

QUESTIONS:

1. DISCUSS THE HUMAN NATURE OF JESUS.
2. DISCUSS THE DIVINE NATURE OF JESUS CHRIST UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

NAME OF GOD
ACTS OF DIVINITY
TITLES OF DIVINITY
UNIQUE MINISTRY
RELATIONSHIP IN THE TRINITY
ESSENTIAL AND MORAL ATTRIBUTES

WHAT OTHER CHARACTERISTICS PROVE HIS DIVINE NATURE?

3. DISCUSS THE DUAL NATURE OF JESUS CHRIST.
4. DISCUSS THE PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION.
5. REFER TO THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

Discuss the truth and errors.
The dual nature.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ww2ci9qsL4>

The incarnation

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8UGWOf9rbg>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vA1VGEXKw7I>

Ahmed Deedat and the incarnation:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0K6LtLN-mfM>

Zakir Naik

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqPdNsjQxGQ>

ANSWERS:

1. HUMANITY OF JESUS

Jesus had a human nature not a sinful nature.

MNEMONIC "ADAMIC"

ANCESTRY OF A HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT OF A HUMAN
APPEARANCE OF A HUMAN
MIND OF A HUMAN
INFIRMITIES OF A HUMAN
CALLED HUMAN NAMES

AMPLIFICATION:

1.1 ANCESTRY OF A HUMAN

He was born of a woman.

Gal 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, (NKJ)

Matt 1:18

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. (NKJ)

Matt 1:24-25

*24Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,
25and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus. (NKJ)*

Matthew traces his lineage to David and Abraham.

Matt 1:17

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.(NKJ)

His lineage makes Him the rightful heir to the throne of David. His messiahship could not be contested. Through Jesus, the seed of Abraham all the nations will be blessed.

Luke traces His lineage to Adam (Luke 3:23-38)

Jesus had a human ancestry. His birth though human was miraculous through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. He was born of a virgin without inheriting the sinful nature of His mother.

Heb 7:26

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;(NKJ)

1.2 DEVELOPMENT OF A HUMAN

His physical and mental development was according to the natural laws of human growth.

Luke 2:40

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.(NKJ)

His development was the result of the following:

Regular temple visits:

Luke 2:41

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.(NKJ)

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.(NKJ)

Instructions from His parents:

Luke 2:51-52

51Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

52And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (NKJ)

Synagogue attendance:

Luke 4:16

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. (NKJ)

Prayer:

Mark 1:35

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.(NKJ)

Study of the scriptures:

John 4:32-34

32But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

33Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

34Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.(NKJ)

Luke 4:17

And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written :(NKJ)

Suffering:

Heb 5:7-8

*7who, 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,
8though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.(NKJ)*

1.3 APPEARANCE OF A HUMAN

Phil 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.(NKJ)

The Jews recognized Him as a man.

John 10:33

The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."(NKJ)

He had a human body.

Heb 10:5

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.(NKJ)

Matt 26:12

"For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.(NKJ)

Called a man:

By John the Baptist.

John 1:30

"This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'(NKJ)

By Peter

Acts 2:22

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--(NKJ)

1.4 MIND OF A HUMAN

Matt 26:38

Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."(NKJ)

The soul refers to His mind, emotions and will.

John 12:27

"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. (NKJ)

1.5 INFIRMITIES OF A HUMAN

Weariness

John 4:6

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. (NKJ)

Hunger

Mark 11:12

Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. (NKJ)

Temptation

Heb 2:18

For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.(NKJ)

Matt.4:1-11

Thirst

John 19:28

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"(NKJ)

Required strengthening

Luke 22:42-44

42saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

43Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

44And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (NKJ)

Suffered in the flesh

1 Pet 4:1

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, (NKJ)

Experienced death

Heb 10:11-12

11And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, (NKJ)

1 Pet 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, (NKJ)

1 Cor 15:3

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (NKJ)

1.6 CALLED HUMAN NAMES

- **SON OF ABRAHAM**

Matt 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: (NKJ)

- **SON OF DAVID**

Matt 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: (NKJ)

- **THE SON OF MAN**

Matt 26:24

"The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."(NKJ)

Matt 26:64

Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."(NKJ)

As representative of the human race.

Heb 2:6-9

6But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him?

7You have made him a little lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands.

8You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

9But 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.(NKJ)

- **JESUS**

Matt 1:21

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."(NKJ)

Jesus means Saviour.

