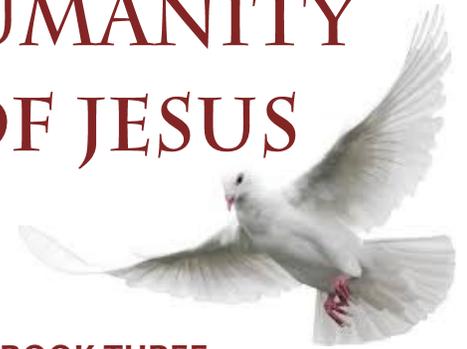


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right hand on our behalf. Day by day our High Priest pleads on our behalf to the Father God.

CHRIST'S ATONING WORK WAS FINISHED ON EARTH

On the cross *Jesus said, "It is finished," John 19:30.* Salvation is perfectly complete. Sin was righteously dealt with at the cross. Jesus will never die for sin again. *Hebrews 9:24-28* shows the sin and error of Romanism daily offering Mass. The Romanists actually try to re-enact Calvary each time a Mass is offered. We consider this as blasphemy for it does despite to the Holy Scriptures.

CHRIST MET THE CONDITIONS OF BECOMING A PRIEST

1. He was taken from among men. *Hebrews 5:1, "For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins."*
2. He was ordained or appointed to the task. *Hebrews 3:2, "... Christ Jesus... who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house (as High Priest)..."*
3. He was called of God to the task, *Hebrews 5:4,5.*

11. He prayed. *Matthew 14:23, "And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray..."*

Doubtless He also possessed the sex instinct though this is not referred to in Scripture, otherwise *Hebrews 4:15*, would not be true (tempted in all points as we are). *"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."*

JESUS POSSESSED BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT

1. Jesus had a body, *John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14; Matthew 26:12*, Jesus' body was buried, *Luke 23:52-56.*
2. Jesus had a soul. *Matthew 26:38, "... My soul is exceeding sorrowful..."* Jesus' soul went to Paradise at death, *Luke 23:43.*
3. Jesus had a spirit, which returned to the Father at death. *Luke 23:46, "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit."*

JESUS DIED

The biological culmination of life is death. Man is born to die. *Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this judgment"* Jesus must keep this rule.

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Proofs of the humanity of Christ. In order to be the Savior, Jesus had to be not only Divine and virgin-born, but He must also be a true man. He was like us in every respect except sinful. *1 Timothy 2:5*, "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus," Jesus had to be made like unto us in order to be a "faithful high priest in things pertaining to God," *Hebrews 2:17*. Jesus was born under the law that He might redeem us from the law, *Galatians 4:4-5*.

The first Adam brought death. Christ, the second Adam, brought resurrection, *1 Corinthians 15:21*.

JESUS WAS GIVEN HUMAN NAMES

Matthew 1:21, "...you shall call His name Jesus," fulfilled in *Matthew 1:23*. In *1 Timothy 2:5*, (quoted above) Jesus is distinctly called a man. The phrase "Son of man" which emphasizes His humanity, occurs 77 times, ex. *Luke 19:10*. Stephen, just before his death, saw Jesus and called Him "Son of man," *Acts 7:56*.

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Jesus met his death by crucifixion on the cross of Calvary in the prime of life. *Luke 23:33*, "And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left." *Hebrews 2:9*, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone." Jesus came to earth to die and death was the major proof of His humanity.

CONCLUSION

Jesus still possesses a body, even after His resurrection. *Luke 24:39*, "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see; for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." *John 20:27*, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands;" *Acts 7:55-56* Stephen at his martyrdom saw Jesus standing at God's right hand Jesus was human and like us in all but two points:

1. He did not possess a sin nature or original sin
2. He was sinless for He never committed one sin.

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our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

7. Our departed loved ones, saints or Mary cannot be our advocates.

CONCLUSION

Luke 22:31, "And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat." This is Christ's present intercessory ministry on our behalf. Since He knows all things He can pray about temptations even before they come.

The intercessory work of Christ has supplied strong motives for consistent and impressive Christian living. The resurrected Christ is watching over you. The humblest believer now rests in the love of that unseen Friend whose faithful care is unaffected by time or events.

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THE INTERCESSORY WORK OF JESUS

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Does Jesus spend His time preparing mansions for the redeemed? This is one of His important tasks. *John 14:2*, "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." In addition to this ministry Jesus is actively engaged in the ministry of intercession. *Hebrews 7:25*, "He always lives to make intercession for them." *Hebrews 9:24*, "For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;" A priest is a mediator, one who intercedes with a just God on behalf of guilty sinners. *Leviticus 4:16-18*, the priest bears a bloody sacrifice or a sin offering to the Lord. Job's desire was for a mediator, a days man in his day. *Job 9:33*, "Nor is there any mediator between us, Who may lay his hand on us both."

