

HYPOSTATIC UNION

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HUMAN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- he prayed (1) before making important decisions (Luke 6:12), (2) after a crisis (Matt 14:23; John 6:15), (3) before performing miracles (John 11:41–42), (4) in private (Matt 26:36–46), (5) in a crowd (John 12:28–30), and (6) in the midst of his agony on the cross (Luke 23:34)
- he never sinned (John 8:46; 2 Cor 5:21)
 - he depended on the Holy Spirit (Matt 12:28; Luke 4:1, 14; Acts 1:2)
 - after 30 years of living God said, "I am well pleased" (Matt 3:17)

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HUMAN WILL

- he had a will of his own (Matt 26:39)
- he refused to do things (John 7:1–9)
 - "I do always those things that please the Father" (John 8:29)

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HUMAN EXPERIENCES

- he became hungry (Mark 11:12)
- he was thirsty on the cross (John 19:28)
- he got weary from traveling (John 4:6)—he traveled 2500 miles on foot in 3 years
- he wept when a friend died (John 11:35)
 - he loved his friends (John 11:5, 36)
- he was distressed (Matt 26:36–39) and sweat drops of blood (Luke 22:44) as he anticipated the agony of the cross

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GOD-MAN

- Jesus is perfect humanity (John 1:14) and undiminished deity (Col 2:9)
- he emptied himself by setting aside the exercise of his divine attributes (Phil 2:5–8)
 - he possesses divine attributes but does not exercise them
 - he never ceases to be God
- dependence is a characteristic of humanity



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HUMAN APPEARANCE

- he is always presented as a man in the Gospels—walking, teaching, performing miracles, and being crucified
- the woman at the well recognized he was a Jew (John 4:9)
 - Mary Magdalene thought he was a gardener (John 20:15)

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HUMAN BIRTH

- his conception was miraculous—in a virgin by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:26–35)
- his birth was normal—a regular gestation period with birth pains
 - "little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes" is probably not accurate (Luther's Christmas hymn)
- the shepherds and wise men saw a real human baby

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HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- he grew as other children do—physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually (Luke 2:40, 52)
- he was brilliant because his mind was not hindered by sin (Luke 2:47)
- he was made like us in all things (Heb 2:17)
- he was tempted like us in all things—but overcame them (Heb 4:15)

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HUMAN ANCESTRY

- his lineage is traced from Abraham to Joseph (Matt 1:1–17) and from Adam to Mary (Luke 3:23–38)
 - he had half-brothers and half-sisters (Mark 6:3)
- he "was born of the seed of David according to the flesh" (Rom 1:3)