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BEHOLD THE MAN

Text: John 19:1-7

I. In writing to the church at Corinth, Paul makes an interesting statement

In talking about heresies he says:

1 Corinthians 11:19 "For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."

Webster, in the 1828 dictionary, defines a heresy as "A fundamental error in religion, or an error of opinion respecting some fundamental doctrine of religion"

Heresies will simply show those who do not embrace true doctrine

NOT LEARN THE TRUTH BY LERNING ALL ERRORS YOU CAN LEARN

NEVER BE ABLE TO KEEP UP-COMING OUT WITH MORE ALL THE TIME

NEED TO KNOW TRUTH TO SPOT ERROR WHEN IT ARISES

II. Heresies are not anything new

Churches have been them since the first century. One of the first heresies that had to be addressed was that of Gnosticism. This is the teaching that matter was evil-therefore Jesus did not really have a body, He simply appeared to. No doubt this is what John had in mind when he wrote:

1 John 4:2, 3 "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

2 John 1:7 "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."

III. I think today in defending on truth about the Lord we often lose sight of another

A. We defend the Scriptural teaching the He was God incarnate

Great passages of scripture point out this truth

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

John 1:1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

COULD GIVE MANY MORE-WHOLE BIBLE TEACHES THIS TRUGH

B. In our defense of this truth we often neglect the fact that he was a man

John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

YOU WILL NEVER FIND WHERE TOOK ON NATURE OF GOD-THAT WHO HE WAS

BUT YOU CAN FIND WHERE TOOK ON NATURE OF MAN

Hebrews 2:16 "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham."

Romans 1:3 "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;"

Romans 9:5 "Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."

HE WAS NOT ONLY THE SON OF GOD HE WAS ALSO THE SON OF MAN

IV. In text Pilate tells the crowd to do something

I would like to take his words as the title and thought for my message v. 5

Spend out time focusing on the humanity of our Lord

I AM NOT TRYING TO TAKE AWAY FROM HIS DIETY

BUT FOR AWHILE I WANT TO FOCUS PRIMARILY ON HIS HUMANITY

HE HAD TO BE NOT ONLY GOD-BUT MAN TO DO WHAT HE DID

WE SEE THIS TRUTH AS WE LOOK INTO OUR STUDY TODAY

FOR A LITTLE WHILE I JUST WANT US TO -BEHOLD HIM

Share with you some thought from scripture that helps us to

Behold the Man

His humanity is seen through:

I. His Unique Birth

A. When you look in the Word of God, you see four ways that God had made man

1. No Man or Woman-ADAM
2. No Woman just a Man-EVE
3. Man and Woman
4. No Man Just a Woman-Jesus

Bible teaches that Jesus was born of a virgin-Not just a young woman
Children being born of young women all the time-read the newspaper

B. Jesus birth unique in all of History

Testifies to us that he was a Man

Mary not just a surrogate-someone who carries a child for another

THE BABE WAS NOT JUST IMPLANTED IN HER-HE WAS CONCEIVED IN HER

Scripture bears out this truth

Matthew 1:20 "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

Galatians 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"

MADE OF A WOMAN-NOT JUST IN A WOMAN

Luke 1:34, 35 "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

MARY WOULD HAVE TESTED GENETICALLY AS HIS MOTHER

Jesus had to be a partaker of that human nature

THE QUESTION MIGHT BE ASKED "WOULD THAT NOT MAKE HIM A SINNER?"

NO! JEUS BORN WITHOUT THE NATURE OF SIN THAT WE HAVE

1 John 3:5 "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin."

Understand who sin is imputed through

Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

HE WA NOT A PARTAKER OF THE FALLEN NATURE OF ADAM

HOW AMAZING TO CONSIDER GOD ALMIGHTY-BEING A BABE

We see our Lord's humanity also in:

II. His Submissive Childhood

A. Only one story told to us of the Lord's Youth

Recorded for us in the book of Luke

Luke 2:41, 42 "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast."

Maybe you are familiar with the story of how he stayed behind when Mary and Joseph left. When evening came and they could not find Him Like most parents they panicked

Luke 2:46 "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions."

Mary in both a state of relief and anxiety approaches him with a question:

Luke 2:48 "And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing."