2. JESUS CHRIST - DIVINE NATURE OF JESUS

MNEMONIC – "NATURE"

THE FOLLOWING TRUTHS PROVE THE DIVINE NATURE OF JESUS CHRIST :-

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AMPLIFICATION

2.1 NAME OF GOD

2.1.1 HE IS CALLED GOD

Is.9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 20:28

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Heb.1:8

But to the Son He says: "O God, is for ever and ever;..... "

1John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Rom.9:5

of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

According to Jeremiah 10:10-11, the true God is the God who made heaven and earth. We notice in John 1:3 and Col.1:16, that Jesus made all things.

2.1.2 HE IS CALLED THE SON OF GOD

Matt.2:15

and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

Mark 1:1

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

John 1:34

"And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

2.2 ACTS OF DIVINITY

2.2.1 SANCTIFICATION

1 Cor 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:(NKJ)

1 Cor 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.(NKJ)

Heb 10:10

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.(NKJ)

2.2.2 INDWELLING

Eph 3:17

that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,(NKJ)

John 14:23

*Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.
(NKJ)*

John 17:23

"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.(NKJ)

Gal 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.(NKJ)

2.2.3 RESURRECTION

John 2:19

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."(NKJ)

John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.(NKJ)

John 10:18

*"No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."
(NKJ)*

John 11:43-44

43Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

*44And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."
(NKJ)*

2.2.4 CREATION

Gen 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.(NKJ)

Heb 1:10

And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.(NKJ)

Col 1:16

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.(NKJ)

2.2.5 REGENERATION

1 Jn 5:1

1Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.(NKJ)

John 1:12-13

12But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

13who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.(NKJ)

John 20:31

31but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.(NKJ)

2.2.6 INSPIRATION

John 20:22

22And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.(NKJ)

2.2.7 GIVER OF LIFE

John 6:33

"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."(NKJ)

John 6:51

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."(NKJ)

John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.(NKJ)

2.3 TITLES OF DIVINITY

2.3.1 ALPHA AND OMEGA

Rev.22:13

"I am the alpha and omega....."

2.3.2 BEGINNING AND END

Rev.22:13

"... the beginning and the end,... "

2.3.3 FIRST AND LAST

Rev.1:17

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last."

2.3.4 ALMIGHTY

Rev.1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

2.3.5 I AM

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

2.3.6 MIGHTY GOD

Is.9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

2.3.7 KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

Rev.19:13,16

13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

2.4 UNIQUENESS OF JESUS

2.4.1 HIS BIRTH WAS UNIQUE

- born of a virgin (Matt.1:23).

2.4.2 MINISTRY WAS UNIQUE

- healing, miracles, demonic deliverances testify of His unique ministry.

2.4.3 DEATH WAS UNIQUE

- according to John 19:30, He killed Himself.

2.4.4 RESURRECTION WAS UNIQUE

- according to John 10:11, He raised Himself from the dead.

2.5 ROLE IN THE TRINITY

2.6 ESSENTIAL AND MORAL ATTRIBUTES

2.6.1 ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES

2.6.1.1 OMNIPRESENT

Matt 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.(NKJ)

2.6.1.2 OMNIPOTENT

Mt.28:18

All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth

2.6.1.3 OMNISCIENT

Col 2:3

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.(NKJ)

2.6.1.4 UNCHANGING

Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.(NKJ)

2.6.1.5 EVERLASTING

Isa 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.(NKJ

Mark 5:2 Jn.1:1,2

2.6.2 MORAL ATTRIBUTES

2.6.2.1 PERFECT HOLINESS

Perfect holiness refers to the sinless perfection of God.

Lev.19:2

"Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: `You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.'

Rev.15:3-4

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of saints! 4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested."

JESUS IS HOLY

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.(NKJ)

Heb 4:15

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.(NKJ)

Heb 7:26-27

*26For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;
27who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.(NKJ)*

2.6.2.2 PERFECT FAITHFULNESS

Perfect faithfulness refers to the perfect reliability and trustworthiness of God.

1Cor.1:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heb.10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

**SEE MNEMONIC "PERFECT" UNDER THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD :-
JESUS IS FAITHFUL**

Rev 3:14

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: (NKJ)

Rev 19:11

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. (NKJ)

2.6.2.3 PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is God's justice against sin - in order to bring conformity to the right standard.

John 17:25

O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

Neh.9:33 [KJV]

Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly.

