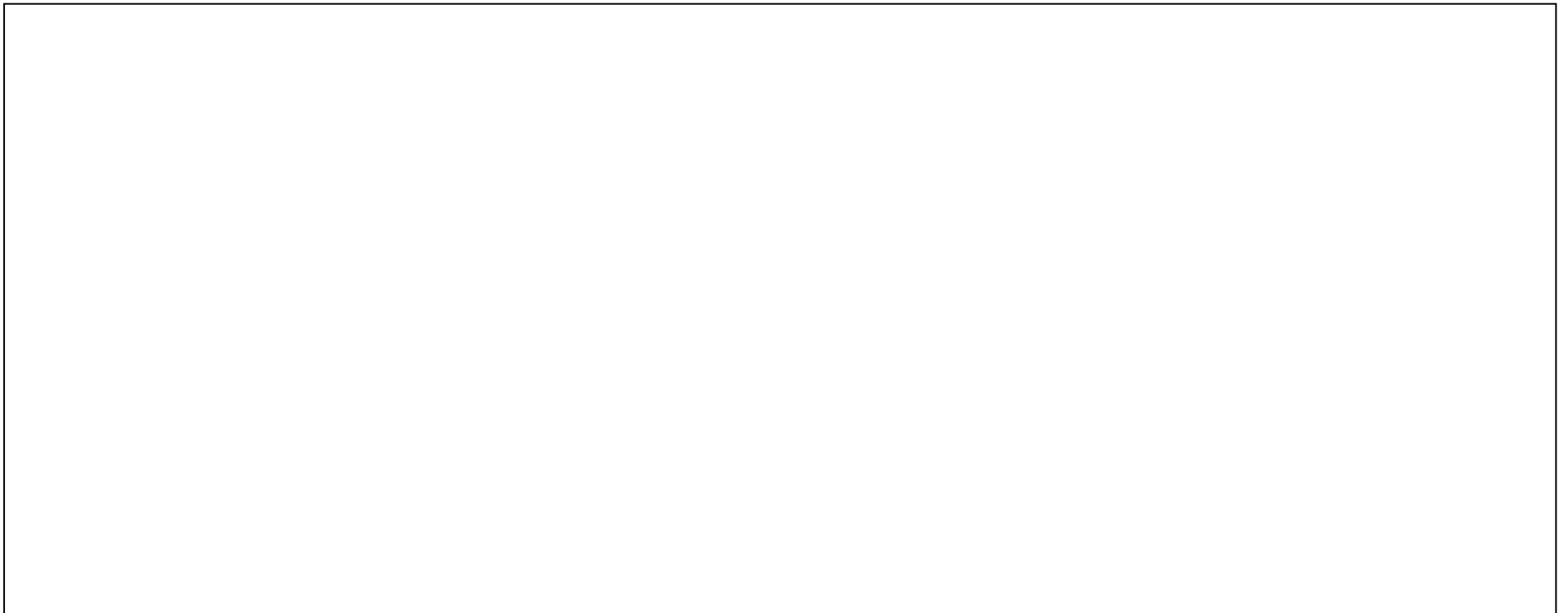
Nature		Pre-existence/ eternal	Demons	OT Christophanies	OT Revelation

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Jesus is aware of this!





2. Jesus Christ is fully man

Examples...

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“Son of Man”

Matthew 26: 57-64
Mark 13:26
Mark 10:42-45
Mark 8:27-33

The Bible Project Podcast Tim Mackie, Jon Collins 14/1/19

Hebrew idiom “Someone from the class of humans”

Group Work: Daniel 7



Hebrews

3) Jesus Christ is “the Great High Priest”

Hebrews: 2:17, 4:14, 5:1

OT Priests



Crispin Fletcher-Louis

Role of High Priest:

- 1) New Adam
- 2) Temple is microcosm to enact
- 3) Represent 12 tribes of Israel (breastplate)
- 4) Kingly
- 5) Office not a person (compared King)

“Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” (Mark 14: 61-62) (Melchizedek Genesis 14 & Psalm 110)

And so.....



4) Jesus Christ is our saviour

Incarnation

Ministry

Crucifixion

Resurrection

Ascension

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One in heaven like us!

'Seven Things to Like About the Ascension' (Gerrit Scott Dawson, Article Union Publishing)

Who has given us His Spirit!

John 16:7

Romans 8

Q: How does this change our approach to dealing with sin in our lives? Our prayer life? Our love of God, and love of others? How might this impact our work? Our friendships?

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“The glorified Lord is human as well as Divine. Even at the right hand of God He is still the man Christ Jesus. The feelings, the emotions, the sympathies of His heart are exactly what they were when He welcomed the first symptoms of contrition in the woman who came to Him in Simon’s house, or when He wept over the unbelief of Jerusalem. Even now He would leave no penitent uncheered, no mourner un comforted, no friend unloved, no little child un blessed; and in all this He is the truly human as well as the Divine Priest of men... When the Church keeps this in view there is no human want or weakness strange to her. It is her part to heal every wound and to wipe away every tear”. (William Milligan, *The Ascension of our Lord*).

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Reading

Amazed by Jesus, Simon Ponsonby

Jesus and the Eyewitnesses, Richard Bauckham

A Way into Hebrews (Grove Booklets), Joy Tetley

Pauline Christology, Gordon Fee

The Good God, Michael Reeves