See Jesus' answer to the question

Luke 2:49 "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

BASICALLY HE SAID "WHY DID IT TAKE YOU SO LONG TO FIND ME? DID YOU NOT KNOW WHERE I WOULD BE?"

Luke 2:50 "And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them."

B. After this exchange read an amazing verse

Luke 2:51 "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart."

HE OBEYED THOSE THAT WERE IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY.
NOTICE SCRIPTURE SAYS HE WAS SUBJECT TO THEM.

Here we see a child-dependant and submissive to His earthly authorities
BEHOLD THE MAN-EVEN AS A CHILD

As we go on through His life we see His humanity in:

III. His Answer to John

A. Again, you probably know the story

When was the age of thirty Jesus came to a man by the name of John

John 1:6-8 "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light."

John understood something of who Jesus was and what He had come to do

Matthew 3:13, 14 "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?"

What a great and humble servant John was

B. Remember what Jesus response to him was

Matthew 3:15 "And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him."

Notice this was something that was to do in Obedience. If Jesus did not do it He would have sinned. But He carried thorough-as a man-in obedience to what His Heavenly Father gave Him to do.

IN HIS RESPONSE-OBEDIENCE WE SEE THE HUMANITY OF OUR LORD

John 8:29 "And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."

Also we see His humanity in His:

IV. His Response to Temptation

A. The Author of Hebrews shares a truth about the Lord

Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

We see this in the Temptations of the Jesus recorded for us in Luke 4, Matthew 4

Basically all temptations can be summarized in three statements

1. Do Something-Turn Stones into Bread
2. Be Something-Cast thyself down-show who you are
3. Have Something-Kingdoms of the world

B. During these temptations-Jesus was tempted as a Man

James 1:13 "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:"

As a man there was only one thing He could do

-Not reveal glory make devil flee

-Not destroy him forever

-Not give some new revelation-Not get much more Word of God than what Jesus spoke

ALL HE COULD DO WAS REST ON WORD OF GOD "IT IS WRITTEN"

THAT IS ALL THAT WE CAN DO-BY FAITH SITE THE WORD OF GOD

Jesus gave us an example as a Man on how to deal with temptation

JESUS NOT ONLY INNOCENT HE WAS HOLY

As we go on we see His humanity in:

V. His Days of Ministry

Many scenes remind us that though he was the Son of God He was the Son of Man also

A. Story in the storm

Mark 4:37, 38 "And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?"

B. Tomb of Lazarus

John 11:33-35 "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept."

C. Summary in Hebrews

Hebrews 5:7 "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;"

We see his humanity in:

VI. His Time of Suffering

A. That the picture set before us in our text-See how he was abused-treated

In reality, the gospels do not go into much detail of our Lord's Passion. I believe that is so because there is a dimension to it that we do not understand. The Bible tells us of some that:

Matthew 27:36 "And sitting down they watched him there;"

The Father in heaven does not desire us to do the same

B. For Jesus to pay the debt of man's sin-He had to be a man

Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Romans 5:15 "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."

Romans 5:17 "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)"

Romans 5:19 "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

C. Remember the Old Testament teaching about sacrifice

Leviticus 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

GOD IS A SPIRIT-NOT BLEED-ONLY MAN ABLE TO DO THIS

John 19:34, 35 "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe."

The New Testament writers continually bring out this truth

Hebrews 10:19, 20 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;"

Hebrews 2:17 "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

Colossians 1:21, 22 "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:"

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"

Ephesians 2:15, 16 "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:"

Finally we see Our Lord's humanity in:

VII. His Bodily Resurrection

A. The Same Body went in the tomb came out

Luke 24:38-43 "And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet. "And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them."

Acts 2:31 "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption."

B. This is the hope that we have

1 Corinthians 15:21, 22 "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

1 Corinthians 15:50 "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."

Philippians 3:21 "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

C. We need to know that he is still a man today

1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"

Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

What a blessing think about humanity of our Lord

2 Corinthians 5:16 "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more."

The body that we walked among men with has been glorified. Although He is still a man we know Him now in the Spirit

1 Corinthians 15:47 "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven."

2 Corinthians 4:11 "For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

Christ's perfect life was the perfect manifestation of human life as God intended it.

1 Peter 4:1, 2 "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God."