**SEE MNEMONIC "RIGHTEOUS" UNDER THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD
JESUS IS RIGHTEOUS**

1 Jn 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 Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (NKJ)

2 Tim 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. (NKJ)

2.6.2.4 PERFECT WISDOM

GOD'S PERFECT WISDOM IS SEEN IN:-

2.6.4.1 HIS WORKS

Prov.3:19

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens;

Ps.104:24

O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions

2.6.4.2 HIS WAYS

Rom.11:33

Oh, the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

2.6.4.3 HIS WORDS

2Tim.3:15

and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Prov.2:1-2

1 My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, 2 so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;

Prov.4:20-22

20 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

See also Prov.7:2-4

JESUS IS WISDOM

Col 2:2-3

2that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, 3in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.(NKJ)

Prov 8:11-13

*11For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.
12"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion.
13The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.(NKJ)*

Prov 8:22

*"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old.
(NKJ)*

2.6.2.5 PERFECT IN LOVE

1John 4:8

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

2Cor.13:11

*Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
This is called Agape Love. The God kind of love. A love that is constant for unworthy creatures. A love that produces love in us for God and one another.*

**SEE MNEMONIC "AGAPE" UNDER THE LOVE OF GOD :-
JESUS IS LOVE**

Rom 8:35-39

35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.(NKJ)

Eph 3:19

19to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.(NKJ)

2.6.2.6 PERFECT TRUTH

2.6.2.6.1 GOD IS TRUTH

Rom.3:4a

Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar...

Is.65:16a

So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth;.....

See also Jer.10:10

2.6.2.6.2 FATHER IS TRUTH

John 7:28

Then Jesus cried out as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but he who sent Me is true, whom you do not know...."

See also John 17:3

2.6.2.6.3 SPIRIT IS TRUTH

John 14:16-17a

16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth,....."

2.6.2.6.4 JESUS IS TRUTH

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

See also 1John 5:20

PERFECT TRUTH IS SEEN IN :-

[A]. WORDS OF GOD

Ps.12:6

The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

1. SPEECH

Num.23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

See also Is.45:19

2. WORD OF GOD

John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.

3. PROMISES

Rom.15:8

Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

Titus 1:2

In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

[B]. WAYS OF GOD

Rev.15:3

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb saying: "Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgements have been manifested."

See also Psalm 86:11

JESUS IS TRUTH

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I Jn 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.(NKJ)

2.7 OTHER EVIDENCE OF HIS DIVINE NATURE:

- **ACCURACY OF HIS PROPHECIES**
- **TESTIMONIES**

- RULERSHIP
- EQUALITY WITH THE FATHER

2.7.1 ACCURACY OF HIS PROPHECIES

2.7.1.1 SUFFERINGS

PROPHECY

Mark 8:31

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Luke 12:50

"But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!"

FULFILLMENT

2.7.1.1.1 MOCKED

Matt.27:39

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads

2.7.1.1.2 BEATEN

Matt.27:26

Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

2.7.1.1.3 SPAT UPON

Matt.27:30

Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

2.7.1.1.4 GIVEN VINEGAR TO DRINK

Luke 23:36

And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine,

2.7.1.2 CRUCIFIXION

PROPHECY

Matt.26:2

"You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

John 3:14

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,"

FULFILLMENT

Matt.27:35

Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."

Mark 15:24

And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.

2.7.1.3 RESURRECTION

PROPHECY

Mark 8:31

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Luke 9:22

saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

John 2:19-21

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

FULFILLMENT

Matt.28:5-7

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

Acts 1:3

to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

2.7.1.4 DEPARTURE

PROPHECY

John 14:28

"You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I."

John 16:5

"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'"

FULFILLMENT

Luke 24:51

Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

Acts 1:9

Now when He had spoken these things, which they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

2.7.1.5 DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE

PROPHECY

Matt.24:2

And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

FULFILLMENT

In AD 70, the Roman general Titus captured the city and destroyed Jerusalem's walls and the temple.

2.7.1.6 BAPTISM OF HOLY GHOST

PROPHECY

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

FULFILLMENT

We see the fulfillment of this in Acts 2.

2.7.2 TESTIMONIES

2.7.2.1 APOSTLES

- **PETER**

Matt.16:16

And Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

- **JOHN**

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 5:18

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

- PAUL

Col.2:9

For in Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily;

1Tim.3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

Phil.2:6

who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

2Cor.4:4

whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Col.1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Heb.1:3

who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

2.7.2.2 EVIL SPIRITS

Matt.8:29

And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Mark 1:24

saying, "let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are---the Holy One of God!"