We thank God often for Bethlehem and Calvary and we must also thank Him for His present advocacy at God's

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Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” He is the propitiation for our sins. The sacrifice becomes the lawyer. When we sin He pleads for us on the ground of His finished work and Calvary. The believer then receives the Father’s forgiveness for the sake of the Savior, *1 John 1:9*.

CHRIST OFFERS TO BE YOUR INTERCESSOR TODAY

If we do not ask for forgiveness we will not receive it.

1. In times of severe trial we ought to be glad of a true friend at court.
2. The Savior stands ready at the court of heaven to assist us.
3. He is willing to be our personal representative to the Father.
4. As we pray we place our case in His hands for His divine care.
5. As a true man He was tempted in all points, like we are, yet He was without sin. He overcame sin and now offers that overcoming power to us.
6. We do not know the accusations that Satan is constantly bringing to the Father against us. Some may be true but many, many may be false. *Revelation 12:10*, “... and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of

CONCLUSION

Philippians 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,” We should not imitate but reproduce the holiness, love, compassion, meekness and humility of the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. To be like Jesus - not only outwardly but inwardly - pure, true and prayerful as He is. He longs to live this life of character again in us as we yield ourselves to Him. *Romans 6:19*, Let us yield our members to Him as “... present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.”

JESUS HAD HUMAN ANCESTRY

To get a kitten you must have cat parents. For Jesus to be human He must have a human parent, which He did in the person of His mother, Mary. *Luke 2:7*, “And she (Mary) brought forth her firstborn Son.” *Galatians 4:4*, “But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.” Jesus was born of the seed and lineage of David. *Acts 13:23*, “From this man’s seed (David), according to the promise raised up for Israel a Savior, Jesus.” The genealogy in *Matthew 1:1-16* traces the ancestry from Abraham to Christ. *Hebrews 7:14*, “For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah; of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.”

JESUS POSSESSED A PHYSICAL NATURE

John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh (human nature), and dwelt among us...” *Hebrews 2:14*, “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, ... (i. e., flesh and blood).” To not confess that Jesus Christ is a man is a mark of antichrist. *1 John 4:3*, “... and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, ...” To test a

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Jesus is our example. *1 Peter 2:21*, not only in action but in character, too. *Romans 8:29*, to be conformed to His image is basically being conformed to His character.

JESUS CHRIST WAS HOLY

This subject was covered in the lesson on the sinlessness of Christ. Jesus Christ was holy, absolutely holy, for He was without sin nature from birth. Moreover, He did not commit any sin and always did that which was correct and pure. In *Acts 3:14*, Peter refers to Jesus as the Holy One and the Just (One). The Savior manifested His holiness in loving righteousness and hating iniquity. This is seen in His cleansing of the Temple and the denunciation of sin and hypocrisy.

Jesus hates sin so much that He was willing to die on Calvary to defeat sin and offer righteousness to all who will believe in Him. *Galatians 3:13* says Christ was a curse for us under the law. “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, ...” *Romans 4:6* says God imputes righteousness to those who receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. See *Revelation 19:8b*.

demon- possessed person, ask this question: “Has Jesus Christ come in the flesh?” and they will answer with an emphatic “no.”

JESUS WAS SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

1. He grew. Luke 2:40, “And the Child (Jesus) grew and became strong in spirit...”
2. He asked questions. Luke 2:46, “Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.”
3. He increased in wisdom. Luke 2:52, “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature...”
4. He learned obedience. Hebrews 5:8, “...though He (Jesus) was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.”
5. He suffered. Hebrews 2:18, “For in that He (Jesus) Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”
Hebrews 2:10, “For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”

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JESUS CHRIST WAS LOVING

The Savior's love was manifested in two ways: (1) to His Father and (2) to mankind. John 14:31, “But that the world may know that I love the Father,...” Jesus manifested this love by obedience to the Father. John 6:38, “For I came down from Heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.” Also John 14:3b. Jesus finished the work that the Father gave Him to do, John 17:4 and John 19:30.
Christ especially loves the church. Ephesians 5:25, “Christ loved the church.”
Jesus has a special love for His own. John 13:1, “Having loved His own...”
Jesus Christ also loves sinners. Luke 19:10 says “the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which is lost.” Matthew 9:13 shows Jesus obeyed His own teachings of Matthew 5:44 and loved His enemies, Luke 23:34.
Jesus loved children. The Bible gives this beautifully in the scenes in Mark 10:13-16.
He demonstrated His love by becoming poor that we might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His

