

THE FALSE JESUS
ANCIENT & MODERN
(SEE RESOURCE)

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He existed in the beginning with God.³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him... ¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.—John 1:1–3, 14 (NLT)

WHAT DOES “THE REAL JESUS” MEAN?

INCARNATION: THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD BECAME A HUMAN BEING THROUGH THE VIRGIN MARY AND REMAINS FULLY GOD AND FULLY HUMAN.

1. UNLIKE US, JESUS IS **FULLY GOD**

But God says about his Son, "You are God, and you will rule as King forever! Your royal power brings about justice. Hebrews 1:8 (CEV)

John 10:30-33

A. IN HIS **PURITY**

God cannot be tempted with evil James 1:13 (ESV); It is impossible for God to lie Hebrews 6:18 (ESV)

John 8:46; 1Peter 2:22; 1John 3:5; 2Corinthians 5:21

B. IN HIS **POWER**

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together - Colossians 1:16-17 (ESV);

C. IN HIS PRAISE

so that everyone will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son is certainly not honoring the Father who sent him.. - John 5:23 (NLT)

Philippians 2:9-11

D. IN HIS PARDON

Luke 7:48-49; Luke 5:20-21

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

2. LIKE US, JESUS IS FULLY HUMAN

Acts 17:31; 1 John 4:2-3

A. IN OUR LIMITATION

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. - Hebrews 4:14-16 (NLT)

B. IN OUR TEMPTATION

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. - Hebrews 2:18 (NIV)

C. IN OUR SALVATION

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--.... For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people - Hebrews 2:14,17 (NIV)

We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. 2 This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. 1 John 1:1-2 (NLT)

And we know that the Son of God came so we could recognize and understand the truth of God—what a gift!—and we are living in the Truth itself, in God's Son, Jesus Christ. This Jesus is both True God and Real Life - 1 John 5:20 (MSG)

My Next Step

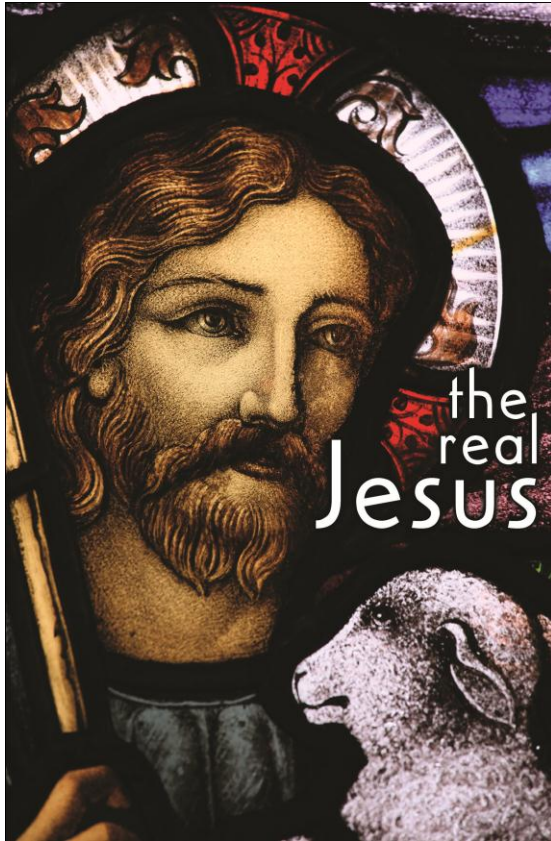
- Memorize: **John 1:14**
- Spend time worshiping The Real Jesus
- Ask The Real Jesus into my life this Christmas
- Invite someone to come celebrate The Real Jesus with me on Christmas Eve!!

WALK THE TALK

Growth Group Resource

1. Why is Jesus Christ so attractive to you? What is your favorite Christmas song? Why?
2. Review the list of False Jesus (see extra resource): Why do you think so many people get Jesus wrong? Why is it extremely important to say only what Scripture says about Jesus?
3. When you think of Jesus as fully God, which part of him being God encourages you the most? Which part challenges you the most? (you can use the extra resource as well)
4. Review the Litany of Christ's Humanity (see extra resource): Which one makes you the most thankful? Why?
5. Of the three ways Jesus is like us in his fully humanity, which one encourages your heart the most? Why?

Create a Christmas tradition around the real Jesus with your family this Christmas season. Perhaps use this sermon series to talk with your spouse or children about the "real reason for the season." (Examples: Use each week to build toward Christmas morning by using the Advent Wreath. OR, Hang a new Christmas ornament on the tree that celebrates in some real way the true meaning of Christmas)



The Humble Jesus

The Real Jesus – Part 1

**A Sermon Resource Guide
On the Incarnation**

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