Mark 3:11

And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

Luke 4:41

And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

2.7.2.3 FATHER

Matt.3:17

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matt.17:5

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

2.7.2.4 JESUS HIMSELF

JESUS CLAIMS TO BE GOD

John 10:30

"I and My Father are one."

John 5:18-19

18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. 19 Then answered Jesus and said to them, " Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

John 12:44-45

44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in me, but in Him who sent Me. 45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me."

John 13:20

" Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

John 14:1

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me."

Rev.1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

2.7.2.5 ENEMIES

- The Roman Centurion in Matt.27:54 mentioned, *"Truly this was the Son of God!"*
- Pilate in John 19:4 said, *"I find no fault in him"*
- Pilate's wife in Matt.27:19, called him a *"just man"*
- Judas in Matt.27:4, calls him *"innocent blood"*

2.7.2.6 TESTIMONY OF A DEACON

Acts 7:59

And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

- *please note the words of Eccl.12:7b, "...and the spirit will return to God who gave it".*

2.7.2.7 TESTIMONY OF AN EUNUCH

Acts 8:37

Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

2.7.2.8 TESTIMONY OF OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS

Is.9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

David says in **Psalm 45:6-7, 6** *"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever: A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Your Kingdom. 7 You love righteousness, and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.*

2.7.3 RULE OF JESUS

Phil.2:10-11

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those in earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 16:17-18

17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

RULERSHIP

HIS RULE IS EXTENDED OVER:-

2.7.3.1 DEMONS

Mark 1:24-25

24 saying, "let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are---the Holy One of God!" 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"

In Mark 5:1-13, we see Jesus's power over the demoniac of Gadara.

2.7.3.2 DISEASE

healing the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:24-34).

healing blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52).

2.7.3.3 DEATH

raising the daughter of Jairus from the dead (Matt.5:35-43).

raising of the widow's son (Luke 7).

2.7.3.4 NATURE

Matt.8:27

And the men marvelled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

2.7.3.5 ANGELS

1Pet.3:22

Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject unto Him.

2.7.3.6 CHURCH

Eph.1:22

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

2.7.3.7 UNIVERSE

Zech.9:10c

'... and His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Matt.28:18

Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

2.7.4 EQUALITY WITH THE FATHER

HE IS THE SAME SUBSTANCE/ESSENCE AS THE FATHER.

Heb. 1:3a

Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person....
...

Col.1:15a

He is the image of the invisible God,....

2Cor.4:4c

...lest the light of the glorious gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Phil.2:6a

who, being in the form of God,....

Col.2:9

For in Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

John 5:18b

... but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

[JESUS IS THE SAME SUBSTANCE AS THE FATHER]

HIS EQUALITY IS SEEN IN SIMILARITY OF:

- 1. TASKS/DEEDS**
- 2. WORSHIP**
- 3. TITLES**
- 4. QUALITIES OR NATURE(MORAL AND ESSENTIAL)**
- 5. POSITION ON THE THRONE**

2.7.4.1 SIMILAR UNIQUE DEEDS:

2.7.4.1.1 FORGIVENESS

- **JEHOVAH:**

Jer.31:34b

For I will forgive their iniquity, And I will remember their sin no more.

- **JESUS**

Luke 5:20b

Man thy sins are forgiven thee.

2.7.4.1.2 CREATION

- **JEHOVAH:**

Gen.1:1

In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth

- **JESUS**

Heb.1:10

Thou Lord in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the Heavens are the works of thine hands.

Col. 1:16

For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in Earth... all things were created by Him, and for Him

2.7.4.1.3 JUDGEMENT

- **JEHOVAH:**

Ps 96:13

For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.

- **JESUS**

Jn.5:22

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgement unto the Son.

2.7.4.1.4 INDWELLS BELIEVERS

- **JEHOVAH:**

2 Cor 6:16

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.(NKJ)

- **JESUS**

Col.1:27

To whom God will make known what is riches of the glory of this mystery among them Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Gal 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.(NKJ)

2.7.4.2 SIMILAR WORSHIP:

2.7.4.2.1 BENDING OF KNEES

- **JEHOVAH:**

Isa 45:22-23

22 "Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. 23I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath.(NKJ)

- **JESUS**

Phil 2:9-11

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.(NKJ)

2.7.4.2.2 ADORATION

- **JEHOVAH:**

Rev 4:11

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.(NKJ)

- **JESUS**

Rev 5:12-13

12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" (NKJ)

2.7.4.2.3 SERVICE

- **JEHOVAH:**

Jos.24:24

The Lord our God will we serve, and Him will we obey.

