

Barn Essential Beliefs Series:
Part 4-B

Jesus Christ:

Life and Ministry as ~Sovereign Savior;
Pioneer & Paragon

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The Triune God:

A Review of the Doctrine of the Trinity

Three Persons...One Being...a Single Divine Nature
Co-equal...Co-eternal...

One in essence, substance, nature, power, action, and will
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-- One Name for One God

Three Persons existing as One Entity...cannot be separate
Mutually Indwelling...always working inseparably as One...

GOD is One-- *Echod!*

The Barn's Statement of Essential Beliefs

We Believe That God Came to Earth as a Human—Jesus Christ:

We believe that over 2000 years ago God came to Earth as a human – Jesus Christ – to save humanity from the power of sin and death; that Jesus existed as God before He came to earth and continues to exist as God through all eternity; and that Jesus by birth assumed a fully human nature and became forever the God-man, with both natures fully united as one in Him.

That Jesus:

We believe that Jesus was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit as the unique Son of God the Father; that He was born of Mary, a virgin, in the household of Joseph; that He was anointed as God's Messiah, Savior, and King; that He was empowered by the Holy Spirit; and that, in perfect accord with the will of God the Father, He proclaimed and inaugurated God's New Covenant Kingdom reign on the earth.

Jesus as the Son of God:

Jesus' Claims, Prerogatives, & Actions:

Calmed the wind and waves of a storm; walked on water

Received worship

Opened the eyes of a man born blind (signs & wonders)

Forgave sins

Modified Divine Commandments

Announced that He would Judge the whole world

Claimed to be Father made visible, pre-existent & Messiah

Died for the sins of the world as God's Perfect Sacrifice

Rose from the dead as King of Kings and LORD of Lords

Jesus as the Son of Man:

Messiah, the unique God-Man, the Righteous Israelite, bridging the gap between God and the fallen human race

Human physical attributes and experiences of Jesus:

born of a woman in a physical body Jn. 1:1, 14; | Jn.4:2-3

grew in stature in the normal way (Luke 2:52)

felt hunger, thirst, and fatigue (Matt. 4:2; John 19:28; John 4:6)

referred to Himself as a "man" (John 8:40)

felt physical pain and suffering and was subject to physical death (John 19:34, 40)

Son of Man:

Human mental & emotional attributes/experiences of Jesus:

experienced the natural learning & maturing process (Luke 2:52)
thinking, reasoning, and asking questions (Luke 2:46=47; Mark 8:23; 9:21)
was protected by and obedient to His parents (Matt. 2:14; Luke 2:51)
was tempted in all ways (Heb. 4:15), yet never yielded to temptation
regularly worshiped in the synagogue and temple (Luke 2:41-42; 4:16)
felt compassion (Mark 1:41; Matt. 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 20:34)
felt surprise, astonishment, or wonderment (John 3:10; Mark 6:6; Luke 7:9)
felt longing and strong desire (Luke 22:15)
Was joyous (John 15:11; 17:13)
Was indignant, angry, and grieved (Mark 10:14; Mark 3:5; John 2:15)

Son of Man:

More human mental & emotional attributes of Jesus:

was sometimes sorrowful and troubled (Matt. 26:37; John 11:33)
experienced mental anguish and agony (Mark 14:34; Luke 22:44)
wept at the tomb of His friend, Lazarus (John 11:35)
did not want to be left alone in time of trouble (Mark 14:32-42)
was sometimes unable to do what He wanted to do and was...
 limited and hindered by other people (Mark 6:5-6; Luke 13:34)
there were things that He did not know (Mark 13:32)
was completely dependent upon Father God (John 5:19, 30; 8:28-29)
sometimes prayed all night in seeking God's direction (Luke 6:12)
invited His disciples to handle His body—a man; not a ghost (Luke 24:39)

The Bible teaches that Jesus is BOTH...
The Son of Man and The Son of God!

Jesus was and is fully human and fully divine~
He represents the hypostatic union,
the mystical union of God and Man.

To see the invisible Father God, look at Jesus!

To see a true human being,
free from the effects of the fall, look at Jesus!

The Life and Ministry of Jesus: Sovereign Savior ... Paragon and Pioneer

When we examine the life and ministry of Jesus,
it is important to distinguish between:

What Jesus did as God's unique Savior
and what He did
as our exemplar, paragon, and pioneer.

