ROGUE MESSIAH

Getting to Know Jesus & Love Him

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The Most Human Of Us All

Hebrews 2:5-18

Introduction: Jesus's contemporaries struggled to believe that He was divine – do we struggle just as much to believe He was truly human?

Clues that Jesus was FULLY Human

- <u>Clue #1</u>: Jesus had an authentically human <u>BODY</u>. (2:14)
- <u>Clue #2</u>: Jesus had to <u>GROW UP</u> and <u>DEVELOP</u>. (2:10)
- <u>Clue #3</u>: Jesus was <u>MORTAL</u>. (2:9, 2:14-15)
- <u>Clue #4</u>: Jesus experienced uniquely human <u>SUFFERING</u>. (2:9-10)
- <u>Conclusion</u>: Don't push Jesus away or keep him at a distance. He's the most human of us all and wants us to know him as he really is.



Icebreakers:

- 1. Controversial statement of the day: Chocolate combined with peanut butter is better than chocolate or peanut butter by themselves. Agree/disagree?
- 2. What is one of the funniest things that you've ever heard a child say?

<u>Sermon Summary</u>: The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus was fully human, but the implications can make us uncomfortable at times. Jesus had a real body that could be injured and killed; he experienced normal human development and suffered as we do so that He would be qualified to be our Savior and welcomed by us as our Friend.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Do the statements in Scripture that describe Jesus's full humanity make you uncomfortable at all? If so, why?
- 2. How do you handle Bible verses that make you uncomfortable or that you don't fully understand?
- *<u>Clue #1</u>: Jesus had an authentically human body.
- 3. What are some of the needs that Jesus had as a human? Does knowing he had real needs and hungers diminish him in your eyes?
- *<u>Clue #2</u>: Jesus had to grow up and develop.
- 4. Is it hard to accept that Jesus's thinking and wisdom needed development as he grew up physically?
- 5. What does it tell us about Jesus that he played by the same rules that all the rest of us humans play by?
- *<u>Clue #3</u>: Jesus was mortal.
- *<u>Clue #4</u>: Jesus experienced uniquely human suffering.
- 6. Read Matthew 26:36-39. What emotions does the text claim that Jesus experienced? Do they make you feel a little uncomfortable?
- 7. What if it were Moses or David or the apostle Paul instead of Jesus in the Garden? Would the story be as uncomfortable? Why or why not?
- 8. Why are we inclined to keep Jesus up on a pedestal and emphasize how he's DIFFERENT from us instead of emphasizing how he's LIKE us? Does it really make a difference in how you **relate** to Jesus?
- 9. Does Jesus' humanity even matter to our faith, to our day-by-day struggle as humans trying to live in relationship with God? If yes, then how?