- **JESUS**

Col.3:24b

For ye serve the Lord Christ.

2.7.4.2.4 PROSTRATION

- **JEHOVAH:**

Gen 17:3

Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying:(NKJ)

Deut 9:18

"And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you committed in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.(NKJ)

- **JESUS**

Rev 1:17

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.(NKJ)

Rev 5:8

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.(NKJ)

2.7.4.2.5 PRAYER

- **JEHOVAH:**

Ps 65:2

O You who hear prayer, to You all flesh will come.(NKJ)

- **JESUS**

John 14:14

"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. (NKJ)

1 Cor 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:(NKJ)

2.7.4.2.6 CONFESSION

- **JEHOVAH:**

1King 8:33

33 "When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and when they turn back to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this temple,(NKJ)

- **JESUS**

Rom 10:9

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (NKJ)

2.7.4.2.7 THANKSGIVING

- **JEHOVAH:**

Neh 12:46

46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. NKJV

Ps 50:14

14 Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High. NKJV

- **JESUS**

1 Tim 1:12

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, (NKJ)

2.7.4.2.8 ANGELIC WORSHIP

- **JEHOVAH:**

Neh. 9:6

Thou preservest them all; and the Host of heaven worshipped thee.

- **JESUS**

Heb 1:6

And let all the angels of God worship Him

2.7.4.3 SIMILAR TITLES:

2.7.4.3.1 ALPHA AND OMEGA

- JEHOVAH:

Rev.21:6-7

I am Alpha and Omega.

- JESUS

Rev 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

2.7.4.3.2 BEGINNING AND THE END

- JEHOVAH:

Rev.21:6

The Beginning and the End

- JESUS

Rev 22:13

The Beginning and the End

2.7.4.3.3 FIRST AND LAST

- JEHOVAH:

Is.44:6

I am the first, and I am the last, and besides Me there is no God

- JESUS

Rev.1:17

I am the first and the last.

Rev 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."(NKJ)

2.7.4.3.4 ALMIGHTY

- JEHOVAH:

Gen.17:1

I am the Almighty God.

- JESUS

Rev.1:8

...The Almighty

2.7.4.3.5 I AM

- JEHOVAH:

*Ex.3:14
I am that I am.*

- JESUS

*Jn.8:58
Before Abraham was, I am.*

2.7.4.3.6 MIGHTY GOD

- JEHOVAH:

*Is.10:21
The remnant shall return even the remnant of Jacob, unto the Mighty God.*

- JESUS

*Isa 9:6
The Mighty God.*

2.7.4.3.7 KING OF KINGS

- JEHOVAH:

*1 Tim.6:15
The King of Kings; and Lord of Lords.*

- JESUS

*Rev.19:13-16
.....And hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written King of Kings
and Lord of Lords*

2.7.4.3.7 SHEPHERD

- JEHOVAH:

*Ezek 34:12
As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered
sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places
where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.*

- JESUS

*John 10:14
I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.
NKJV*

2.7.4.3 SIMILAR QUALITIES (MORAL & ESSENTIAL):

2.7.4.3.1 OMNIPRESENT

- JEHOVAH:

Jer 23:24

Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD. (NKJ)

- JESUS

Matt 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.(NKJ)

2.7.4.3.2 OMNIPOTENT

- JEHOVAH:

Rev 19:6

Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

- JESUS

Mt.28:18

All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth

2.7.4.3.3 OMNISCIENT

- JEHOVAH:

Heb 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account(NKJ)

- JESUS

Col 2:3

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.(NKJ)

2.7.4.3.4 UNCHANGING

- JEHOVAH:

Mal 3:6

"For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.(NKJ)

- JESUS

Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.(NKJ)

2.7.4.3.5 RIGHTEOUS

- **JEHOVAH:**

Ps 7:9

Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; for the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.(NKJ)

Ps 116:5

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.(NKJ)

- **JESUS**

I Jn 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 Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.(NKJ)

2 Tim 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.(NKJ)

2.7.4.3.6 ETERNAL / EVERLASTING

- **JEHOVAH:**

Jer.10:10

But the Lord is the true God, he is the Living God, and an Everlasting King.

