

2019 Systematic Theology II Schedule

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Extra Resources

1. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation* (<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/athanasius/incarnation.pdf>)
 2. Michael Reeves, *Rejoicing in Christ* (InterVarsity Press, 2015)
 4. Donald MacLeod, *The Person of Christ* (InterVarsity Press, 1998)
 5. D. A. Carson, *Jesus, the Son of God* (Crossway, 2012)
 6. Bruce Ware, *The Man Christ Jesus* (Crossway, 2012)
 7. John Owen, *The Glory of Christ*
 8. John Walvoord, *Jesus Christ Our Lord* (Moody, 1969)
 9. Stephen Wellum, *God the Son Incarnate* (Crossway, 2016)
 10. Thomas Torrance, *Incarnation: The Person and Life of Christ* (InterVarsity, 2015)
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Week 2

THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST – PART 2

I. What the Bible says about Christ's humanity

1. Jesus is **referred to** as human (1 John 1:1-3; 4:2-3)
2. Jesus was born of a **woman** (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; 3:23)
3. Jesus endured human weaknesses and limitations
 - Jesus had a **body** (Luke 2:7, 40, 52; 23:46, 24:42; Matt. 4:2, 11; John 4:6, 19:28; 21:9, 13)
 - Jesus had a **Smind** (Luke 2:52; Heb. 5:8; Mark 13:32)
 - Jesus had a human **soul** and human **emotions** (John 12:27; 11:35; Heb. 5:7; Matt. 8:10; 26:36-46)
 - Jesus was understood by others to be a human being (Matthew 13:53-58)
4. Jesus remained **sinless** (2 Cor. 5:21; Hebrews 4:14-16)

II. Questions about Christ's humanity

1. How is Jesus *both* God and Man?

- Read Philippians 2:5-8
- Did Jesus cease being God? How do we know?
- What did Jesus empty Himself of?
- Jesus emptied Himself *by* _____
- Does the context of the passage help explain Jesus' emptying (read vv. 1-4)?

2. What's the deal with Second Adam? (Rom. 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 15:42-49)

- Read 1 Cor. 15:45. Sometimes Christ is referred to as the Second Adam—the same, but different from the first.
- How are Jesus and Adam similar?
 - Both human
 - Image of God
 - Same commission
- How are they different?
- How does the first Adam represent all those after him?
- How does the Second Adam represent all those after him?

3. Does the virgin birth actually matter?

- The very first recorded promise of deliverance is found in Gen. 3:15. Whose seed would finally crush the serpent's head?
- Rom. 5:18 says that Adam's sin brought condemnation to all mankind. How could Jesus become human without being condemned?
- What did the virgin birth make possible for Christ to avoid?
- Can mankind produce something like the virgin birth? Is it natural or supernatural? What implication does that have for our salvation?

4. Does the humanity of Christ really matter?

- Read Hebrews 2:14-18
- What did "the children" share in?
- What did Christ "partake of?"
- What does v. 14 say is the reason that Christ partake of those things?
- According to v. 17, what would not have happened if Christ was not human?
- "What he has not assumed he has not healed." – Gregory of Nazianzus

III. What's at stake?

- The Second Adam (Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 15:45)
- The Substitutionary Sacrifice (Heb. 2:14-18)
- The Mediator between God and Men (1 Tim. 2:5)
- The Perfect Example (Phil 2:5-11; 1 Pet 2:21; Heb. 12:2)
- The Sympathetic High Priest (Heb. 2:18; 4:15-16)
- The First-Born from the dead (Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 15:49)
- The self-giving nature of God (God with us)