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2. For whom? His own. Hebrews 9:24, “... now to appear in the presence of God for us.” See also Hebrews 7:24-25, interceding for those who come to God.
3. Basis of His plea is His own blood. Hebrews 9:12, “...by His own blood...” In John 17:1-26 (His High Priestly Prayer), Jesus speaks of the finished work.
4. Actual plea: (a) For grace to be given to the saints in need, 2 Corinthians 12:9. (b) For strength to be given to the weak, John 17:11. (c) That we may be kept from sin and temptation, John 17:15. (d) That we shall be forgiven when we confess our sins, 1 John 1:9. (e) That we have power to witness for Christ, Acts 1:8. (f) That we be conformed to the image of Christ, Romans 8:29.
5. Purpose of the plea: (a) To sustain life, Hebrews 9:24. (b) To give cleansing, 1 John 2:1. (c) To give grace and help, Hebrews 4:15-16. d. To secure victory, Hebrews 2:17-18.

CHRIST IS OUR ADVOCATE NOW

Satan is the accuser of the brethren at the throne of God, Job 1:6-12. To counteract the accusations of Satan we have a lawyer at the court of heaven. Our lawyer/ advocate is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. 1 John 2:1, “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the

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the smoking flax, Matthew 12:20. He dealt tenderly with the broken and fanned the dying fire.

JESUS CHRIST WAS HUMBLE

Jesus was both meek and humble, “...lowly in heart,” according to Matthew 11:29. He was humble for He sought not His own glory but the Father's glory, John 8:50. The Savior shunned publicity and fabulous advertising which caters to pride.
The humility of Jesus allowed Him to associate with publicans and sinners, Luke 15:1-2.
The humility of Jesus kept Him silent under outrageous charges, Isaiah 53:7; 1 Peter 2:23.
Jesus demonstrated His humility by washing the disciples' feet, John 13:4-5.
Philippians 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

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His sacrifice was:

1. Voluntary, of a free will, *Hebrews 10:5-10*. He offered to die.
2. Substitutionary, *Hebrews 7:24-28*. He died instead of me.
3. Spotless, *Hebrews 9:14*, He was without spot, the perfect sinless Lamb.
4. With blood, *Hebrews 9:12*, His own blood, Divine blood, *Acts 20 :28*.
5. Acceptable, *Hebrews 13:20-21*. The Father's justice was satisfied.
6. Final, *Hebrews 7:27*. There is no need for a re-enactment of Calvary.

CHRIST NOW APPEARS IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US

1. The place: In heaven. *Hebrews 9:1-8* tells of the responsibilities of the priest. *Hebrews 9:11-12*, “*But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.*” *Hebrews 9:24*, “*Christ . . . is entered into heaven itself...*” *Acts 7:55*.

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He prayed in submission to the will of the Father in Gethsemane, *Matthew 26:42*.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray and told us to do likewise, *Matthew 6:9-13*.

By prayer He overcame temptation, wrought miracles, escaped death, glorified God.

JESUS CHRIST WAS MEEK

Meekness is the attitude of mind that is opposed to harshness and contentiousness (Torrey). Meekness manifests itself in gentleness and tenderness toward others. Jesus Himself says that He is meek. *Matthew 11:29*, “*Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*” This is also stated in *Matthew 12:20*.

Paul asked the Corinthians this question: *1 Corinthians 4:21*, “*... Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?*” As Christians we are to learn meekness. *Galatians 6:1*, “*... restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.*” *2 Timothy 2:24-25*, “*²⁴And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition,...*” Jesus manifested meekness in not breaking the bruised reed or quenching

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6. He worked as a carpenter to the age of thirty. *Mark 6:3*, “*Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James,...*”? Jesus' age is given in *Luke 3:23*. Jesus was so human that He was mistaken for an ordinary carpenter.

7. He was tempted, the temptations in *Matthew 4:1-11*.

JESUS WAS MOVED BY THE INSTINCTS OF NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS

1. He hungered. *Matthew 4:2*, “*And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.*” See also *Matthew 21:18*.
2. He thirsted. *John 4:7*, “*A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give Me a drink.’*” The fifth cry from the cross, “*I thirst*” - *John 19:28*.
3. He became weary. *John 4:6*, “*Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well...*”
4. He slept. *Matthew 8:24*, “*And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.*”
5. He loved. *Mark 10:21*, “*Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him,...*” (the rich young ruler). *John 11:36*, “*Then the Jews said, ‘See how He loved him!’*” (Jesus loved Lazarus).

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poverty might become rich.”