- **JESUS**

Isa 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. NKJV

Mark 5:2 Jn.1:1,2

2.7.5 JESUS IS REVEALED AS GOD

2.7.5.1 Rev. 1:8 - *I am the Almighty.*

2.7.5.2 There is only one throne in heaven.

Rev. 22:1 - *....proceeding from the THRONE of God and of the Lamb.*

Rev. 22:3 - *....but the THRONE of God and of the Lamb shall be in it,.....*

N.B.: GOD AND THE LAMB SEATED ON THE THRONE

REMEMBER JOHN 10:30, JESUS SAID "I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE". THIS IS SEEN CLEARLY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

Rev.4:2 - *...and ONE sat on the throne.*

FATHER AND LAMB ADDRESSED AS ONE THROUGH THE USE OF SINGULAR PRONOUNS IN THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES:

Rev.22:3-4 *3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and HIS servants shall serve HIM. 4 They shall see HIS face, and HIS name shall be on their foreheads.*

THEREFORE THE FATHER AND THE LAMB ARE NOT SEPARATE GODS BUT ONE GOD.

3. THE DUAL NATURE OF JESUS CHRIST

The following creed was formulated by the Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D. and is regarded as most accurate concerning the person of Christ.

Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D)

Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.

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THE DUAL NATURE OF CHRIST

3.1 THE NATURE OF THE INCARNATION

MNEMONIC “DUAL”

**DISTINCTION OF HUMAN AND DIVINE NATURE
UNION OF HUMAN AND DIVINE NATURE
ASSUMPTION OF HUMAN NATURE
LACK CONFLICT IN THE DUALITY.**

AMPLIFICATION

3.1.1 DISTINCTION OF HUMAN AND DIVINE NATURE

Jesus Christ is fully God- refer to the deity of Christ.

Jesus Christ is fully man- refer to the humanity of Christ. Scripture attests to His sinless humanity.

The two natures are distinct.

THERE ARE MANY SCRIPTURES THAT PROVE THE DUAL NATURE OF CHRIST.

	HUMAN NATURE	DIVINE NATURE
1.	<p>Born in Bethlehem <i>Mt. 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem.</i></p>	<p>Before Abraham was I am <i>Jn. 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."</i></p>
2.	<p>Was thirsty <i>Jn. 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"</i></p>	<p>If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink <i>Jn. 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."</i></p>
3.	<p>Was hungry <i>Luk. 4:2 ... being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.</i></p>	<p>Fed the multitude <i>Jn. 6:5-11 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" 10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples^[a] to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.</i></p> <p>I am the bread of Life <i>John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."</i></p>

4.	<p>Obedied the Father's commandments.</p> <p><i>Jn. 4:34</i> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."</p>	<p>Gave new commandments</p> <p><i>Jn. 13:34</i> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.</p>
5.	<p>Was baptised</p> <p><i>Mt. 3:16</i> When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.</p>	<p>Commissioned baptism</p> <p><i>Mt. 28:19</i> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,</p>
6.	<p>Received the Holy Spirit</p> <p><i>Mt. 3:16</i> When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.</p>	<p>Gave the Holy Spirit</p> <p><i>Jn. 20:22</i> And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."</p>
7.	<p>Prayed</p> <p><i>Luk. 22:41-42</i> And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."</p>	<p>Answers prayers</p> <p><i>Jn. 14:14</i> If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.</p>
8.	<p>Died</p> <p><i>Jn. 19:30</i> So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.</p>	<p>Raised Himself from the dead</p> <p><i>Jn. 10:18</i> No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."</p>

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	HUMAN NATURE	DIVINE NATURE
1.	Finite intelligence that increased	Infinite intelligence
2.	Finite will	Infinite will that was omnipotent
3.	Human consciousness – conscious of his oneness with man	Divine consciousness – conscious of His oneness with the Father.

3.1.2 UNION OF HUMAN AND DIVINE NATURE

This union is called **HYPOSTATIC UNION** – a technical term used to state that the two natures are united in one person. Nature refers to attributes.

The two natures exist in one person each in its own identity. Jesus Christ is one person having a divine nature and a human nature.

The two natures are inseparable.

God became man – not man became God.

It is a joining of 2 natures, not 2 persons.

