# The Man Christ Jesus

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Nowhere else in Scripture do we have a glimpse of the *humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ* like we do in Luke 2. Nowhere else do we have the background of His childhood and the event in the Temple when He was twelve years-old.

* John 1:14 – And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
* 1 Timothy 3:16 – He was manifested in the flesh…
* 1 John 4:2 – By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

*It is Massively important that we understand, believe, and defend the HUMANITY of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Jesus had to be a true man in order to:*

1. *To Be our Representative on the Cross*
   * Hebrews 2:17 – Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
2. *To Be our True Example*
   * Philippians 2:5 – Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.
   * 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Be imitators of Me, as I am of Christ.
3. *To be our Pioneer in Resurrection*
   * 1 Corinthians 15:20 – But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
4. *To be Our Priestly Mediator in Heaven*
   * Romans 8:34 - Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

## A True Child (2:21-40)

* James 2:10 – But whoever keeps the whole LAW, and yet stumbles in one point, He is guilty of all of it.
* 1 Peter 2:22 – WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH.
* 2 Corinthians 5:21 – He made Him who knew no sin to be sin our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God.
* Isaiah 42:6 – I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the Nations.

## A True Adolescent (2:41-51)

There are three essential truths to the Lord Jesus Christ’s Understanding of Himself in the Temple @ 12 years-old.

1. *The Lord Jesus became completely absorbed with His own Being and Mission.*
   * Probably in light of discussions of the Passover Lamb.
2. *The Lord Jesus began to grasp and understand that he was the Messiah.*
   * ‘To be about His Father’s Business.’
3. *The Lord Jesus became gripped by the desire to do “His Father’s Business.”*
   * John 4:34 - Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

## A True Man (2:52)

We are to grow as Jesus grew. Jesus is described as ‘the firstborn among many brothers.’ (Rom 8:29)

Sinclair Ferguson – “Picture an army captain hacking his way through a jungle during a battle with guerilla forces. He leads his men from danger to safety by first facing the dangers, impediments and tests himself. Similarly Jesus is the Captain of our salvation. He has tasted all of our experiences of temptation. He has gone further. He experienced them in their full strength, when they unleashed all their powers against him. Where we would stumble and fall, he has pressed on. He overcame temptation, conquered death and drew its sting. Now he beckons to us: ‘Follow me, the pathway of faith is safe for all of you to use.’”