

## The Hero of the Big Picture (The Person of Christ)

### 19 So What?

- ◆ Jesus' honour
- ◆ The church's purity
- ◆ My relationship

### 20 Two Questions

- ◆ Am I living for Jesus?
- ◆ Am I becoming more like Jesus?

### 1 Jesus is fully God.

*Bible references were covered in the sermon on the Trinity. All that has been said about the attributes (perfections) of God applies to Jesus. See the website for notes.*

### 2 DANGER! HERESY!

*"Jesus was just a simple, peasant preacher who was later turned into a messiah and a god by Paul and the church."*

- ◆ Paul is the most unlikely person ever to have 'created' a god.
- ◆ The New Testament is a reliable, historical record written during the lifetime of eye witnesses.

### 3 Lord of the Rings

- ◆ Could not have been written by J R R Tolkien because Oxford professors don't write fairy stories
- ◆ Must have been the work of several authors because it is written in several different styles
- ◆ Must have been written after 1945 because the 'ring' is a symbol of the atomic bomb

### 4 There is no historical Jesus other than the Jesus of the New Testament. Any demythologised Jesus is simply a product of our own imaginations.

### 5 Jesus is Fully Human

### 6 The Virgin birth

Matt 1: 20-22

- ◆ Salvation is from God
- ◆ Jesus is both God and man
- ◆ Jesus has no inherited sin

### 7 Jesus had a human body

- ◆ He was born (Luke 2:7)
- ◆ He grew (Luke 2: 52)
- ◆ He got tired (John 4:6)
- ◆ He got hungry (Matthew 4:2)
- ◆ He got thirsty (John 19:28)

### 8 Jesus rose in a perfect human body

- ◆ Luke 24: 37-43

**9 Jesus ascended in a perfect human body**

- ◆ Jesus is still a man (and God) in heaven
- ◆ One day we shall have perfect human bodies like Jesus

**10 Jesus had a human mind**

- ◆ He learned (Luke 2:52)
- ◆ There were things he did not know (Mark 13:32)

**11 Jesus had a human soul and emotions**

- ◆ He was troubled (John 12:27)
  - ◆ He experienced deep sorrow (Matthew 26:38)
- Christ at this time endured . . . misery of the same kind as the condemned spirits. . .*
- ◆ He was astonished (Matthew 8:10)
  - ◆ He wept (John 11:35)
  - ◆ He prayed with emotion (Hebrews 5:7)

**12 Jesus was sinless**

Jesus was not abnormal – we are!  
Hebrews 4:15

**13 Mud doesn't stick on Jesus!**

- ◆ John 8:46
- ◆ John 18:38

**14 Nevertheless Jesus temptations were real**

Hebrews 4:15



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**16 Why did Jesus need to be human?**

- ◆ To be our representative
- ◆ To be our substitute
- ◆ To be our mediator
- ◆ To fulfil God's original purpose for man to rule over creation
- ◆ To be our example
- ◆ To be the pattern for our redeemed bodies
- ◆ To sympathise with us as our High Priest

**17 DANGER! HERESY!**

- ◆ **Apollinarianism** – a human body + a divine mind/spirit
- ◆ **Nestorianism** – Two separate person, human and divine, in one body
- ◆ **Monophysitism** – One nature with human and divine mixed together.

**18 The Chalcedonian Definition**

We all with one voice confess our Lord Jesus Christ one and the same Son, the same perfect in Godhead, the same perfect in manhood, truly God and truly man,

the same consisting of a rational soul and a body, of one substance with the Father according to the Godhead, the same of one substance with us according to the manhood, like us in all things apart from sin;

begotten of the Father before the ages according to the Godhead, the same in the last days, for us and for our salvation,

born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the manhood, one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way abolished because of the union, but rather the characteristic property of each nature being preserved, and concurring into one Person and one subsistence,

not as if Christ were parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son and only-begotten God, Word, Lord, Jesus Christ; even as the Prophets from the beginning spoke concerning him, and our Lord Jesus Christ instructed us, and the Creed of the Fathers has handed down to us.

*Based on the version given by Stevenson & Frend (Creeds, Controversies & Councils) with alterations.*