The supreme proof of His love was voluntarily dying for us. *John 15:13*, “*Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down His life for His friends.*”

Jesus continues to manifest His love to us daily by daily care and sustenance, *Matthew 6:33*.

JESUS CHRIST'S LOVE FOR SOULS

We should follow our Savior in His never-dying love for the souls of men wandering in sin. He came as the Good Shepherd to seek lost sheep both of the Jews and of the Gentiles. *John 10:16*, “*And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring,...*” Jesus loved the multitudes. He came to die for the world, all mankind, *John 3:16*. But His ministry was mostly one of individual soul winning, reaching them one by one.

The first chapter of *John* records His dealings with two of John's disciples, Andrew and his friend, verses 37-40; Peter, verse 42; Philip, verse 43; Nathanael, verse 47. *John 3* with Nicodemus. *John 4* with the woman at the well of Samaria. *John 9* with the man born blind. Let's not be afraid to spend hours with a single soul. In *Luke 15:4*, He bared His heart to go and search for the lost, “*What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of*

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6. He had compassion. *Matthew 9:36, "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd." Matthew 23:37, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem... How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"*
7. He was angry and grieved. *Mark 3:4, "Then He said to them, 'Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?' But they kept silent." John 2:16, righteous indignation was manifested in the cleansing of the temple.*
8. He manifested reverential trust. *Hebrews 5:7, "... who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,"*
9. He groaned. *John 11:33. "Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled."*
10. He wept. *John 11:35. "Jesus wept." Probably also in Gethsemane, Matthew 26:38. Luke 19:41, Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem. Hebrews 5:7 speaks of... "... supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him."*

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them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?" Jesus entered into the joy of finding the lost sinner, *Luke 15:5-7. In Luke 15:24, Jesus says when the prodigal returned home that they "began to be merry."* Likewise He was deeply grieved at every soul that rejected Him. *Luke 19:41-42, Jesus wept over stiff-necked Jerusalem; not over the city, but their souls.*

We should pray that we will be conformed to His love for souls and individuals.

JESUS CHRIST WAS COMPASSIONATE

Jesus Christ was compassionate, for the Bible's shortest verse says, "*Jesus wept*" (*John 11:35*) Jesus' compassion was manifested toward the multitudes. *Mark 6:34, "And Jesus, when He came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd."* We also should have compassion like this. Jesus' compassion caused Him to be concerned for the people's physical need, *John 6:5. Jesus' compassion healed the blind, John 9:1-38; Matthew 20:34. He had compassion on those possessed with demons, Mark 9:22,25; Mark 5:1-13; Luke 4:41. Jesus was compassionate on the poor lepers, Mark 1:40-41; Luke 5:12-15.*

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4. He served in things pertaining to God. *Hebrews 2:17, "... that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people."*
5. He offered gifts and sacrifices for sins, *Hebrews 5:1. Jesus Christ offered Himself.*

CHRIST WAS MADE A PRIEST AFTER THE AARONIC PATTERN

On earth Jesus never acted as a priest. He never entered the Holy of Holies.

1. Both offered sacrifice before the people. Jesus publicly offered Himself at Calvary.
2. Both appeared in God's presence for the people.
3. Both came out to bless the people.

However, Aaron as a man died. Jesus as God lives to intercede for us. In this respect Jesus follows the Melchisedec pattern, a priest without end, *Hebrews 5:6.*

CHRIST OFFERED HIMSELF AS THE SACRIFICE ON CALVARY

While we were yet sinners the Savior died for us. He died at Jerusalem, without the gate upon that cross of shame.

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Often we say we have compassion, but Jesus demonstrated His compassion with actions. He became a Shepherd to the lost sheep. He became a Savior to the doomed. He healed the sick. He cast out demons. We should love in both word and in deed.

JESUS CHRIST WAS PRAYERFUL

The four Gospels give us a glimpse into the great prayer life of the Savior, but none as strong as *Hebrews 5:7, "... who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able..."* It was not uncommon for Jesus to pray all night, *Luke 6:12; Mark 1:35.* Jesus prayed before great experiences like His baptism, temptation, etc., *Luke 3:21, John 6:15.* He prayed openly to the Father requesting miracles, *Matthew 14:19; John 11:41-42.* Jesus ended His earthly life with a prayer on His lips to the Father, *Luke 23:46.* Jesus often sought to be alone in prayer, in a solitary place or on the mountain side. Sometimes He prayed alone, *Matthew 14:13; sometimes with His disciples, Luke 9:28; Luke 22:39-46.* Jesus prayed for individuals, Peter in *Luke 2:31-32; for "His own" in John 17:9,20.*

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