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The union is not comparable to:

1. marriage – although marriage is a union there are still two distinct persons.
2. union of Christ and the believer – the distinction between 2 persons is maintained.
3. a dual personality. He was one person having two natures.
4. a man being filled with God – Jesus was not merely a man filled with God – He was God who became man.
5. a joining to form a third nature.
6. half- God and half – Man
7. God being converted to man or man being converted to God.

Because of the union the humanity of Christ is present with His deity everywhere.

Purpose of the union

- This makes Him the perfect mediator between God and man – because he is God – man.
- Robert Clarke – In His deity He is offerer, sacrificer and priest. In His humanity, He is offering, sacrifice and gift.

Eph 5:2

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.(NKJ)

Eph 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,(NKJ)

Heb 8:3

For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.(NKJ)

In the Old Covenant the offerer and offering were separate. Both are one in Christ – this was necessary for the atonement – the divine nature offered the sinless human nature on the cross for sin, reconciling man to God.

3.1.3 ASSUMPTION OF HUMAN NATURE

Christ did not cease to be God when He became man. He assumed humanity. This means that He added a human nature to His divine nature. He is a divine person with a human nature. The seat of His personality is in the divine.

3.1.4 LACK CONFLICT IN THE DUALITY.

Jesus did not have a split personality.

There was no conflict between the divine and the human nature.

Sometimes he operated from human- self-consciousness, at other times from His divine self-consciousness – the two were never in conflict. (THIESEN)

He submitted totally and completely to the will of the Father – proving that there was no conflict.

4. THE PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION.

MNEMONIC “INCARNATE”

INITIATION OF NEW COVENANT

NOTIFICATION

CONFIRMATION OF THE PROMISES OF SALVATION TO THE PATRIARCHS.

ACCOMPLISHMENT(FULFILLMENT)

REVELATION

NEGATION(MAKE INEFFECTIVE)

ATONEMENT

THEANTHROPY

EXEMPLIFICATION

AMPLIFICATION

4.1 INITIATION OF NEW COVENANT

Jer 31:31-34

31"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah--

32"not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

33"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34"No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."(NKJ)

Christ came to initiate the New Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah. By His death the blessings of the New Covenant came into effect.

Matt 26:26-28

26And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

28"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.(NKJ)

Heb 8:12-13

12"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

13In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.(NKJ)

4.1.2 NOTIFICATION

TO NOTIFY OF HIS SECOND ADVENT.

Heb 9:28

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.(NKJ)

The first coming initiated the plan of redemption.

Benefits of the first coming:

- Deliverance from the guilt and penalty of sin.
- Deliverance from the power of sin through His present day intercession for us and as we yield to the Holy Spirit.

The second coming is the consummation of the plan of redemption.

Benefits:

- Deliverance from the presence of sin.
- Immortality of the body.

The second coming consummates that which was initiated by the first coming.

The second coming is our blessed hope.

4.1.3 CONFIRMATION OF PROMISES MADE TO THE PATRIARCHS.

Gen 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.(NKJ)

Gen 22:18

"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."(NKJ)

Rom 15:8-12

8Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

9and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name."

10And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"

11And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"

12And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope."(NKJ)

Isa 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.(NKJ)

Christ came to fulfil the promises made to the patriarchs.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (NKJ)

4.1.4 ACCOMPLISHMENT(FULFILLMENT)

4.1.4.1 TO FULFIL THE LAW, PSALMS AND THE PROPHETS.

Matt 5:17-18

17"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

18"For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.(NKJ)

Luke 24:27

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.(NKJ)

Heb 10:5-8

5Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.

6In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you had no pleasure.

7Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- in the volume of the book it is written of Me-- to do Your will, O God.' "

8Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law),(NKJ)

4.1.4.2 TO FULFIL THE OLD TESTAMENT OFFICES.

4.1.4.2.1 KING

Luke 1:32-33

32"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

33"And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."(NKJ)

God promised David that he would have a son who would rule forever.