The Life and Ministry of Jesus: Savior

As God's unique Savior,

Jesus did many things in our behalf -

things which we could **NEVER** have done!

Jesus bore our punishment, atoned for our sins,
died as our sacrifice, redeemed and justified us, inaugurated God's
Kingdom, became our High Priest, reigns as King, and is returning as
Lord of Lords.

BUT... Jesus did other things as an example for us to follow!

The Life and Ministry of Jesus: Exemplar

Jesus, our paragon, directs us to follow His example:

in humility, to lower ourselves to serve others rather than ourselves ~

John 13:15/Phil. 2:5~

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to love others as we love ourselves ~

John 13:34/1 Jn. 3:23/4:16~

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to rely completely on God, trusting in His Word, submitting to His will ~

John 5:19, 30; 8:28,

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to forgive others as we have been forgiven ~

Luke 23:34/Matt. 6:12/Eph.

4:32

to suffer persecution for righteousness ~

1 Pet. 2:19-21/1 Tim. 3:12/Col.

The Life and Ministry of Jesus: Exemplar

As our exemplar, paragon, and pioneer,
Jesus showed us what to do:

Proclaim the gospel by announcing God's Kingdom ~

teach and preach ~ the study and ministry of God's Word

demonstrate the power of God's Kingdom ~ healing and deliverance

welcome people into God's family ~ baptisms

humbly and completely submit to God / resist the devil

He functioned in all five ministerial callings: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist,

Teacher and Pastor (by the Spirit "without measure")

demonstrating how the Body is to work together, each member functioning
under his or her individual calling and anointing.

The Life and Ministry of Jesus: Exemplar

As our exemplar, paragon, and pioneer,
Jesus showed us how to live and minister:

faith and faithful obedience

prayer

always doing what Father is doing, saying what Father is saying...

worship

study of and meditation on God's Word

constant confession of identity, mission, and purpose in God

The Life and Ministry of Jesus: Exemplar

How was Jesus able to all of this?

Did He function as the unique Son of God
with the divine powers and virtues
that only God possesses?

Or did He function as the Son of Man -
a human being anointed by the Spirit of God?

As the Son of God:

Col. 2:8-10 ...in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells bodily...

He is the Head over all rule and authority...

Heb. 1:1-14 ...Heir of all...through Whom He made the world...

the radiance of His Glory...exact representation

...upholds all by Word of His Power...angels worship

John 14:6-7 ...I Am in the Father and the Father is in Me...

II Cor. 4:6-7...the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God
in the face of Christ.

BUT...as the Son of Man:

Phil. 2:5-11 ...although He [had pre]existed in the form of God...[in equality]

He emptied Himself [He laid aside His divine powers]...

He took the form of a bond-servant...in the likeness of men...

...humbled Himself...obedient to the point of death...

The Life and Ministry of Jesus: Exemplar

How was the man, Jesus, able to all of this?

“You know of Jesus of Nazareth [i.e., the *man*], how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with Power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

Acts 10:38

Our Commission and Empowerment:

How are we to do what Jesus did?

We have been delegated authority to act in Christ's behalf on the earth:

“All authority (exocía) has been given to Me in heaven and on earth...
therefore, Go! Make disciples of all nations [on earth]...
teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...
and I Am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matt. 28:18-20

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel...
these signs will accompany those who have believed.... Mark 16:15-18

We have been empowered with the same power that raised Christ from the dead:

“You shall receive power (dunamis) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses...to the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

In The Great Commission,
Jesus commanded and authorized
all believers.

On The Day of Pentecost
Jesus baptized and empowered
all believers.

We minister by God's delegated authority and
by the anointing and power of the Holy Ghost!

Our Life and Ministry by His example:

What are we to do, and How are we to do it?

We are to do the things that Jesus did

as our example, and

we are to do them the same way
that He did them!

By God's authority and

by the anointing and power of the Holy Ghost!

The Book of Acts records how the apostles continued to do the works of Jesus through the power of the Spirit. Both then and now, lay believers do the same.

Peter wrote: “You have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.”
| Pet. 1:21

Paul, also writing to believers, said: “Be imitators of me, just as I also am [*an imitator*] of Christ.” | Cor. 11:1

End and Segue to Worship or Ministry