

GOSPEL GRACE

CHURCH

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP GATHERING

THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST

DECEMBER 16, 2012 - 10:30am

Thank you for joining us today! We are a new church that is forming around the Gospel of Grace in Jesus Christ. If you are joining us for the first time, we'd love to meet you! Many from our core team will stick around after the gathering and would love to say hey. If you'd like to grow more connected to GGC, your best opportunity would be to join one of our community groups on Wednesday night. Grab a handout on the welcome table for addresses and schedule.

Over the Christmas season, we have been turning our attention to the gospel, the good news that God is with us. What does that mean, though? Last week, we looked at the truth that the baby born in a manger in Bethlehem was fully God. This week, we look to Jesus as fully man. Jesus has a human body, emotions, mind, and will, and that truth in no way compromises the truth we looked at last week--His deity. When the Apostle John says that the Word became flesh, when eternal God took on a human body, he did not merely become a partial man. He fully became man. This truth holds incredible encouragement and power for us. Jesus is like us in every respect—body, heart, mind, and will—except for sin. Jesus never sinned in His body, heart, mind or will, and therefore, He is able to save the body, heart, mind and will of those who come to Him in faith. “That which he has not assumed he has not healed. but that which is united to His Godhead is also saved.” (Gregory of Nazianzus) Today, would you listen to God's word as it describes the glory of Jesus in His humanity. We have included several discussion questions on the next page to help you apply God's word to your heart.

NEXT SUNDAY'S THEME - 10:30AM @ FORT DOUGLAS POST CHAPEL

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SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ☀ **How can a clearer understanding of Jesus' humanity help you face temptations?** Remember how Jesus dealt with real and difficult temptations from Satan himself.

- ☀ We are good at saying, "In Jesus name, amen," at the end of our prayers, and yet Have you recently thought about how he modeled prayerful dependence on the Father? **How can an understanding of Jesus' humanity help you to pray?**

- ☀ Jesus was perfect humanity. He kept God's law fully. He had clean hands and a pure heart and therefore could ascend to the "hill of the Lord" and "stand in His holy place." (Psalm 24:2-3) **Have you ever thought about the ongoing mediatory function of Jesus that allows us to pray?** He is interceding continually on our behalf.

- ☀ **What are the most difficult situations in your life right now? Can you think of any similar situations that Jesus might have faced?** Does that encourage you to obey the Father, or pray confidently to him through the Son?

- ☀ **How does the humanity of Jesus help change your concept of God's love for you?** Can you imagine what it was like to be eternal God and yet take on flesh and live amongst cursed and sinful humanity? What love.