Ps 2:6-12

6"Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

7"I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

8Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

9You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'"

10Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

11Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.(NKJ)

Rev 15:3

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!(NKJ)

Rev 19:16

And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.(NKJ)

4.1.4.2.2 PROPHET

Heb 1:1-2

*1God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
2has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;(NKJ)*

Acts 2:22-23

*22"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--
23"His, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;(NKJ)*

4.1.4.2.3 PRIEST

Zech 6:12-13

*12"Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the LORD;
13Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.'" (NKJ)*

Heb 1:9

You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions."(NKJ)

Lev 21:16-24

*16And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
17"Speak to Aaron, saying: 'No man of your descendants in succeeding generations, who has any defect, may approach to offer the bread of his God.
18'For any man who has a defect shall not approach: a man blind or lame, who has a marred face or any limb too long,
19'a man who has a broken foot or broken hand,
20'or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch.
21'No man of the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, shall come near to offer the offerings made by fire to the LORD. He has a defect; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.
22'He may eat the bread of his God, both the most holy and the holy;
23'only he shall not go near the veil or approach the altar, because he has a defect, lest he profane My sanctuaries; for I the LORD sanctify them.'"*

24And Moses told it to Aaron and his sons, and to all the children of Israel.
(NKJ)

4.1.4.2.4 JUDGE

Rev 20:11-15

11Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

14Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.(NKJ)

Acts 5:31

"Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.(NKJ)

John 5:22

"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,
(NKJ)

4.1.5 REVELATION

4.1.5.1 OF THE FATHER

John 12:49-50

49"For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

50"And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."(NKJ)

John 14:9

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? (NKJ)

4.1.5.2 OF TRUTH

John 18:37

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."(NKJ)

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.(NKJ)

4.1.5.3 OF KINGDOM OF GOD

Luke 4:43

but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."(NKJ)

Luke 8:1

Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him,(NKJ)

4.1.6 NEGATION (MAKE INEFFECTIVE)

TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

1 Jn 3:8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.(NKJ)

Luke 4:18-19

18"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;

19To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."(NKJ)

4.1.6.1 DARKNESS TO LIGHT

John 1:4

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.(NKJ)

John 9:39

And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."(NKJ)

1 Pet 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;(NKJ)

4.1.6.2 DECEPTION TO TRUTH

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.(NKJ)

John 8:32

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."(NKJ)

4.1.6.3 DEATH TO LIFE

John 3:16-17

16"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.(NKJ)

John 11:25-26

25Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

26"And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (NKJ)

John 12:47

"And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.(NKJ)

1 Tim 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.(NKJ)

Heb 2:14-15

14Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

15and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. (NKJ)

4.1.6.4 HATE TO LOVE

John 13:34-35

34"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."(NKJ)

4.1.6.5 MISERY TO ABUNDANT LIFE

John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.(NKJ)

4.1.6.6 DISEASE TO HEALTH

Isa 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.(NKJ)

1 Pet 2:24

who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed.(NKJ)

Mal 4:2

But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.(NKJ)

Matt 4:23

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. (NKJ)

Matt 9:35

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.(NKJ)

Acts 10:36-39

36"The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ-- He is Lord of all--

37"that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

38"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

39"And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.(NKJ)

4.1.7 ATONEMENT

The word means reconciliation. Jesus came to die for the sins of humankind as a human. As a perfect sinless man he atoned for sin – i.e. he made satisfaction/propitiation for the offenses of humankind (He put away sin)and thus reconciled man to God.

1 Jn 3:5

And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. (NKJ)

Rom 5:10-15

10For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

11And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--

13(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

15But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.(NKJ)

2 Cor 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.(NKJ)

Heb 2:9-14

9But 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.

10For 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.

11For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

13And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."

14Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,(NKJ)

Heb 9:26

He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.(NKJ)

4.1.8 THEANTHROPY

This is the union of God and man. Jesus is God man.

The incarnation was responsible for the union of the two natures.

Human nature was added to the divine person Christ.

Christ is a theanthropic person. He does not possess a theanthropic nature. He does not have a divine-human nature or a human – divine nature. He is one person with a divine and a human nature.(THIESSEN)

In the Old Covenant the priest and the sacrifice were separate. In Christ the two are one. On the cross it was the divine nature(priest) that offered the sinless human nature(sacrifice) to God for sin. It was God presenting sinless humanity as a perfect sacrifice. A sinless man atoned for sinful men. This is the primary reason for the atonement.

Because He is the God man, He is the perfect and sinless mediator between God and man.

Heb 2:17-18

17Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.(NKJ)

4.1.9 EXEMPLIFICATION

1 Pet 2:21-22

21For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

22"Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth";(NKJ)

1 Jn 2:6

He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (NKJ)

Matt 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.(NKJ)

- Example in faithfulness, righteousness, holiness, wisdom, truth and love.
- Example in obedience to the Father.
- Example in prayer life.
- Example in preaching and teaching.
- Example in mighty deeds
- Example in word.
- Example in sacrifice.